



18<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents,

#### **Summer Letter 4**

*'Together with love and joy, we will discover, develop and maximise potential'*

Our school vision truly took shape with the huge effort made by our pupils and families to support a charity very close to our hearts. All pupils in school took part in Race for Life and managed to raise a huge £4155.11 for Cancer Research UK. The joy was evident on our pupils' faces on receipt of their medals and the love is evident in the school community coming together to further enable research through valuable funding. On the Cancer Research Website it states: ***To create better treatments for tomorrow, we need your help today.***

Thank you to all of our pupils and families for helping 'today'.

#### **Poet Laureate - Spoz**

On Monday, we were thrilled that Spoz visited NJK to inspire the pupils about poetry, reading, writing and books and to help them develop their skills and enthusiasm.

Spoz has been astounding his audiences with his poetry since 2005. He has been Birmingham's Poet Laureate, performed at the Glastonbury Festival and facilitated poetry workshops at hundreds of schools. He has even been on BBC's The One Show!

Spoz offered poetry workshops to pupils in KS2 and performed for pupils in KS1. If you would like to purchase a copy of his book of poems they are available to buy for £5. Spoz will hopefully be performing again for our whole school community sports Day on 8th July, at our Opening Ceremony, and will be available to sign copies of his books (subject to a COVID risk assessment).

#### **Staffing Updates**

Mrs Greenstreet is expecting her first baby in September. We wish her and her husband our very best wishes and congratulations. We have started the recruitment process for a teacher to cover her maternity leave.

Congratulations too, to Miss Lewis, our HLTA who has enrolled at Worcester University to complete her teacher training next year. We will have to say farewell to Miss Lewis but who knows in the future hopefully she will be back in a new role!

#### **School Structure**

Just to let you all know the governors and I are still working on the school structure for next year. Correspondence will be issued as soon as possible.

#### **National Book Tokens-Win £5000 for School**

Fill the library with new books!

A good school library isn't just important for academic achievement. Reading for pleasure also improves children's wellbeing – something our children need now more than ever before.

The National Book Tokens big prize draw is back, giving us the chance to win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library and if your entry is picked, you will also get £100 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself!

The closing date is Saturday 31st July 2021, and the winner will be announced in the autumn term.



Please use the link below to find out more...

[Win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school](#)

#### PE Kits

Many thanks in continuing to send your child/ren into school dressed in their PE kits on the correct days. This system is working well. Please remember that any outer layers worn must be school colours blue or navy and sweatshirts/hoodies should not have slogans or large logos. Joggers/leggings also to be navy, blue or black. A school sweatshirt or cardigan can be worn over the school PE top to keep pupils warm.

#### DFE Guidance for Schools

On Monday 17th May the country will moved to Step 3 of the roadmap but in the guidance for schools published 10<sup>th</sup> May, the regulations and system of controls remains largely the same:

*'The overarching objective should be to reduce the number of contacts amongst pupils, and between pupils and staff. As set out in the system of controls, this can be achieved through keeping groups separate (in bubbles) and through maintaining social distance between individuals. These are not alternative options. Both measures will help, but the balance between them will change depending on the age of pupils, the layout of the building, and the feasibility of keeping groups separate from each other while offering a broad curriculum'*

Therefore the staggered starts and bubble working will remain in place. **Please be aware lessons start immediately so please ensure you arrive promptly.**

Timings for drop off and collection are as follows :-

Group 1 Elm, Oak, Ash and Maple

Start of day : 8.45am, End of day : 3.10pm

Group 2 Hazel, Rowan and Willow

Start of day : 9.00am, End of day : 3.00pm

Siblings are to be dropped off and collected at the same time. This will be the time slot shown for your older sibling.

As the restrictions gradually ease, we will follow government guidelines and subject to our own risk assessments begin to add more events to the NJK calendar such as end of year performances, leaver's service and educational visits. We will of course proceed with caution but it is great to be able to offer our pupils further enrichment and more opportunities once again.

Kind regards

Mrs Dean  
Headteacher