



Dear Parents,

Thursday 17th October 2019

Autumn Term 2019 Information Letter 3

You are all warmly invited to join us for collective worship tomorrow at 2.30pm. The service will be led by Revd Mark and will be based on the Gospels in the Bible which underpin the school's vision:

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

Vision and Values

In the summer term we sent out a parent survey to find out which of our school values you feel are most useful and relevant. The results of the questionnaire were used to inform our choice of core values and these are: **Courage, Respect, Inspiration, Forgiveness, Friendship, Compassion and Trust.**

In order to implement our Vision Statement 'Together, with love and joy, we will discover, develop and maximise potential' our curriculum is designed not only to fulfil statutory requirements, but also to enthuse our children with a love of learning. The 'curriculum' refers to all the planned activities that we organise in order to promote learning and personal growth and development. At Norton Juxta Kempsey CE Primary School we have developed a creative approach to our curriculum. However, our creative curriculum does include the formal requirements of the National Curriculum and Early Years Foundation Stage as well as the range of extra-curricular activities that the school organises to enrich the experience of the children. We also have the 'hidden curriculum', or what the children learn from the way they are treated and expected to behave. We aim to teach children how to grow into positive, responsible people, who can work and co-operate with others while developing their knowledge and skills, so that they achieve their full potential. Our vision statement and embedded values reflect this view.

I have attached an overview of NJK's curriculum intent so that you can see clearly what we have on offer for our pupils.

House Teams

I am delighted to announce that from next week all pupils and staff members will be part of a House Team. There will be four House Teams: **Corunna, Salamanca, Peninsula and Toulouse.** Soon, the election of Year 5 House Captains will take place. House points will be awarded in recognition of achievement by individual children and in accordance with our whole school development of personal skills. The skills being: **Leadership, Excellence, Resilience, Independence, Self-Reliance, Commitment, Perseverance and Team-Work.**

These skills will be particularly important as our pupils will be taking part in a wider variety of sporting events such as; house team competitions within the AAT, district inter-school competitions and in the final term a grand opening ceremony prior to the circle of sports day and a closing ceremony following the athletics sports day.



The House Point System will be shown on the school website from next week. There will be bronze, silver, gold, platinum and diamond certificates for pupils. Thank you to Mrs Clarke for liaising with the other schools in the trust to devise this trust wide initiative.

iSing Pop

St James the Great Church was bursting at the seams on Monday with excited pupils and parents who came together to celebrate the pupils' achievements during the iSing Pop project. In less than a week, the children learnt the words and actions to seven new songs. During both concerts the pupils raised the roof with their enthusiastic singing. Thank you once again to the iSing Pop team and Revd Mark for funding the project.

NSPCC Internet Safety Workshop for Year 5 Pupils and Parents

Unfortunately, the NSPCC had to postpone the visit to NJK this week but we have two new dates in the diary: Friday 22nd November 11am-12noon there will be a workshop for our Year 5 pupils and Tuesday 4th February at 9.15am there will be a session for parents. The pupil workshop is provided by O2 and is specifically aimed at upper key stage two pupils however ALL parents are welcome to come along to the workshop in February.

Year 5 Taster Days and Parent Meeting

After the half term break, pupils in Year 4 will be regularly visiting our Year 5 classroom to find out about the upper key stage two curriculum and supporting resources. The pupils will be immersed into the curriculum on Thursday 14th November for a whole day of exciting Year 5 activities.

On the same date, in the evening parents are invited to a Year 5 Information evening where Mrs Clarke will be showing examples of the work completed by our current Year 5 class and sharing her knowledge of the upper key stage two curriculum including her experience of Year 6 SATs.

Parent Consultation Evening-Autumn Term

I hope you have all received your appointment times for next week's progress meetings. At the meeting the following information will be discussed; your child's baseline assessment for this year, target for the end of the year, RWI (EYFS/KS1) and reading 'often and widely' (KS2). I will also be asking all parents to complete a satisfaction survey. Please remember that appointment times are limited to 10 minutes per child.

Finally, we have been asked to host a visit for a special visitor on Wednesday 6th November-Pudsey Bear! I have been told he is very excited about meeting the pupils at NJK!! More information to follow.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs J Dean
Headteacher