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# Netherthorpe Primary School

## Newsletter

1 July 2016

Dear Parents/ Carers

It is difficult to believe that we only have a little over two weeks of school left and so much still to do and learn! Next week in particular is a little bit complicated and so I would like to explain what is happening.

### **Y6 Thornbridge visit**

On Monday most of Year 6 and a few of Year 5 will be going on their three day residential visit to Thornbridge. We booked this trip almost a year ago and didn't then realise that it might coincide with the end of Ramadan. Therefore, I would like to offer my deepest apologies for any difficulties that this may cause to families as it is now looking likely that Eid will be on either Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. As I'm sure you will know, there is no way that we would have deliberately booked Thornbridge to coincide with Eid. Please rest assured that the children will have an absolutely fantastic time at Thornbridge.



### **NUT teachers' strike on Tuesday**

As you may be aware, one of the teachers' unions, the NUT, is going on strike on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July in protest about the huge amount of changes that have taken place in education over the past year. As you know, our teachers do not strike lightly and always do their very best to put the welfare of the children first. **As a result of this, the Thornbridge visit will not be affected and the visit will go ahead as planned.**



Not all of our teachers are in the NUT and so some of the teachers will be working on Tuesday. Please read the list below to see if your child/children's class will be affected:

- F1 – open as usual
- F2 – open as usual
- Year 1 – open as usual
- Year 2 – closed
- Year 3 – open as usual
- Year 4 – closed
- Year 5 – closed
- Year 6 – open as usual.

The strike is for one day only and so all of school will be open as usual on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. If your class is closed, please keep your child/children at home. If the class is open, please bring your child/children in. I know that this may be very inconvenient for you.

## Eid al Fitr

As I have already mentioned, we are nearing the end of Ramadan and I would like to wish all families who are celebrating Eid al Fitr a very happy time. As in previous years, children are able to take one day off for the celebration if you want them to. I know that it is not yet certain if Eid will be on Tuesday or Wednesday next week but **as soon as you know, please let the school office or Mrs Ainsley know** so that we can record this on our registers and won't need to send you texts or phone calls in the middle of your celebrations.



## Other News

Children will be meeting their new class teachers on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July**. Next year the teachers and teaching assistants will be:

- F1 – Mrs Bradley (nee Ms Evans), Ms Gallagher, Ms Su and Mrs Shaw
- F2 – Ms Elliott-Latif/Mrs Hammond, Mr Peacock, Ms Su and Mrs Hughes
- Y1 – Ms Shaw, Mrs Copson and Mr Jama
- Y2 – Ms O'Neill/Mrs Tanguy, Ms Skelton and another TA (interviews next week)
- Y3 – Ms Flannery/Ms Lennox-Douglas and Mrs Merrick
- Y4 – Mr Modest and Mrs Mokri
- Y5 – Mr McGill, Ms Flynn and Ms Lowe
- Y6 – Mr Webb and Mrs Thompson.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Smith (nee Wescom) who will be leaving us to have a baby. I would like to thank her for all her fantastic work and wish her the very best for the future. I would also like to say a huge thank you and goodbye to Ms Eastwood who has taken over for Mrs Hanson. It is not easy coming in to a new school mid-year and Ms Eastwood has done a brilliant job.

## July Jamboree

We will be celebrating at the end of term with our annual Dance Festival. The themes for this year are Rio and the Olympics. Please come and join us in the Sports Hall on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm**. (We will be having a dress rehearsal at 9.30am if you have any young children that you would like to bring in prams.)



Directly after that we will come back to school for our July Jamboree! Mrs Ainsley will be sending out a letter with further information about how you could help us with that on Monday. It would be fantastic if you could make or donate some food for us to share, while raising money for our school funds. **Please come to support our school and our children.**

**The last day of term will be Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. School will open again on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.**

Thank you for your continued support,

Elizabeth Gray  
Headteacher

