



# NETHERHALL LEARNING CAMPUS

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

Autumn 1 2022/23



### Autumn 1 VIPs:

We would like to congratulate and celebrate this half terms' wonderful VIPs. It is so lovely to see so many children receive these awards.

#### Year 3

Alexander, Alaa, Tosia, Damari, Yousaf, Esme

#### Year 4

Liya, Maisie, Amelia, Logan O, Lola, Riley

#### Year 5

Sukhraj, Raman, Tobie, Melodie, Alaa, Regal

#### Year 6

Leila, Ryan, Kian, Leah, Nazeer, Udham

Well done to all of you for being recognised for so many wonderful things—friendship, always doing the right thing, growing in confidence and for all of you—following our core values in all you do. You're amazing!

### A new school year started...

My overpowering memory of this year's school start is having children's grown ups back in school to enjoy our assemblies. I have to admit to being a little emotional at seeing the first visitors for our Star of Week assembly and the amazing turn out for the Year 4 Harvest assembly. You could see the pride in the children as they performed for a 'sell out' crowd. The last few years have shown us how much better we are together and it has been such a wonderful 'togetherness' as we started this new academic year. Thank you.

### Mental Health/Reading/Maths skills—our priorities

Our school priorities this year remain focussed on wellbeing and supporting everyone's mental health. We are also working hard to improve children's confidence, fluency and ability to read—this enables them to access so many things now and in the future. We are focussing on basic maths skills too—children knowing their times tables and division facts quickly by practising so they become part of their long term memory.

You can help at home by reading a little everyday—practising any tricky words and just talking and chatting about the world around you so children hear and learn new vocabulary from all around them.

### Roles and Responsibilities

We elected our Pupil Council last half term and our Prefects, Librarians, House Captains and Ambassador roles were also chosen. Well done to all of those who hold a position of responsibility. Our Pupil Council have already been involved in gathering 'pupil voice' for our new playground equipment vote—watch this space as we hope to improve the play facilities on the lower school playground!

Head Girl—Leila B

Head Boy—Tauseef B

Deputy Head Girl—Hana S

Deputy Head Boy—Remayoh B

Pupil Council—Noura, Lila, Emily, Sophie, Sofia, Lola, Matas, Tobie, Mariama, Regal, Alyan, Udham

House Captains—Freddie, Anya, Jessica, Dorcas, Aronvir, Elsie-Mae, Muhammed, Lewis

Librarians—Lacey-Mae, Kajus, Andrea

Prefects—Logan, Chloe, Aqib, Sahib, Leah, Kani, Rimsha, Layla-Mae

We have an upcoming event at Tolson Museum that some of our ambassadors will be taking part in as we lay a wreath as part of Armistice Day Remembrance.

A retirement—After 26 years working on the campus we have to say 'Happy Retirement' to Mrs Cooney who finally gets to rest and enjoy time with her own family as she has officially retired. We wish her all the best and thank her for all her hard work, care and love given to all the staff and children who have shared her many years working in school. Thank you so much Mrs Cooney.



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DORIS WINNERS! DORIS was busy at the end of the half term as she gifted out books for children who were recognised for hard work or producing something outstanding. Well done to you all.



### Dates for the diary:

- **Tuesday 15th November and Wednesday 16th November**—Progress evenings (parent's evening renamed) You can book online through a link that will be emailed out to you. The appointments are for in school meetings with your child's class teacher.
- **Friday 18th November**—Children in Need Day—£1 donation through Parent Pay—Pyjama day (or non uniform)
- **Monday 28th November**—INSET day— school closed to children
- **Monday 12th December (pm) and Tuesday 13th December (am)** Year 3 Nativity performances—times tbc
- **Wednesday 14th December**—Christmas coffee morning with mince pies, cakes and a good old sing song with the choir
- **Friday 16th December**—end of term—**school closes at 1pm**
- **WB Monday 8th May 2023**—SATS week 2023 - Y6 children must be present this week

Over the Summer we changed our payment platform from **Pay360 to ParentPay**.

ParentPay is how all monies will be paid to school for dinner money, milk, trips and charity donations. No cash is accepted in school. Emails with an activation code were sent out early in the Summer holiday to set up your ParentPay account. Please contact the school office if you need any help setting your account up or managing your child's dinner money.

**Half termly flyers** will now include some Maths and English information for grown ups at home. We know that adults sometimes think that 'things are taught so differently these days'. We want to help you see how things are taught in school and how you can help at home.

Health and Safety—Rawthorpe Lane is a busy road and whilst we understand it is a busy time when dropping and picking up children from school—please consider where you park to keep everyone safe and be respectful of our neighbours and each other. The zig zag lines should not be parked on nor should any neighbours have their driveways blocked at any point.