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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Outdoor Learning**

Summer seems to have finally descended and the children are really enjoying all of our outdoor learning sessions. In the sessions led by 'A Little Bit Wilder', the children have been busy working with clay, weaving natural materials, making fires and roasting marshmallows, amongst other things. They have now started to work towards the criteria for their badges, which you will receive more information about later this term.

We have joined the initiative 'Farmer Time' and have joined Farmer Sam for FaceTime sessions; where we have been given a tour of his farm, discussed seasonality and issues facing some of the crops and found out about some of the machinery used on the farm.

We have also focussed on our own Secret garden, planning and planting a range of produce, ready to be harvested later in the term. As the weather warms up, please ensure that your child has a hat, sun-cream and a water bottle with them each day for our outdoor sessions.

### **Newark Book Festival and Author Visit to the Owls**

Our work with Newark Book Festival is continuing this term, with our entries for a creative writing competition about our local area. Entries will be exhibited at the Book Festival in Newark from 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July 2023. A booklet of events is attached with this letter. In conjunction with the Book Festival, we are pleased to be welcoming author, Darren Simpson, into school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. He will be leading a workshop in the Owls based on his successful book 'The Memory Thieves'. There will be the opportunity to buy a signed copy of his book at a reduced rate of £7.00, and there will also be some of his other books (Scavengers and Furthermoor) available at the same price. You will need to pre-book any copies so please complete the order form below, to ensure we have enough copies in school on the day, and send your child/ren with the correct cash on the day (we can hold the cash here in advance if that is helpful).

### **Meet the Head Teacher**

We are delighted to be welcoming our new Head Teacher from September – Mrs Sanderson, into school on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Den for coffee and cake from 2.45 to meet Mrs Sanderson and welcome her to our school. Mrs Sanderson will be in the Den until 4 o'clock for those who would like to pop in to say hello after pick up time.

### **Transition Days**

The year 6 children will take part in Tuxford transition week between Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July-Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July. During this week, the year 2 children will spend some time in the Owls class to prepare for their next school year in their new classroom.

## Summer Production

The Owls are beginning preparations for our end of year production, 'Troy Story'. We are looking forward to welcoming you all on the afternoon of 13<sup>th</sup> July to entertain you with this fantastic show. More details will follow later in the term.

## Our School Governors

Our school Governors play a very important role in supporting, monitoring and evaluating the progress our school makes, and a number of new governors have joined the Governing Body in the last year and half. It therefore seems a good time to introduce the school Governors to you, and with this in mind, in each newsletter over the next few months, we will be including a short profile of each of our Governors, starting today with Karen Grundy, our Governing Body Chair.

### **Karen Grundy – Chair of Governors**

Karen has been Chair of Governors for almost 4 years. She joined the Governing Body through a Parent Governor election and fills one of two Parent Governors posts on North Clifton's Governing Body.

Since joining the Governing Body, Karen has sort to recruit Governors with a varied background to help the school deal with the many challenges that it has faced in recent years. She believes the current Governing Body provides the school with the expertise it needs to support the school over the coming years.

Karen is a foster parent to three children in the school and is passionate about small schools, recognising the benefits these bring in helping children with serious anxiety issues, cope and thrive in the education system, and she believes that North Clifton's family feel is something to be supported and cherished.

Karen worked in IT for many years and has a very varied knowledge of all aspects of business and leadership.

Karen is very happy to chat about all aspects of school life and is often at drop off or pick up should you wish to catch her. She can also be contacted by phone on 07976 433998, via the Parents' WhatsApp group or by email on [kgrundy@northclifton.notts.sch.uk](mailto:kgrundy@northclifton.notts.sch.uk)

## Update from the Friends of North Clifton

Please see the update from the Friends of North Clifton below – we are very excited about the new markings for the playground, and that phase one of the project will be done over the half term break!

Coronation Raffle - Thank you to everyone who contributed raffle prizes and sold/bought tickets for the Coronation Raffle. Together we nearly managed to sell all of 1,000 tickets we had available. After the cost of the tickets, the total amount raised was £888.20, which is a fantastic amount of money raised, for a school of our size.

New Playground markings – the money raised in the raffle will be going towards the playground markings which the staff and pupils have picked, and will hopefully be done within the coming couple of months. The playground will be transformed with a MUGA court and trail & target, run a mile, long jump and a 'What's the time Mr Wolf' markings.

Upcoming Fundraising Event - Bags 2 school. The next Bags 2 school collection will be July 4<sup>th</sup>, so if you can keep any suitable items and bring them in to school before 9am on the 4<sup>th</sup> July or the few school days prior, that would be amazing. See flyer.

Interested in Getting Involved? - If you are interested in joining the Friends Committee or just helping out with fundraising events or have any fundraising ideas, then please get in touch by email [hello@friendsofNCPS.co.uk](mailto:hello@friendsofNCPS.co.uk) or see one of the Committee Members, Jen Heppell, Rebecca Walker, Katie Griffiths or Ed Gibson.

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**EMDO and After School Club** – booking sheets for EMDO and ASC are attached. Both clubs will be running as usual on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to book a slot for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, please email the office over the holidays, otherwise return the sheets after the break.

**Any finally, some dates for your diaries:**

- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – last day of term – (29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June)
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – school re-opens to pupils after half term, with both EMDO & ASC open
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – A Little Bit Wilder sessions continue
- 5<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June – Yr4 Multiplication Check period
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Author, Darren Simpson to lead workshop in Owls
- 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June – Yr1 Phonics Check period / KS2 assessment week (Y3-5)
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Coffee and cake afternoon with Mrs Sanderson
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Football tournament at John Blow
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Rounders festival
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Tuxford Transition Week / Transition for Y2
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 summer production ‘Troy Story’.
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – End of year reports out
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Leavers Assembly @ 1.30pm & last day of term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

**Emma Hyde**  
**Head Teacher**

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**Owls Author visit – Book order: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

I would like to pre-order (*pls tick*):

- A copy of ‘The Memory Thieves’ at a cost of £7.00, signed by author Darren Simpson
- A copy of Scavengers at a cost of £7.00
- A copy of Furthermoor at a cost of £7.00

I confirm the above pre-orders and will send payment in cash for the above orders on the Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, or in advance to be held by school until the event.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Parent/Carer)                      Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please send the correct money as school cannot provide change. Thank you.)*

## Early Morning Drop Off and After School Club Booking Form

Name of Child(ren): .....

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Please indicate your daily requirements per week. Additional sessions can be booked on an ad hoc basis as required by contacting the office.

*Please return to school when completed.*

### Week 1: 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Early Morning Drop Off: 8am – 8.50am £3.00 per session					
After School Club: 3.30pm to 5.00pm - £7.50 per session					

### Week 2: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Early Morning Drop Off: 8am – 8.50am £3.00 per session					
After School Club: 3.30pm to 5.00pm - £7.50 per session					

### Week 3: 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Early Morning Drop Off: 8am – 8.50am £3.00 per session					
After School Club: 3.30pm to 5.00pm - £7.50 per session					

### Week 4: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Early Morning Drop Off: 8am – 8.50am £3.00 per session					
After School Club: 3.30pm to 5.00pm - £7.50 per session					

**Week 5: 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023**

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Early Morning Drop Off: 8am – 8.50am £3.00 per session					
After School Club: 3.30pm to 5.00pm - £7.50 per session					

**Week 6: 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Early Morning Drop Off: 8am – 8.50am £3.00 per session					
After School Club: 3.30pm to 5.00pm - £7.50 per session					

**Week 6: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Early Morning Drop Off: 8am – 8.50am £3.00 per session					
After School Club: 3.30pm to 5.00pm - £7.50 per session					

*I agree to the terms and conditions as outlined in our separate Early Morning Drop Off and After School Club Policy (see website).*

**Parent/Carer Signature:** .....

**Date:** .....