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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a very busy term in Nethermains. We are so looking forward to celebrating our 50th Birthday with you next week.

School Uniform Bank

Please remember that Nethermains has a full uniform bank. We have trousers, skirts, polo shirts, shirts and some jackets. These are available at no cost. All we ask is that when your child is finished with them, you wash and iron them and return to school for someone else to wear. The cost of living crisis is hitting everyone at the moment and this way of recycling clothes supports our planet and our purse. Please come into school anytime and we will show you our stock.

Parent Focus Groups

This year, we have introduced two parent focus groups. These are looking at parents supporting our school to improve. The first meetings of both groups were very positive and took an hour each. We focused on updating our Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy and our Mobile Phone Policy. I am very grateful to the parents and carers who gave their time. Please do not underestimate how important your voice is in all matters relating to school.

Our Birthday Celebration

As you will know from Mrs Russell's email, Nethermains will be the grand old age of 50 on the 16th October. We are on break during that period of time, however, we are planning a celebration next Wednesday and again next Friday.

Next Wednesday, 9th October, we are inviting back our staff who have previously taught at Nethermains. Local officers from the Council will also be present. We want to extend a very warm welcome to you and your family on that day. There will be lots of pictures in our "Nethermains Museum." Come and see if you recognise any family members who came here since 1974. Tea/coffee and birthday cake will be served.

On Friday 11th October, prior to breaking for the holidays, we are having a party lunch at lunch time. Our catering staff will be providing a fantastic lunch for our children. If your child prefers a packed lunch, please feel free for them to bring one as normal.

A massive thank you to our Parent Council for providing cake for all our visitors and our children. Our Parent Council has also organised an aerial photograph of all our children positioned to make the number 50. This will happen on Friday this week just after lunch

in the lower playground. As always, we are so grateful to our Parent Council for everything they do to support us in school.

October Break

Please note that we will break for the October holiday on Friday 11th October for two weeks. We will start back on Monday 28th October at 9am.

School Achievement Wall

We know that many of our children take part in groups and clubs outside school with great success. In school we have a wall to celebrate this. Please could we ask if your child has achieved in any club outside school that you let us know. If they have a cup or medal, can you please let them bring it into school; we will take a picture of your child and will return the medal or cup that day. You can, of course, send in pictures of the children to our school email address.

Car Parking

Please can I ask that, unless you have a child in Enhanced Provision, that you do **not** come into the school car park. Last session we have had a few near misses with cars. Please also be respectful of our neighbours whilst parking. The janitor has displayed clear signs which show which areas of the entrance cars should not be parking near. Thank you for supporting the safety of all our children. We are in the process of having a disabled parking space marked in our car park and I will let you know when this is complete.

Labelling of clothing

Please could you try to label all children's clothes. We have already found more than half a dozen jumpers which have been left at school with no label.

Dogs in the Playground

Please can I ask that no dogs are allowed in school. Whilst we are animal lovers, some of our children are nervous around dogs.

Smoking within the School Grounds

A gentle reminder that there is no smoking allowed in the school grounds. This includes vaping. Thank you for your support with this.

Up to Date Contact Information

Most of the information from school now comes via the GroupCall system. With this in mind, please could you ensure that all contact details are up to date. This includes email addresses and phone numbers.

School Holidays for 2024-2025 can be found on Falkirk Council website.

[School terms and holidays - Events \(falkirk.gov.uk\)](https://www.falkirk.gov.uk/schools-and-nursery/school-terms-and-holidays)

Breakfast Club

We are delighted to continue to offer our Breakfast Club in the mornings from 8.30am. Please note that the cost for this is £2.10 per day or £4.20 per family. If you are in receipt of a school uniform grant then there is no cost.

School Clubs

Our school clubs have been a massive success this term. We are hoping to continue them into the new term and provide opportunities for all children to attend a variety of activities.

Halloween Disco

Our fantastic Parent Council have organised a Halloween Disco for Wednesday 30th October. More details will follow nearer the time.

Open Door Evenings

Please note, we have an open door evening on the first Thursday of each month from 5pm until 7.00pm. This is an opportunity for you to speak with a member of the management team. One of the suggestions from the focus groups was that we set 15min appointment times to ensure if you do want to come up to school you are not waiting for any length of time. With this in mind we will run appointments at 5.30pm, 5.45pm, 6.00pm, 6.15pm and 6.30pm. Please call the school office if you would like an appointment. If you wish to speak with a member of management at any time, please do not hesitate to call the school office and an appointment will be made.

With thanks and kind regards

Grace Law
Head Teacher