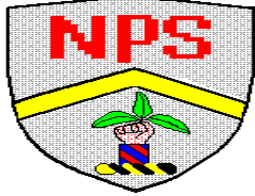


Autumn Term Newsletter



It is Christmas in Class 1

Fifth Week Highlights....

IT'SSSS CHRISTMASSSS SSSSSS!

UNCRC Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.

This week the magic of Christmas has well and truly arrived...

We started off with a pantomime in school and Tinker McJingles was the naughtiest elf! On Wednesday, we entered our classroom to find it had been turned into a festive grotto of fun! We then came together as a whole school to decorate our huuuuge Christmas tree; each one of us placing a bauble on, making it so special. We have been so good at practising our lines for the nativity rehearsals that we are doing daily in school too! 🎄

At Forest Schools we saw the effects of Storm Arwen as some of trees had been blow down, we still enjoyed a yummy snack in our safety circle though 🌲

We have been continuing with our story Tiddler in literacy and acting out some of the different parts and in numeracy we have been counting backwards as well as forwards.

Thank you for all of your donations for the raffle prizes for the school Fabre! The coloured Team hampers are fabulous – have a great weekend! ❤️👏👏👏







Decorating the Christmas Tree in Class 2

Decorating the Christmas tree

today in class we decorated our classroom to get it ready for Christmas. We all hung a decoration on the tree to help

make it shine brightly. Look at how fabulous it looks. 🎄👶







Punctuality

It is great to see so many children arriving to school on time and being involved in their learning right from the beginning of the day. Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 begin their phonics sessions at 8.45 am and Class 4 and Class 5 begin their challenge time activities at 8.45 am.

We also have co-ordination programmes, reading/maths/speech and language interventions and lexia.

Decorating Class 3

We have had lots of fun in class 3, creating lots of decorations for our classroom. We made some lovely snowflakes for our Christmas display, created our own nativity and added our pictures and decorated our brand new Christmas tree with lots of baubles and lights!!



Holidays in Term Time

Our school attendance last year increased to 97.13%. Our school attendance target is 96%. This target is National Average and therefore now slightly above. Thankyou so much for you support. Ofsted evaluate school attendance and a low attendance can affect school's Ofsted judgements. We continue to see a large increase in requests for holidays in term time. Just to remind parents and carers that as of 1st September 2013, Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Absence during term time should be avoided because children can fall behind with their work and may find it difficult to integrate. An application using the leave of absence form (available from the school office) for leave must be made in writing to the Head Teacher, detailing the exceptional circumstances. The Head Teacher must be satisfied the circumstances warrant the granting of leave. If you do not apply for leave in advance, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without consent from the school.

Texts/Mail

We regularly send texts/mail to parents with details of events happening in school or just reminders. Please notify school if you haven't received any texts/mail in the last month. Your contact details may need updating.

School Website

Please continue to look at our school website on www.nettlesworth.durham.sch.uk for diary dates, latest news, celebrations, advice and information.

Diary Dates

For Second Half Term:
Tue 7th Dec- Class 4/5 Christmas Performance

Thur 9th Dec- Class 1/2/3 Christmas Performance

Fri 10th Dec- Christmas Fair

Tue 14th Dec- Christingle Service

Wed 15th Dec- Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Thur 16th Dec- Christmas Party

Fri 17th Dec- End of Term

Tue 4th Jan- Teacher INSET Day

Wed 5th Jan- Children return to school

Further letters will follow about different events.

Absences

If your child is unwell, please contact school office as soon as possible by 9am. It is important that children attend school as often as possible because if they are not in school they cannot learn

PE Kit

Please could children remember to bring PE kit on a Monday and leave it at school until Friday. Each class has certain days on the timetable but we constantly have coaches and sporting experiences for the children so days can change. We are a Sainsbury's Games Platinum Mark School and now have the AFPE (Association for Physical Education) award which is given to schools who promote and maintain high standards and safe practice in all aspects of PE. Many Thanks.

KS2 Pantomime in a Day

Huge thank you to Matt from Big Foot Arts, who spent the day working with our Key Stage 2 children to create a 'play in a day' – an amazing retell of The Grinch



All of the rest of the school watched and it was truly amazing – well done 😊



The Naughtiest Elf KS1 Pantomime

EYFS & KS1 watched a one woman show who performed the amazing panto 'The Naughtiest Elf'! The children giggled from start to finish and it was a show to truly remember... and kick start the festivities well and truly at Nettlesworth Primary School 😊





Rocking around the Christmas Tree

We had our annual whole school tree decorating morning –

we all came together in assembly with our friends from each year and adults in school, we had Christmas music playing and every child in the school put a toy bauble on the Christmas tree before the big switch on. We then had a magical Christmas poem read to us by Mrs Lee!



