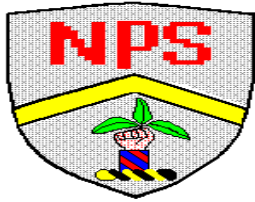


Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome Back

Welcome back to another school year. If you are new to Nettleworth Primary School, then I would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family and I hope that you soon settle into our community and that you will be very happy at our school.

The summer holidays now seem part of a dim and distant past. We would like to thank you so much for the kind gifts, wishes and cards at the end of Summer Term. It was lovely to see the children as they returned to school like old times this week, refreshed from their break and ready to face the challenges ahead of a new school year. We are excited about the year ahead and we have lots of activities planned for the forthcoming term. Please check our website and newsletters regularly for updates.

I was also overwhelmed by how smart the children look in their new school uniforms and I thank you as parents and carers for ensuring that your children wear their full school uniform with pride. I would also like to thank you for your patience as we see children out to parents/carers at the end of school day. All staff dismiss children one at a time, ensuring children are collected safely.

Year 5/6 Secondary School Open Evenings

[Year 5/6 Hermitage Open Evening](#)

Open evening Thursday 15th September 6 – 8 pm at Hermitage Academy for year 5 and 6. Drop in – no booking required. www.hermigaeademy.co.uk/open

[Year 5/6 Durham Federation Open Evening](#)

Information from Durham Federation re open evening for year 5 and 6 parent/carers. [Durham Federation Open Day 2022 Tickets, Wed 14 Sep 2022 at 09:45 | Eventbrite](#)

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 lego therapy running at that time. Thank you so much to parents/carers for your continued support.

End of Summer Term

We were overwhelmed by the best wishes and gifts. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you again.

Holidays in Term Time

Our school attendance last year decreased to 95%. Our school attendance target is 96%. This target is National Average and therefore now slightly below. 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. Thankyou for your support

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.nettleworth.durham.sch.uk for diary dates, latest news, celebrations, advice and information.

Diary Dates

For First Half Term:

12th Sep- Liz Millions-illustrator visit to school

13th Sep- Class 2 Trip to Hancock Museum

13th Sep-History Bloke Visit to Class 4

15th Sep- Fundamental Skills-Class 1 and 2

16th Sep- Rugby Coach-Class 4 and 5

W/B 19th September-After School Clubs begin. (We use parent pay for all payments and become a cashless system-thank you for your patience)

Tue 4th Oct- Individual Class Photographs

Thur 20th Oct- Halloween Disco

Fri 21st Oct- End of Half Term

Mon 31st Oct- Children return to school

W/B 31st Oct- Parent appointments (after school clubs will be cancelled this week)

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.

Rights Respecting School

We are immensely proud to be a UNICEF Rights Respecting School Gold School.



UNCRC Article 12 – Children have the right to say what they think should happen when adults are making decisions that affect them, and to have their opinions taken in to account.

As a Rights Respecting school we are an organisation which promotes equality and the UNCRC articles giving children in our care a high level of pupil voice and participation as well as striving to educate them to become all round Global citizens.

We are also a Rights Respecting Ambassador School, where we work with other schools to help promote and achieve Rights Respecting Schools Award

A large part of this work is the creation of **Charters** – agreements between the children and adults in school about what actions both groups will take to help promote the UNCRC articles.

Groups of children in a class will choose an article that they feel is important to them and think about what actions they as children can take to help themselves and others globally to make that article work.

Adults in school will think about what actions they can take to do the same. Together, class, whole school and playground charters are created which helps to make our school a thoughtful, reflective place to learn, work and play.

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS –
2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR-
APPLYING FOR A RECEPTION
SCHOOL PLACE**

As in previous years, we are strongly encouraging parents/carers to apply on-line for a school place for their child. **All the information you need to be able to do this is available from the Council's website from 5 September 2022:**

www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE

The application process for the Secondary Admissions 2023 Intake is due to begin on **Monday 5th September 2022.**

Parents can make their application for Secondary School online by visiting www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and the School Admissions online application facility will be available to parents from **Monday 5th September 2022.**

The Closing Date for Secondary School Applications is the 31st October 2022.

If parents do not wish to apply online they can complete a paper application form, and these are available on request from the School Admissions Team from **05 September 2022.** These application forms can be requested by e-mail to schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk or by telephone from the School Admissions and Transport Team on 03000 265896.

Events held last week of term.

Class 1 End of Term Castles Celebration

Class 1 have had so much fun today celebrating their final topic of the academic year. We baked biscuits and decorated them, made bracelets, had a wonderful medieval banquet and made wonderful crowns. The children wore party / castles clothes and had a fantastic celebration 😊





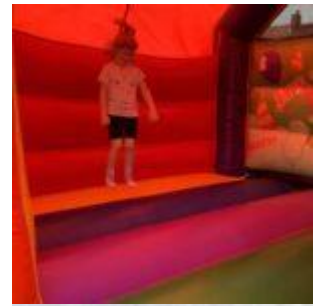
one of you for all of your support throughout this year, it had been a pleasure watching your children grown and learn 😊



Cinderella Rockafella 2022

Big well done to all of the Year 5 / 6 children who performed amazingly and to the parents and carers who came along – I am sure you'll all agree it was FANTASTIC! 😊

Due to recording errors with the video camera we were unable to record the full show this year and provide a DVD for you all, However, parts of the play are uploaded on our school website for you to see.



END OF YEAR 2022!

Thank you to each and every

As one final party, we invited our families in to have an end of term picnic to celebrate all of our hard work throughout the year. It was a day to remember 😊



