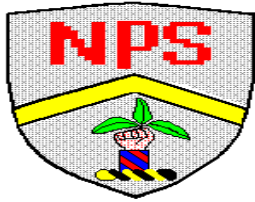


Autumn Term Newsletter



Halloween Disco 2022

We held our annual Halloween disco for the children who wanted to come along afterschool. We had lots of fun dancing, playing games and socialising with our

friends







Memory Box Class 2

Welcome back!

We are excited to start our new topic for the half term Memory Box! We cant wait for your engagement task, an afternoon tea with our parents!

Take a look at what we will be doing

Can you remember being small? Do you recall a favourite toy, maybe a teddy bear or a favourite book? Look back at family photos of special occasions, perhaps holiday snapshots or a birthday or two. Learn how to write a diary of days gone by and find out about the days before you were born: it's called history and it's all about the past. Then make a special box, a memory box, to keep special things safe. In years to come, you can revisit them and remember how you looked when you were young. Memories are special. Let's make some more.

Autumn 2 letter

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.

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

Diary Dates

Fri 4th Nov- Class 3 Multiskills-New College

Fri 4th Nov- Class 5- visit from Police to talk about Hate Crime

Tue 8th Nov- Cross Country Team/New College

Thur 10th Nov- Maths Day

Fri 11th Nov- Remembrance Service at school for children

Fri 11th Nov- CRISIS CHARITY- Class 5 School Sleepover

Tue 15th Nov- Athletics-Class 5- Maiden Castle

Wed 16th Nov- Class 4 Trip to Beamish/STEM/Science/Engineering Project

Fri 18th Nov- Children in Need Parliamentary Coffee Morning

Mon 5th Dec- End of Term Reports to Parents/Carers

Tue 6th Dec- Class 4/5 Christmas Nativity Performance

Thur 8th Dec- Class 1/2/3 Christmas Nativity Performance

Fri 9th Dec- Christmas Fair

Tue 13th Dec- Christingle Service

Wed 14th Dec- Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day

Thur 15th Dec- Christmas Party

Fri 16th Dec- Elf Run for St Cuthberts Hospice

Tue 20th Dec- End of Term

Thur 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.

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.

[Class 2 and 3's Reading Reward!](#)

Class 2 and 3 have had a lovely afternoon, celebrating their effort to read at home. Both classes have managed to fill their reading rewards and therefore have had a chocolate fountain and film afternoon. We have had lots of well deserved treats and the children loved it!

Well done class 2 and 3, have a lovely half term!



[Super Dancers](#)

We had a treat in our celebration assembly the 12 children who have worked with Gemma from the SSP to make dance videos gave us a preview. We were all very impressed with their dance moves and cant wait to see the official video.



Class 3 Topic Engagement – Towers, Tunnels and Turrets!

To launch our new topic, we held our very own Royal Banquet. We all made our crowns and were living the lives of Kings and Queens. We also began to learn about castle life.



Welcome back from Class 4!

Welcome back everyone! This half term, we are so excited to be working on our new Cornerstones topic of Mighty Metals! We are so looking forward to our topic engagement – a trip to our local park to see how the equipment works, why it's made out of the material it is and if we could recreate any of the mechanisms at school!

Welcome Back from Class 5

This half term in Class 5, we are looking forward to learning about our new topic - Allotment...

Let's grow! A crispy carrot, a luscious lettuce or a tasty tomato. Dig deep and put your back into it, making your own tubs and planters and nurturing your greens.

Harvest your crops and make soups and dishes of seasonal foods that taste delicious. Learn about farms and where food comes from, writing reports on wide produce.

Discover which allotments are closest to your school and open the door to the secret garden. After all your hard work, have your fingers gone green?