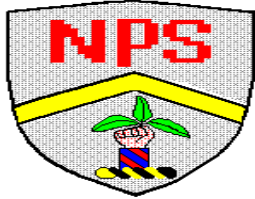


Summer Term Newsletter



The Enormous Turnip

Class 1 performed their end of year show for the parents & carers of the children in class 1 and the whole school. The children put on a wonderful show 'The Enormous Turnip' for the audience to enjoy...

Well done Class 1



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, 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.

Being frequently late for school means lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

Lateness to School

School starts at **8:45 am**. Your child will receive a late mark if they arrive after this time. If your child arrives after the register closes at **9.15 am** they will be given an unauthorised late mark. Persistent Unauthorised late marks will result in a referral to the Local Authority School Improvement Officer for further intervention and enforcement action may be taken.

Please can you ensure children arrive at school for 8.45am. Thank you so much to parents/carers for your continued support.

Holidays in Term Time

We have seen a large increase in requests for holidays in term time. Due to this, our school attendance has fallen from 96.7% to 95.5%. Our school attendance target is 96%. This target is National Average. Ofsted evaluate school attendance and a low attendance can affect school's Ofsted judgements. 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/Emails

We regularly send texts to parents with details of events happening in school or just reminders. We are now also sending emails. Thank you for your patience while we are updating this. Letters have been sent out explaining our new systems. Please notify school if you haven't received any texts/emails in the last

week. 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.

TT Rockstar Day

UNCRC Article 31 – Take part in a range of activities.

We took part in TT Rockstar Day, to celebrate all of the hard work the children have put in, in numeracy across the year. The children have had a fun filled day, taking part in a range of activities. We have had our very own disco, completed fun tasks on TT Rockstars and practised some conceptual problems in class. Some children also had the opportunity to go on the Boom Bus, for their effort on TT Rockstars throughout the year. All of the children and staff looked fantastic and made a brilliant effort as always!





Diary Dates

Monday 17th July- Drama Club
Performance of Aladdin 2pm

Tuesday 18th July- Year 6 Leavers
Assembly 9.30am

- Year 6 Prom
4.30-6.30pm

Wednesday 19th July- Class 4 Trip to
Centre for Life

Thursday 20th July- Heel and Toe
Charity Talent Show and Ice-Cream Van
visit

Friday 21st July- Picnic with
Parents/Carers 12pm

- End of Term

Wednesday 6th September- Children
return to school

**Further letters/details will
follow about each event**

Absences

By law, all children of compulsory school age must get a suitable, full-time education. As a parent/carer, you are responsible for making sure this happens. **Once your child is registered at Nettlesworth Primary School, you are responsible for making sure your child has regular and punctual attendance at school.**

The Local Authority (LA) is responsible for making sure that parents/carers fulfil their responsibilities, and the school must tell the LA if your child is regularly absent from school. As a parent/carer, you are committing an offence if you fail to make sure that your child attends school regularly. You run the risk of being prosecuted

by the LA if your child's attendance is poor.

Reporting School Absence

We appreciate there may be times your child is unwell or unable to attend school. As a parent you have a responsibility to:-

- Contact school on the first morning of absence, providing a reason for their absence.
- Keep school informed on a regular basis if your child is absent for a long period.
- Provide medical evidence if this has been requested by the school

If school are not informed and unable to contact you via telephone regarding your child's absence a letter will be sent requesting details of the absence or our Parent Support Advisor will come out and visit to see if you need any support. If this is not returned and still no reason for the absence is provided the absence will be marked as unauthorised.

Only head teachers can authorise absence and it is at their discretion as to whether the reason provided is acceptable or not.

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.

The minimum acceptable level of school attendance is 96%. **We believe as a school that identifying poor attendance and issues affecting attendance early as well as working in partnership with parents we can significantly improve attendance and prevent a child becoming a**

persistent absentee and involvement with the Local authority. Below outlines the procedure that we follow to support and improve attendance:

- Notice to Improve Letter - sent home to indicate to parents/cares that attendance is starting to decline. This will be sent to students below 96% attendance.
- Medical Evidence Request Letter - sent home to request medical evidence to be provided to support absence, without this future absence will be marked as unauthorised. ***This could be in the form of an appointment card or proof of medication given by the doctor***
- Parents/carers to be invited to attend a school attendance meeting to discuss concerns and set targets to improve attendance.
- If your child's attendance falls to 90% or below, this is considered, by the Government, to be persistent absence. Where attendance falls below 90% and there are unauthorised absences a referral will be made to the Local Authority School Improvement Officer for further intervention and enforcement action may be taken.

Class 5's Leaver's Performance – 13.7.23

UNCRC Article 31 – leisure, play and artistic culture

Cinderella, Rockefeller

Wow! Wow! Wow! What can we say?

The children from Class 5 have worked incredibly hard and learned all their lines and lyrics to their Leaver's play – Cinderella, Rockefeller. We were treated to some fabulous acting, dancing and singing – including some beautiful solos and duets. We just simply can't believe how far you have all progressed into the wonderful, mature, Rights Respecting Gold children that you are.

Well done to everyone. We are all very proud of your desire and commitment to ensure your Leaver's Performance was a success.



Bad Core Horns

What an unbelievable treat we have all had today when we welcomed the Cornish band: Bad Core Horns into our school as a

celebration for all our hard work in music and performing arts.

We were certainly inspired to potential Future Careers by the band who played a mixture of known and improvised songs, as well as playing a song that we helped write!

Rights Respecting Gold ethos demonstrated by all our children, as well as a visit to our school by our local MP Kevan Jones who enjoyed the performance as well.



Bastille Day

UNCRC Article 31 – Right to take part in cultural activities.

Today we celebrated Bastille Day, as part of our Arts Culture Day. All of the children looked fantastic in their red, white and blue clothes and have had a lovely day, taking part in different celebrations in their classes. Each class created their own piece of artwork to take home and we had the pleasure of watching a live band perform. We have had an excellent day with lots of celebrations.



