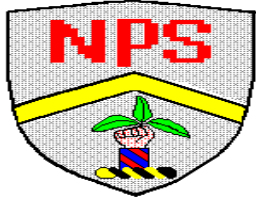


Summer Term Newsletter



Well Done Year 6

What a week we have had with our wonderful Year 6 children who have all completed their End of KS2 SATs. We are all immensely proud with the desire and determination you have all demonstrated in the lead up and during your SATs and we are all convinced you will receive only positive results.

Enjoy your party day Year 6 – you thoroughly deserve it.



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.

Platinum School Mark Award

We are delighted to announce that we, Nettlesworth Primary School, have achieved the School Games Platinum Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders

and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to: Sports Leaders, SSOC's crew, playground buddies and all of the hard working staff here at NPS!



Diary Dates

W/B Monday 3rd June- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check

Tuesday 4th June- Class Photographs

Friday 7th June- New Reception Starters Parent/Carer Meeting

Monday 10th June- Y5/6 Robinwood Parents/Carers Meeting

Wednesday 12th June- Durham Dash

Monday 17th June- New Reception Starters Visit 1

Tuesday 18th June- Sports Day

Thursday 20th June- New Reception Starters Visit 2

Monday 24th June- New Reception Starters Visit 3

Wednesday 26th June- New Reception Starters Visit 4
- Class Swap Day

Friday 28th June- Framwellgate Moor Transition Day

Wednesday 3rd July- Year 5/6 Residential to Robinwood

Saturday 6th July- Summer Fayre

Tuesday 9th July- KS2 SATS Results

Wednesday 10th July- Class 1 Summer Performance

Friday 12th July- End of Year School Reports to Parents/Carers

Monday 15th July- Parents Open Evening

Wednesday 17th July- TT Rockstars Day

Thursday 18th July- Class 5 Summer Showcase

Friday 19th July- Talent Show for Heel and Toe Charity

Monday 22nd July- Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- Year 6 Prom

Tuesday 23rd July- Picnic with Parents/Carers
- End of Term

Wednesday 4th 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 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.

Investors in Children Re-Accreditation 2024

Investors in Children re-accreditation Award 2024



Congratulations to Nettlesworth Primary School for achieving Investing in Children Membership Award™.

We would like to say a big thank you and well done to all your staff for listening and engaging children and young people in dialogue that has led to change.

Yours Sincerely

Helen Mulhearn
Co-Director

Please see report below

[MAY24 Nettlesworth Primary](#)

Class 1

We have had a fabulous ending to our half term. In Literacy we have been writing about our class caterpillars that have now made chrysalis. We now know how to use capital letters and full stops to make our writing amazing.

In Numeracy we have been continuing repeating patterns.

Our Science this week has been based on observations of our Caterpillars and exploring our school grounds for mini beasts. In P.E we practising our running, throwing and catching skills.

In Art we created beautiful butterflies using our painting skills.



Class 2 have been looking at Materials

We are loving our topic of materials at the moment. We investigated how to change a solid to a liquid and back to a solid again! Yummy!



Flower Power

We loved making our flower sun catchers to celebrate the end of our Scented Garden topic. We hope the sun shines so we can see all of the lovely colours shining!



SAT's Party in Class 2!

We all had an amazing time dancing, singing, playing games and eating to celebrate the end of our KS1 SAT's!

Waste Warriors Posters

Class 2 are excited to see our waste warriors posters begin to appear around school and in the Re-fuse café in Chester le street. We are working hard to better understand food waste and the impact it has on our environment.





Celebration of topic – The Durham Chocolate Company Experience!

UNCRC Article 31 – Take part in cultural activities.

The children in Class 3 had an absolutely fantastic time, taking part in a workshop delivered by The Durham Chocolate Company. We had the opportunity to learn about where chocolate comes from, the history of chocolate, chocolate tasting and making our own lollipops. The children shared all of their knowledge from the half term and had such an amazing afternoon.



Cornerstones Celebration in Class 4

To celebrate the end of our topic 'Invasion', we held our very own gameshow! We worked in our tables as teams to answer the various History and Geography rounds of invasion questions and had so much fun doing so. We even had our own theme song!

UNCRC Article 27 – children have a right to reach their full social and educational potential.

