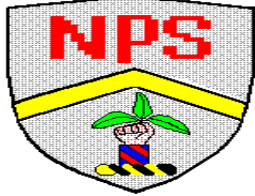


Spring Term Newsletter



End of Term

Hope you all have a fantastic Easter Holiday. The children have worked so hard this term and deserve a well earned rest.

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 Gold Mark School and Mrs Aspinall is currently working hard towards our school gaining 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.

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 and Class 2 begin their phonics sessions at 8.45 am and Class 3 and Class 4 begin their challenge time activities at 8.45 am. We also have co-ordination programmes running at that time. Thank you so much to parents/carers for your continued support.

School Attendance

Our school attendance target is 96% and we have noticed that from September to present it has fallen to 95.71%. This being caused by holidays during term time and unexplained absences (not informed by parents/carers, reasons for absence) Please could we work together to help improve this attendance figure. For any child who manages to stay above 96% there will be a prize at the end of each term.

Nettleworth School Community Group

A big thankyou to our parent group for organising prizes and stalls at our annual Easter Egg Competition and continuing to raise funds for our children. Papi from the group is also working really hard with Peter Samson from Durham voluntary action group on our gardens around the school. They are creating sensory, woodland, sand areas for the children and securing many donations from local businesses such as Jewson, Pity Me and Edmonsley Congburn Garden Centres and many more. The book folding creations have raised £105 so far. We really appreciate everyone's commitment and help.

Texts

We regularly send texts to parents with details of events happening in school or just reminders. Please notify school if you haven't received any texts 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 Summer First Half Term:

Mon 16th April-Back to School

Tues 17th April- Year 5/6 go to DCBC to do Harry Potter Science Workshop-more details to follow

Wed 18th April- Year 5/6 Triathlon Team at Freemans Quay-More details to follow

Wed 18th April- Year 2 SATs Meeting with Mrs Aspinall/Miss Gordon-More details to follow

Thur 19th April-Year 5 Science/DT Taster Session at Framwellgate Moor Comprehensive-More details to follow

Tue 24th April- Class 1 Outdoor Activities Festival at Park View-More details to follow

Thur 26th April-Year 2 Outdoor Festival at Maiden Castle

Tue 1st May- NSPCC Assembly

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.

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.

Easter Egg Competition

.Once again the children did an eggcellent job this year designing and making Easter eggs. Thank you to all of our wonderful entries this year! The eggs all looked amazing. Big congratulations to the winners from each class! Thank you to our Parent Group for helping to organise the prizes ,teas and coffees and stalls afterwards. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did!



The children raised £36 on their stall at the Easter Egg Competition and £25 at the Fair Trade tuck shop during Fair Trade Fortnight. Well done!

School Sports Organising Crew

Big well done to our SSOCS crew and Sports Leaders who planned differentiated warm ups, cool downs and a game of dodge ball for each class in school. The children had lots of fun and together raised money for a fantastic cause!

A thank you from our SSOCS crew:
Dear parents and carers,
thank you for letting your children come in red and donating £1 for Sports Relief on the 23rd March 2018: we also raised a total of £83. Thank you for your continued support.
Yours sincerely
SSOC (School Sport Organising Crew)
and Sports Leaders.
UNCRC Article 23



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