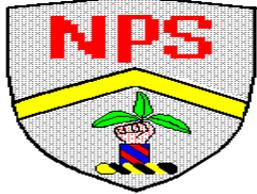


Summer Term Newsletter



Year 1 Phonics Screening

Well done to our Year 1, who have took their phonics tests this week and worked really hard with Miss Grant, Miss Gordon and Mrs Hill every morning in their phonics classes.

Visit to Durham Town Hall

Alex, Ruby, Reuben and Charlie visited Durham Town Hall with Mrs Lee. They met the Deputy Mayor and the Mayor's Security. Rob and Les told us about the history of the Town Hall and we learnt about British Values of Democracy and the rule of law.



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.

Class 3 trip to Beamish Museum

Class 3 have learnt all about children during World War 2 as part of their history lessons this half term. The children have enjoyed learning all about the different way of life and how children had to live and play differently during this time. As part of our work we enjoyed a fantastic day at Beamish museum. The children acted as evacuees and had to help do lots of jobs children would be expected to do during World War 2. We had an amazing time and learnt lots of new things!



Nettlesworth School Community Group

We are continuing to make plans for our annual Summer Fayre, which will be held on Saturday 7th July at 1pm. Any donations for the raffle and tombola would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for all of the donations so far.

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

Diary Dates

Mon 11th -14th June-Phonics Screen Testing for Year 1

Mon 18th June- Durham University Archaeological Visit to Class 3 & 4

Tue 19th June- Class 4 visit to Eden Camp-more details to follow

-Reception, Year1 and Year 2 visit to Hamsterley Forest-more details to follow

Wed 20th June- Trampolining at Infinite Air- Year 3-6-more details to follow

Fri 22nd June- Climbing Wall comes to school

Mon 25th June- Robinwood meeting for parents-more details to follow

-new starters visit 1

Tue 26th June-Sports Day 2pm-more details to follow

Wed 27th June- Judo-whole school

-New Starter Visit 2

Fri 29th June- Archery/Fencing-whole school

Mon 2nd July- New Starter Visit 3

Tue 3rd July- Class 1 Summer Pantomime Performance-more details to follow

Wed 4th July- Class Swap Day

-New Starter Visit 4

Fri 6th July- Class 4 performance of Cinderella Rockerfella-more details to follow

Sat 7th July-Summer Fayre-more details to follow

Mon 9th July- Y3/4 Judo-Maiden Castle-more details to follow

Wed 11th July- Reception Multi-Skills Festival at Newker Primary-more details to follow

Fri 13th July- End of Year Reports to be given out

Mon 16th July- End of Year Parents Open Afternoon if would like to discuss reports

Mon 16th July-Wed 18th July- Robinwood Residential- Years 5/6

Thurs 19th July- Year 6 Leavers Assembly for whole school and Year 6 Parents/Carers

-Year 6 Prom- more details to follow

Fri 20th July-Teddy Bears Picnic

End of Term

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 95.71% to 95.4% from March to present. Our school attendance target is 96%. 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.

Farmyard Fun

Class 1 had the most amazing time visiting the farm animals at adventure valley today! We groomed a Shetland pony, had a ride on the tractor, held rabbits and guinea pigs and even stroked some ducklings that we hope to soon have in our classroom once we have incubated the eggs for 28 days! To top off this wonderful trip, Adventure Valley offered to donate a Family Pass to our Summer Fayre Raffle due to how well behaved and respectful our children were! ☐



Active 30 Homework

This week we have started our Active 30 Homework. As a school we are promoting children to be active for at least 30 minutes each day. Our active 30 Homework is hoping to promote exercise out of school time. Each class now has an Active 30 book and each class teacher will choose a pupil

to take the book and a ball home for the weekend. We are asking parents / carers to work with their child over the weekend to play with the ball and make notes on any games they have played.

Thank you to the parents that contributed this weekend! We look forward to seeing all of the lovely games you manage to complete over the next coming weeks.



Athletics Star

A massive Congratulations to all of the Athletics team from class 4 that took part in the Athletics festival at Riverside yesterday. You all worked really hard and made us proud of how you represented our school. You all tried your best and showed such good

determination in the events you took part in.

We are especially proud of Alexander who managed to come 2nd in two of his races and has been chosen to represent Chester le Street at the County Finals later in the month. This is brilliant news Alexander! Congratulations and good luck! We know you will do us proud!



WE Schools

Rob came to deliver an assembly about how WE could make a pledge and start making a difference today. WE talked about how WE would like to raise money for a charity by organising an art and craft morning, inviting parents/carers to make something arty with their children.



Class 1's Butterflies

The caterpillars have hatched from their Chrysalides and we now have 5 healthy butterflies to release into the grounds of Nettlesworth primary

School! The children have worked extremely hard learning about how animals and plants change throughout their life cycles - it's just a shame Miss Grant couldn't work out the timing so we could all watch them fly!



The Royal Wedding

Class 1 invited the whole school and their parents to our local Church to celebrate the Royal Wedding on Saturday, of Meghan Markle & Prince Harry. Millie and Matthew from class 1 asked their friends to join them for a mock wedding ceremony - it was great fun! After the Wedding we all came back to school and had a wonderful Wedding reception full of cake, juice and plenty of dancing. Thank you to all of class 1's parents for joining us and coming back to school for the Wedding Breakfast in Class - We all enjoyed it very much!





Washington Wetland Centre

Class 2 had a wonderful day exploring the wetlands in the sunshine; learning about some of the resident bird life, pond dipping, mini-beast hunting and finding out a bit about Asian short-clawed otters.



Art in Class 2

We have been busy exploring and comparing the work of different artists. Here are some examples of the work we have created ourselves:



