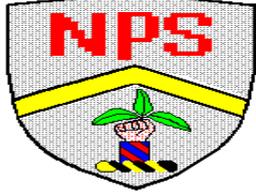


Autumn Term Newsletter



100 Years of Remembrance

Mrs Hill has created a display in an act of Remembrance with the children UNCRC Article 38
Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war.

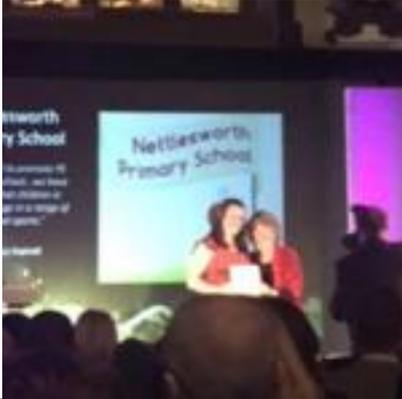


On Friday 9th November, we had a Remembrance Service at school to remember the members of the armed forces who have died in the line of duty and also for the members who are in the forces today. We had 2 minutes silence at 11.00am to mark the end of World War 1 which ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. We were also very lucky to be visited by a former pupil Leo Hill, who is in cadets and wishes to go into the army and his brother Carl Hill, who is a member of the armed forces.



Active Durham Sport and Physical Awards 2018

We were nominated for our contribution to sport and physical activity within our community. We went to an awards at Durham Town Hall, where Mrs Aspinall received our award.



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

Year 5/6 Athletics

Year 5/6 went to New College Durham and took part in an athletics festival with other schools in Durham and Chester-le-Street. The team came second place. Well Done!



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

Diary Dates

For Second Half Term:

W/B November 12th- Parents Evenings (All after school clubs cancelled for this week)

Fri 16th Nov- Children in Need

- R-Y5 Flu Immunisations

Mon 19th Nov- Sports Leader Training- further letters to follow.

Fri 23rd Nov- Class 4 Sleepover in aid of CRISIS

Mon 26th Nov- Circus Skills Day

Tue 27th Nov- SPAG Workshops for children

Fri 7th Dec- Pantomime visits school

Tue 11th Dec- Class 3/4 Nativity

Thur 13th Dec- Class 1/2 Nativity

Fri 14th Dec-Christmas Fair

Tue 18th Dec- Christingle Service at Church

Wed 19th Dec- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

Thur 20th Dec- Christmas Party

Fri 21st Dec-End of Term

Tue 8th Jan- Children return to school



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.

Parent Pay

School dinners are paid through parent pay. Please can you keep a regular check of your account to ensure that you are in credit. We have had a financial audit and debts of £55 or more will be referred to Local Authority.

Video Games – advice for parents

Children love to play video games, but there are some risks involved. The two main areas of concern are

- Children experiencing violent or sexual content beyond their age.
- Children playing online with strangers and either experiencing inappropriate language, or being groomed.

The PEGI ratings should help you decide what is appropriate for your child

PEGI 18

The adult classification is applied when the level of violence reaches a stage where it becomes a depiction of gross violence and/or includes elements of specific types of violence. Gross violence is the most difficult to define since it can be very subjective in many cases, but in general terms it can be classed as the depictions of violence that would make the viewer feel a sense of revulsion



PEGI 16

This rating is applied once the depiction of violence (or sexual activity) reaches a stage that looks the same as would be expected in real life. More extreme bad language, the concept of the use of tobacco and drugs and the depiction of criminal activities can be content of games that are rated 16.



PEGI 12

Videogames that show violence of a slightly more graphic nature towards fantasy character and/or non graphic violence towards human-looking characters or recognisable animals, as well as videogames that show nudity of a slightly more graphic nature would fall in this age category. Any bad language in this category must be mild and fall short of sexual expletives.



Further advice is available from www.askaboutgames.com which will also provide advice on setting parental controls on games consoles to help ensure that play is safe for children.

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

Nettleworth School Community Group

The Halloween Disco was a huge success and the children had great fun. Thank you again to Nettleworth Community Group for decorating the hall and arranging the disco and tuck bags.

What a fantastic night we had at the Halloween Disco! We had so much fun dancing, playing games and getting dressed up with our friends! It was so lovely to see the community spirit afterwards too seeing all of the families out 'Trick or Treating' together [?]



It is also important to ask your children who they are playing with. One recent, extreme example was of a 19 year old grooming a 14 year old boy, Breck Bednar before murdering him. Most parents would want to know who their children are playing with in the real world, the same should also apply to the virtual world.