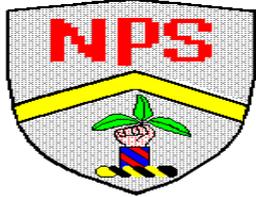


Spring Term Newsletter



Class 4 Visit to Fyndoune

Year 5/6 went to Fyndoune and took part in a Science lesson with Miss Hall. We were learning about circuits and electricity. We were taught circuit symbols and made simple and parallel circuits.



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.

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.**

Class 1 Stay and Play

Class 1 have had so much fun in their topic 'Castles' this half term – we had even more fun when we invited our parents to a stay 'n' play afternoon where we made crowns, shields and dressed up as our favourite kings/queens/knights and dragons! Thank you to all that attended, you made it an extremely enjoyable afternoon! ☐



Holidays in Term Time

We continue to see a large increase in requests for holidays in term time. Due to this, our school attendance has fallen from 95.71% to 95.5% from September 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.

Valentines Lunch

Big thank you to Sarah in the kitchen for throwing us a wonderful Valentine's Day lunch – it was beautiful! ☐



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. **Please can you let the school office know if you change your telephone number as we need two emergency contact telephone numbers at all times. Thankyou.**

Nettleworth School Community Group

The Nettleworth School Community are arranging stalls and games after the Easter Egg Competition on Wednesday 3rd April, 2pm.

Papi has also updated our fairy garden and tidied the trees in our forest area. Thank you to the Community Group for their continued support.

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.

Chinese New Year

Class 1 and 2 celebrated Chinese New Year with an afternoon of crafts, music and food to celebrate entering the year of the 'Pig'. It was so much fun to learn about the Chinese zodiac and work across both classrooms with friends from different year groups. Our favourite part was sampling the delicious Chinese foods! ☐



Skipping Festival

On 14.2.19 we held an inter house skipping festival. Each child took part in a skipping task and collected points for their team. Our SSOC's and Leaders organised and delivered the event. They demonstrated the different skills,

encouraged, supported and most importantly kept track of the points!

Even some of the adults had a go!

Our SSOC's crew gave out our Sainsburys Games value stickers. They saw lots of determined and passionate children today.

We were pleased to announce that GREEN team won our skipping festival. Congratulations Greens.



Bikeability

Children from years 4 and 5 had the opportunity to work with special coaches who trained them on how to safely ride their bikes. This included checking to see if their bikes are safe. Some children had the opportunity to try out cycling in the streets around school. Well done to all who gained certificates!

Here's what Cranley had to say

The bikeability was a session about being safe on your bike and being safe on the roads. it was a fun exercise and we learnt some key skills about riding on our bike. we learnt about T junctions and know when to let and pass cars when they are driving

