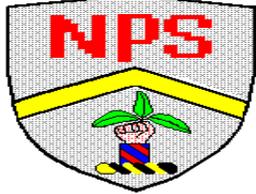


Summer Term Newsletter



Staffing Changes

Mrs Heath, one of our lunchtime supervisors, is leaving on Friday 17th May. We would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication and wish her all the best in her new job.

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.**

KS1/KS2 SATs Tests

Year 2 and Year 6 have started their SATs tests and continue to work so hard. **We are truly proud of you all!**

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

Sun Safety at School

Nettlesworth Primary School is concerned about protecting staff and pupils from sunburn and from skin damage that can be caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the country. As sunburn and

almost all skin cancers are caused by the sun, it is possible to prevent this happening. We believe that by encouraging sun safe behaviour at school and teaching children about the risks of sunlight, we can prevent them burning and contribute towards preventing skin cancer. We would like your help and support in this matter. We will be encouraging children to avoid sunburn and overexposure to the sun by:

- seeking the shade, particularly during the middle of the day
- wearing suitable hats or caps
- wearing clothing that protects the skin, particularly for outdoor activities and school trips
- using a high factor sunscreen (SPF 15+).

Staff will be encouraged to set an example. Some children are at greater risk of sunburn than others. Fair skinned, freckled children who burn easily are most at risk from overexposure to the sun and need to take great care when out in the sun. Teachers and support staff on playground duty or in charge of school outings will remind those most at risk of burning to cover up in the sun and use sunscreen. Staff will also encourage children to drink plenty of water. You can help by encouraging your child to bring, and wear, a hat at school, particularly on sunnier days and during sports day and any school trips. The school will remind parents of the sun safety policy from time to time (on our school website), particularly around the start of the summer term, sports days, and outings. Sunscreens provide added protection and may be useful when other measures are not available. Dermatologists recommend that a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or above will provide children in this country with adequate protection. We encourage parents to provide sunscreen for this purpose and encourage children to protect

themselves from the sun. One way of doing this is to use sunscreen at the appropriate time. If a child is to use sunscreen at school, parents are asked to:

- o Provide the sunscreen product for school use.

The sunscreen must be:

- o Clearly marked with the child's name.
- o Replenished by the parent as needed.

The child must be able to apply his or her own sunscreen (except Reception children) and not to share it, as some children may have an allergy.

- o For Reception parents:

o You are asked to apply sunscreen at home before a typical school day, this will be reapplied as necessary by staff. If it is considered necessary for teachers/staff to assist with the application of sunscreen, the sunscreen will only be applied to face, neck, arms, hands and lower legs.

Please note that we do not permit the use of aerosol sprays.

Many Thanks

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.**

Nettlesworth School Community Group

The Nettlesworth School Community Group have arranged the date for the School Summer Fayre. It will be held on Saturday 29th June, 1pm-3pm. Thank you so much for the donations already received. Any more donations for prizes, raffle or tombola will be greatly appreciated. Monies raised, will be used to continue to improve the outdoor areas for our children.

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

Destination Judo Taster Session

The whole school had the opportunity to take part in a free Judo Taster Session with Ian from Destination Judo. We all had lots of fun and learnt lots of new skills.



Class 4 visit to Police Control Room

UNCRC Article 29 (goals of education)

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Our children today had the opportunity to visit the Police Response Unit in Durham and sample what goes on behind the scenes when an emergency 999 call occurs, and sampled the roles and responsibilities of the various teams that work within the response unit. The children were also introduced to a Police Response Vehicle, and were able to look at the vehicle's kit and its uses.

Once again, our children were an absolute credit to our school, and it's fair to say we could have some future police officers in our class.

Well done Class 4.



Road Safety Coffee Morning

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Over the last term, our children have developed their health and safety awareness through the Junior Road Safety scheme; four children within our class were selected as Junior Road Safety Officers and these children have participated in assemblies and ran competitions to design a road safety banner – the winning entry to be erected on the school's perimeter fence. On Friday (3.5.19), we welcomed parents, Governors, friends and the Local MP Kevan Jones to our Junior Road Safety Coffee Morning to showcase our work.

Well done Alfie for your winning banner.



Our children also enjoyed learning about how the police tackle road safety awareness issues with a visit from a response car.

