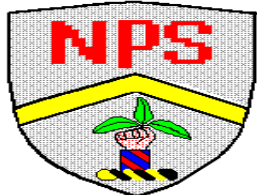


Summer Term Newsletter



Class 1/2 Trip to Hamsterley Forest

Class 1 and 2 have had so much fun visiting the wonderful Hamsterley Forest today!

Class 1 took part in the Tales and Trails workshop led by Rio from Oases and had lots of opportunities to put our Forest Schools skills into play!

Class 2 had lots of fun using a compass and a map to navigate their way around the forest. We didn't get lost either!

It is great to see all of the children having so much fun in the great outdoors! ☺



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.**

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.

Class 3 Trip to Forest School

We took class 3 to our forest schools site and spent time spreading the forest schools fun across the school! We concentrated on making friendship frames and friendship wands from natural resources found in the woodland as well as simple cooking skills on the fire.

The weather certainly did not dampen our spirits as all of the children were smiling from ear to ear..... even if they were the muddiest smiles in the universe ☺





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. A big thank you for the tombola prizes given on Wear What You Want Day.

PE Kit

There are still on many occasions where children are forgetting their PE kits. 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

Diary Dates

Tue 25th June- Sports Day -2PM

Fri 28th June- Climbing Wall

Sat 29th June- School Summer Fayre- 1PM

Tue 2nd July- Year 6 visit to Forest School

Wed 3rd July- Class Swap Day

Thur 4th July- KS2 Zumba Classes
-Class 1 Multiskills Festival

Fri 5th July- Class 4's performance of Cinderella Rockerfella for parents/carers of Class 4 only. **NOTE THIS HAS NOW CHANGED TO FRI 12TH JULY DUE TO Y6 TRANSITION VISITS**

Tue 9th July- Class 4 Judo Festival- CANCELLED

Wed 10th July- Class 1's performance of Jack and the Beanstalk for parents/carers of Class 1 only.

Fri 12th July- Class 4's performance of Cinderella Rockerfella for parents/carers of Class 4 only. 10AM

-End of Year Reports sent out to Parents/Carers

Mon 15th July-Wed 17th July- Year 5/6 Residential to Robinwood

Thur 18th July- Y6 Leavers assembly -9.30AM
-Y6 Prom-4.30PM-6.30PM
- End of Summer Term

Wed 4th Sep- Children return to school

Further letters/details will follow about each event

