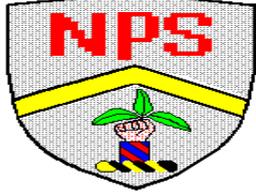


Summer Term Newsletter



County Durham Big Play

The whole school performed three songs and Mr Stokoe with Alfie, Harvey, Matthew, Reuben, Erica and Ava played the violin and ukulele as part of County Durham's Big Play.



Climbing Wall

The children had fun experiencing the climbing wall. They were all so determined to have a go and climb as high as they could!



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. Please could you check your Parent Pay account before the end of term.**

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

Sports Day

Unfortunately, due to the weather, we held our annual Sports Day indoors. Due to the space, we sorry that we couldn't invite parents/carers but the children had lots of fun joining in a range of activities, some old favourites and some new activities too! The Sports Leaders and SSOC's crew arranged all of the events and allocated children to each race. They were also in charge of setting up the equipment and ensuring all children took part. June joined Mrs Miller to keep score. Mr Beveridge started each race. June and Mrs Miller had lots of numbers to add up but finally announced the winning team YELLOW! Congratulations Yellow team! They were followed closely by Blue and then in joint third place, Green and Red.



Kandinsky Artists

This half term we have been looking at artists who create 'abstract' paintings – the children were so excited to become and 'abstract artist' themselves and portray similar themes, colours and shapes to Kandinsky – they found it fascinating that when you listen to music you can paint what you hear ☺



Zumba

We had Gemma in to work with class 2 and 3. She taught us all about Zumba and how we can join dance and exercise together. We had lots of fun and burnt off lots of energy!



Class 1 Mini Olympics

We had lots of fun at Mini Olympics. We joined lots of other schools to take part in taster sessions of football, basketball and athletics. Two of our children even managed to get a high score in the speed bounce! Well done to Amelia L and Harrison.



Archery

Today the whole school took part in archery sessions. We all had lots of fun working on our aiming and shooting skills. We all held a class competition to see which children could score the most points.



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

We would like to thank the Nettlesworth School Community Group, staff, parents and carers for another successful School Summer Fayre, which was held on Saturday 29th June, 1pm-3pm. Thank you so much for the donations and coming to the fayre. We raised just over £300. Monies raised, will be used to continue to improve the outdoor areas for our children. There are still a few unclaimed raffle prizes. Winning ticket numbers are on the computer screen outside school.

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

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

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