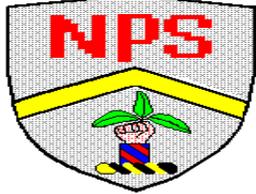


Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome Back

Welcome back to another school year. If you are new to Nettlesworth Primary School, then I would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family and I hope that you soon settle into our community and that you will be very happy at our school.

The summer holidays now seem part of a dim and distant past. We would like to thank you so much for the kind gifts, wishes and cards at the end of Summer Term. It was lovely to see the children as they returned to school this week, refreshed from their break and ready to face the challenges ahead of a new school year. of Summer Term. We are excited about the year ahead and we have lots of activities planned for the forthcoming term. Please check our website and newsletters regularly for updates.

I was also overwhelmed by how smart the children look in their new school uniforms and I thank you as parents and carers for ensuring that your children wear their full school uniform with pride.

Congratulations

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Miss Grant, who was married during the summer holidays. The children are continuing to call her Miss Grant until our new reception children are settled into school and then will use her married named: Mrs Morton.

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 and lego therapy running at that time. Thank you so much to parents/carers for your continued support.

End of Summer Term

We were overwhelmed by the best wishes and gifts. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you again.

Holidays in Term Time

Our school attendance last year increased to 96.2%. Our school attendance target is 96%. This target is National Average and therefore now slightly above. Thankyou so much for you support. Ofsted evaluate school attendance and a low attendance can affect school's Ofsted judgements. We continue to see a large increase in requests for holidays in term time. 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/Mail

We regularly send texts/mail to parents with details of events happening in school or just reminders. Please notify school if you haven't received any texts/mail in the last month. 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.

Diary Dates

For First Half Term:

W/B 9th September- Breakfast/After School Clubs begin. (We now have to use parent pay for all payments and become a cashless system-thank you for your patience)

Wed 11th Sep- KS2 Cycle Workshop. Please make sure children have their PE kits.

Mon 16th Sep-Class 2 Trip to Hancock Museum

Mon 16th Sep- Class 4 Trip to Eden Camp
Fri 20th Sep-Jeans for Genes Day

Tue 24th Sep- Class 3 Tri-Golf
Wed 25th Sep- Class 4 visit to Durham Federation

Tue 1st Oct-School Photographs

Wed 2nd Oct- KS2 Cross Country

W/B 7th Oct- Book Fair Arrives

Thur 10th Oct- MIND- World Mental Health Day

Thur 24th Oct- Class 1 Stay and Play Day

Fri 25th Oct- End of Half Term

Mon 4th Nov- Children return to school

Further letters will follow about different events.

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

Thank you so much for all of the kind donations for the Summer Fayre. We raised just over £300. This money will go towards a theatre company coming into school and performing a show for the children in the Autumn Term. Thank you again to Nettleworth School Community Group for their hard work and dedication towards our 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.

Rights Respecting School

We are immensely proud to be a [UNICEF Rights Respecting School](#) Gold School.



UNCRC Article 12 – Children have the right to say what they think should happen when adults are making decisions that affect them, and to have their opinions taken in to account.

As a Rights Respecting school we are an organisation which promotes equality and the UNCRC articles giving children in our care a high level of pupil voice and participation as well as striving to educate them to become all round Global citizens.

We are also a Rights Respecting Ambassador School, where we work with other schools to help promote and achieve Rights Respecting Schools Award

A large part of this work is the creation of **Charters** – agreements between the children and adults in school about what actions both groups will take to help promote the UNCRC articles.

Groups of children in a class will choose an article that they feel is important to them and think about what actions they as children can take to help themselves and others globally to make that article work.

Adults in school will think about what actions they can take to do the same. Together, class, whole school and playground charters are created which helps to make our school a thoughtful, reflective place to learn, work and play.