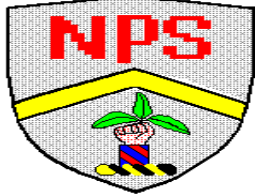


Autumn Term Newsletter



Mental Health Day

Thank you to everyone who donated and came into school wearing Yellow today.

We raised £69.30 which will be going to the charity Young Minds who are leading the fight for a future where all young minds are supported and empowered, whatever the challenges.

The crisis in children and young people's mental health is real and it is urgent. More children and young people than ever before are reaching out for help with their mental health. Together, we can help to change this. We're fighting for young people's mental health.



Harvest Festival

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came along to our Harvest Festival at church today! We had a wonderful time performing songs, poems and readings for you all. It was great to have a visit from Farmer Bob and his big red tractor!

Thank you again for all of your contributions to our Harvest collection which has been donated to Durham Food Bank - we have been overwhelmed by all of your support!

UNCRC Article Link: 24 - Every child has the right to nutritious food.



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.

Heel and Toe Charity

Well done to Lucas and Jacob, who raised £150 doing the Mini Great North Run. They handed their sponsor money to our local charity, which we also support- Heel and Toe Charity, based at Chester-Le-Street. Lucas and Jacob saw sensory equipment being used by children and where their donation money was going to.

UNCRC Article 23

A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and independence.



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:

Wed 23rd Oct- Halloween Disco

Thur 24th Oct- Class 1 Stay and Play Day

Fri 25th Oct- Class 2, 3, 4 Cornerstones Showcase Event for Parents/Carers

Fri 25th Oct- End of Half Term

Mon 4th Nov- Children return to school

W/B 11th Nov- Parents/Carers Meetings- AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS WILL BE CANCELLED THIS WEEK

Fri 15th Nov- Children in Need Day

Class 4 Sleepover in aid of CRISIS

Thur 21st Nov- Whole School Flu Vaccine

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

Nettlesworth School Community Group

Nettlesworth Community Group will be holding the Halloween Disco for children of the school only on Wednesday 23rd October 4.30pm-6.00pm. Tickets are on sale from school office at £2 each. Thank you again to Nettlesworth 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.

Class 1's Nurse Visit

Class 1 have had a fantastic morning with a visit from Nurses Louise and Rachael. This linked perfectly to our current topic because we learned about how we can be 'helped' at hospital by lot's of people who work as a team to make us feel better when we are poorly.

We got the opportunity to see different equipment that is used in a hospital - we really enjoyed checking our heartbeats with a stethoscope! Thank you for an inspiring morning - we have lots of mini doctors and nurses in the making now! ☺



Class 2 Multiskills Trip

We had lots of fun taking part in a wide range of multi skills activities. We also learnt lots about Athletics with Chris. We had lots of fun and burnt off lots of energy! Well done Class 2!

UNCRC 31 - Relax, play and join in a wide range of activities.

