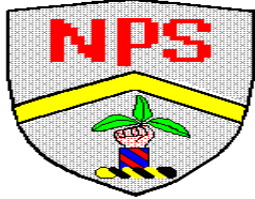


# Autumn Term Newsletter



## Mrs Aspinall's Maternity Leave

Mrs Aspinall's due date is fast approaching and she will begin her maternity leave at the end of this term. Her baby boy is due in January. She will be hopefully returning two weeks before May Half Term holiday.

I am also happy to inform you that Mrs Marie Plant will be taking her place for the duration of her leave. She already knows the children in Class 2 very well and Mrs Plant has worked with Mrs Aspinall and will continue until her maternity leave.

Mrs Morton will return to school from maternity leave last week of this term and will be back teaching full time in Class 1 again after the Christmas Holidays.

Mrs Aspinall and Mrs Morton have been an inspiration over this difficult time, working with as much energy and enthusiasm for the school as they always do. I am sure parents and carers will join me in wishing Mrs Aspinall the best over the coming months. We would also like to thank Mrs Plant for her hard work and dedication to the children and our school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you again for your continued support.

## Punctuality

Thank you all so much for your continued great support in helping to keep everyone safe.

Just a few reminders of control measures we have in place to reduce number of daily contacts.

-Please ensure you are aware of your child's pick up and drop off times and stick rigidly to these times to help the day run smoothly and keep bubbles apart- Your child's class teacher will collect children from the gate and they will be escorted into school to wash hands immediately.

-Children and parents must wait alongside school fence and not come to the door and ring buzzer. **If you are late you must ring the office to arrange an alternative drop off/pick up.**

## Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly

What a beautiful assembly our children participated in to mark their respect to all military and civilian sacrifices made during conflicts. Even though we are not able to have collective worship in our school hall, today we held our first virtual assembly in our classrooms, with Mrs. Lee leading the assembly from her office with Mrs. Miller.

All children and staff observed a one minute silence to pay their respects and laid their own poppies that had been

painted onto pebbles outside the school grounds.

We will remember them.









**Hamsterley Forest Visit**

Class 1 and 2 were so lucky to have Rio and Alice from OASES join us in school. They brought the wonder of Hamsterley Forest to us! We had lots of fun exploring our school grounds whilst developing our map reading skills. We also collect lots of natural materials to help us make stick animals and people. They all look so wonderful! We had such fun and cant wait to see them Rio and Alice 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.nettleworth.durham.sch.uk](http://www.nettleworth.durham.sch.uk) for diary dates, latest news, celebrations, advice and information.

### Diary Dates

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December-** Christmas Card Post Box opens

-Christmas Tree Arrives

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December-** Reports to parents

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December-** Class 3/4 virtual Christmas Performance

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December-** Class 1/2 virtual Christmas Performance

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December-** Virtual Christingle Service

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December-**Christmas Dinner

Christmas Jumper Day-£1 donation in aid of St Cuthbert's Hospice via parentpay

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December-** Class 1 Christmas Party- 1.00pm-2.00pm

Class 2 Christmas Party- 2.10pm-3.10pm

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December-** Class 3 Christmas Party- 1.00pm-2.00pm

Class 4 Christmas Party- 2.10pm-3.10pm

### End of Term

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January-** Children return to school

Further letters will follow about different events.

**PLEASE NOTE- NO AFTER SCHOOL TUITION CLUBS WEEK BEGINNING 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

**CLUBS WILL RESUME WEEK BEGINNING 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021**

### 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

### Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal

Could you help us make Christmas special for those who may have little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning?

If so, please contact Captain Sarah Johnson on 0191 371 0313

to arrange either a collection or to drop your new, unwrapped gifts at Sacriston Salvation Army, Plawsworth Road, Sacriston, Durham DH7 6PE

We help families and children of all ages, so toys and presents for all ages would be appreciated. (Suggestions: games, toiletries, footballs, hair clips, art and craft supplies, cars, dolls, gift sets for older children, stationery, etc.)

Thank you for your gifts and your generosity

### Children in Need

A massive thank you and well done to all of our children and families! You have helped us raise money for Child In Need, our current total is £68.

We had lots of fun dressing up in rainbow colours and joining in with Joe Wickes' last 15 minutes of his 24 hour exercise marathon. The children were super stars, as always!

Sarah even made us Pudsey Bear biscuits for lunch.

On the afternoon a special little visitor came along to give a little smile from the doors of each classroom – Baby Bobby

Bear!

Once again, thank you!



## World Children's Day

The Rights Respecting Champions of Netlesworth Primary School did us all proud today when they hosted their very own Virtual Assembly to raise the awareness of World Children's Day.

The each spoke to the rest of the school via TEAMS, addressing the global issues of Climate Change.

Well done to our champions, and to the rest of our school on a fabulous effort around this topical issue.





