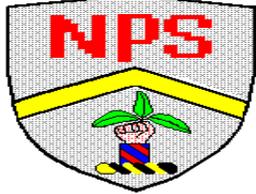


Summer Term Newsletter



Beginning of New Term

Hope you have had a lovely holiday and welcome back to the beginning of our new term

Staffing

We would like to congratulate Miss Williams in her new job as a Numeracy Advisor but also very sorry to see her leave our school. We would also like to congratulate Mrs Hindmarch, who has completed and passed her Level 3 Diploma, specialist support for learning and teaching in schools and is now working at our school. A big welcome to our new member of staff.

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. Thank you so much to parents/carers for your continued support.

School Attendance

Our school attendance target is 96% and we have noticed that from September to present it has fallen to 95.71%. This being caused by holidays during term time and unexplained absences (not informed by parents/carers, reasons for absence) Please could we work together to help improve this attendance figure. For any child who manages to stay above 96% there will be a prize at the end of each term.

Nettlesworth School Community Group

A big thankyou to our parents: Papi and Keith, Steven Cox from the group and some of our children, who worked really hard with Peter Samson from Durham voluntary action group in our gardens around the school during the Easter Holidays. They have sensory, woodland, sand areas for the children and continuing to work on our outdoor area. All of the staff, parents and carers really appreciate the hard work.

Texts

We regularly send texts to parents with details of events happening in school or just reminders. Please notify school if you haven't received any texts 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 Summer First Half Term:

Tue 24th April- Class 1 Outdoor Activities Festival at Park View-More details to follow

Thur 26th April-Year 2 Outdoor Festival at Maiden Castle

Tue 1st May- NSPCC Assembly

Tue 8th May- NSPCC-Parent Workshop- E-Safety- more details to follow

Fri 11th May- Energy Assembly

Mon 14th May- Thurs 17th May-KS1/KS2 SATs Tests
 Thur 17th May- Royal Wedding at Church-more details to follow
 Tue 22nd May- Kalma Kids Yoga Class Sessions
 Fri 25th May- End of Term

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.

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.

Attendance Awards

.Well done to all of the children, who have an attendance of 96% + since September 2017.



Special attendance awards were given to children, who had 100% attendance since September 2017



UNCRC 28- All children have a right to an education

Wear a Hat Day

Well done to all of the children, who wore a hat to raise money for brain tumour research. We raised £44.

UNCRC Article 6- Children have the right to live



Class 2 Dance Stars

Class 2 performed their Star Wars Dance to the school, which they performed at Durham Gala and won Most Original Dance Award. They were absolutely amazing. Well done to Class 2, Mrs Shaw, Miss Gordon and Gemma, our dance coach.



How many eggs?

Nettlesworth School Community Group arranged for a, 'guess how many easter eggs in the jar competition?' to raise money for school funds.

Well done to Lucie who had the closest guess.

