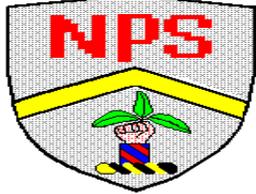


Autumn Term Newsletter



Y3/4 and Y5/6 cross Country

Well done to our teams who entered the Cross Country Festival at Meadowfield.



Active Durham Sport and Physical Awards 2018

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We have been nominated for another Sports Award! See below

Congratulations the contribution you make to sport and physical activity within your community has been acknowledged and we would like to invite you to an evening to celebrate and recognise your achievements.

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.**

Travelling Book Fair

This week we have had the travelling Book Fair at our school. It has been great having the opportunity to go and look at the different books and make note of the ones that we would like to buy. Each class has also had the opportunity to go up to the book fair and read a story of their choice! What a lovely week shared with our friends and parents who could make it.

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Holidays in Term Time

We have seen a large increase in requests for holidays in term time. Due to this, our school attendance has fallen from 95.71% to 95.4% from March 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

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 First Half Term:

- Tue 16th Oct-Harvest Festival at church- all welcome-see separate letters
- Thur 18th Oct-Storyteller visit to whole school
- Fri 19th Oct- Y5/6 Rugby Festival-further details to follow
- Fri 19th Oct- End of half Term

For Second Half Term:

Mon 29th Oct- Children return back to school.

Wed 31st October-Halloween Disco- more details to follow

Thur 8th Nov- Y5/6 Athletics-further details to follow

Fri 16th Nov- Children in Need

- R-Y5 Flu Immunisations

Fri 23rd Nov- Class 4 Sleepover in aid of CRISIS

Mon 26th Nov- Circus Skills Day

Tue 27th Nov- SPAG Workshops for children

Fri 7th Dec- Pantomime visits school

Tue 11th Dec- Class 3/4 Nativity

Thur 13th Dec- Class 1/2 Nativity

Fri 14th Dec-Christmas Fair

Tue 18th Dec- Christingle Service at Church

Thur 20th Dec- Christmas Party

Fri 21st Dec-End of Term

Tue 8th Jan- Children return to school



award which is given to schools who promote and maintain high standards and safe practice in all aspects of PE. Many Thanks.

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.

Durham County Council Waste and Recycling Assembly

This week we had an interesting assembly showing us what to put in our rubbish bins and where it goes once it has been emptied into the bin wagon! We have also taken on a home challenge that we will recycle all of our plastic or tin bottles in the correct colour bin and that if we have any plastic that can be re-used then we will re-use it (lunch bags, shopping bags etc.)



Down at the Farm

Today Class 1 visited Fyndoune Farm to see the animals and learn about how to look after the properly. It was fantastic to

see and hold so many different types of animals; from snakes to rabbits. We all fell in love with the Farm dog Charlie too!



Thank you again for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely half term holiday.

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

The Halloween Disco will take place after half term, Wednesday 31st October, 4.30pm-6pm. Tickets are for sale in the school office. They are £2 per ticket and includes entrance, juice, crisps and sweets.

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)