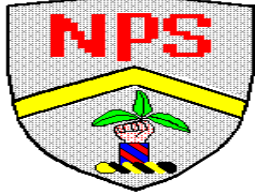


Autumn Term Newsletter



Rights Respecting Gold Award

We are delighted to inform you that we have been successful in achieving the Rights Respecting Gold Award. We are very proud to achieve such a special award and would like to thank parents, children, staff and Governors for their hard work.



Our Chair of the Rights Respecting Council: Grace Lee and Vice Chair of the Rights Respecting Council: Reuben Chester were delighted to accept our Rights Respecting Gold Award certificate.



Remembrance Sunday

Some of our children took part in Remembrance Day parades on Sunday. We were so proud of them.



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.**

Donation to the Princess Trust

Lexi kindly donated her hair to The Princess Trust. She was so brave and thoughtful. Well done Lexi!



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/Emails

We regularly send texts to parents with details of events happening in school or just reminders. We are now also sending emails. Thank you for your patience while we are updating this. Letters have been sent out explaining our new systems. Please notify school if you haven't received any texts/emails in the last week. 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

Mon 26th Nov- Circus Skills Day
 Tue 27th Nov- SPAG Workshops for children
 Mon 3rd Dec-Christmas Post Box opens
 Fri 7th Dec- Pantomime visits school
 Tue 11th Dec- Class 3/4 Nativity 2pm
 Thur 13th Dec- Class 1/2 Nativity 2pm
 Fri 14th Dec-Ukulele Performance for Class 2 parents/carers only 10am
 Fri 14th Dec-Christmas Fair 1.30pm
 Tue 18th Dec- Christingle Service at Church 2pm
 Wed 19th Dec- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
 Thur 20th Dec- Christmas Party
 Fri 21st Dec-End of Term
 Tue 8th Jan- Children return to 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.

Nettlesworth School Community Group

The Nettlesworth School Community Group will be holding their annual Christmas Craft Fair on Friday 14th December at 1.30pm in the school hall. Raffle tickets for a Christmas Hamper will be sold at the school Christmas performances. We are also still taking orders for Christmas Wreaths.

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.

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.

Children in Need 2018

We have had so much fun taking part in the whole school dodgeball tournaments planned by our sports leaders throughout the day today. It was great to see so many of our friends wearing spots to support such a great cause - we love the thought that we could make a difference to

another child's life! ☺

We raised nearly £100.

Massive congratulations to Yellow team for winning the tournament and going through to play the teachers. Well done teachers - first year we have ever WON!



Parliamentary Week

Class 1 and class 2 have really enjoyed taking part in UK parliamentary week, where we have been campaigning for '20's Plenty' on the roads nearby our school. We have made some brilliant posters to raise awareness of our campaign and been busy doing a road traffic survey at different times of the day to measure the volume of traffic going past our school on a daily basis! As well as designing twenty's plenty road safety signs. Hopefully we can make our community safer for everyone!





The children enjoyed having so many of their parents and carers in school this morning to show them the wonderful work we have been doing as part of our current '20's Plenty' campaign to make our community and journey to school a safer place! Thank you for coming and joining us! ☺



Forest School

Class 1 headed up to our new forest schools site for the first time as a class and we had so much fun! Although there is a lot of work to be done to make it perfect we had lots of fun working as a team and enhancing our speaking and listening skills! We just can't wait for next week! ☺



Class 2 Potion Writing

We had lots of fun writing spooky potions today. Watch out as we are now fully qualified witches and wizards

