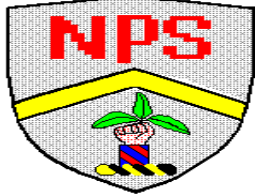


# Spring Term Newsletter



## Science Day

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March we held a whole school science day. Each teacher worked with each class and delivered a science experiment. All of the children had lots of fun and enjoyed our work. Miss Grant made elephant toothpaste, Mrs Aspinall made poo, Miss Milburn made chocolate rocks and Mr Graham made the children into our solar system!



## 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.

## 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.

## Red Nose Day

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March the whole school helped raise money for Red Nose Day. We dressed in something red and brought in £1. We took part in a inter house football tournament. This was lead by our fantastic SSOC's crew and Sports Leaders. Well done to everyone who took part. You all tried so hard and had lots of fun!



## Holidays in Term Time

We continue to see a large increase in requests for holidays in term time. Due to this, our school attendance has fallen from 95.71% to 95.5% from September 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 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/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](http://www.nettlesworth.durham.sch.uk) for diary dates, latest news, celebrations, advice and information.

### *Class 1 Infant Agility Festival*

Class 1 took part in a multi-school festival at Durham New College. They had so much fun taking part in the carousel of activities, practising their running, throwing, jumping, balancing and agility skills. The children were absolutely amazing and definitely worked their little socks off! Well done boys and girls! 🎉



### *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. **Please can you let the school office know if you change your telephone number as we need two emergency contact telephone numbers at all times. Thankyou.**

### *Nettlesworth School Community Group*

The Nettlesworth School Community are arranging stalls and games after the Easter Egg Competition on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2pm.

### *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.

### **World Book Day 2019**

World Book Day was a huge success this year here at Nettlesworth School, all of the children made a fantastic effort to dress up as their favourite book character and had lots of fun sharing their favourite book with their friends.

It was a great afternoon doing workshops with each teacher in a carousel to share their favourite story too – We even had a special visit from Hogwarts, in assembly, who read their favourite chapter from the story!



### **Class 1 Trip to The Keep**

The youngest members of our school went on an amazing educational visit to Newcastle Castle as part of their topic work around medieval castles. This certainly was a trip to remember after taking part in a 'Knight School' workshop and then touring the Keep and Blackgate. We also saw the



panoramic views of the Newcastle and the River Tyne from right at the top of the 360 stairs to the top of the castle keep – we were knocked out! 🤯



### Odd Socks Day

Huge thank you for the support in helping us raise awareness for the Down's Syndrome Scotland charity by wearing Odd Socks! We raised a marvellous £74.00!!!! Well Done 🙌



### Pancake Day

Class 1 and 2 had so much fun learning all about the traditions behind Pancake Day and why it is celebrated all around the world. We enjoyed making our own pancakes and adding our favourite toppings! Luckily Mr Nicholson didn't have to clean and from the ceilings with our excellent gross motor 'flipping' skills!

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### Funny Bones

Class 2 came back from assembly to find a crime scene! We found footprints, hand prints and a skeleton lying on the bed! Mrs Lee received a phone call from Inspector Roberts who was asking us to investigate the reports of bones and bumps in the night. We went outside and found a hat. June checked the CCTV and found a shadowy figure running across the yard. We came to the conclusion that the Funny bones in our stories are trying to play with us in school. We've sent our reports to the Police Chief and are awaiting a reply to see if they've made an arrest!





### Class 2 Trip to Rainton Meadows

Class 2 went to Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve. We had lots of fun working with Lauren and Ali learning all about different habitats. We had a go at pond dipping, mini beast hunting and going on a nature walk. We learnt lots about how to take care of animals and what we can do to help preserve their habitats. We used identification cards to point out animals that we found and talk about how we knew what they were. We had a lovely day!



### Class 2 Dance Festival

We are so proud of class 2 for taking part in the Durham and Chester le street SSP dance festival at the Gala Theatre. We performed to Everything Is Awesome and got a huge round of applause for all of our hard work! Well done Class 2!



### DIARY DATES

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March- Year 1 Phonics Screening Test Parents Meeting

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March- Wear a Hat Day

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April- Easter Egg Competition

Thur 4<sup>th</sup> April- Class 2 Library Visit

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April- End of Term

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April- Children Return Back to School

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April- Class 2 Skipping Festival at Maiden Castle

Thur 25<sup>th</sup> April- Year 2 SATS Test Meeting with Parents

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April- Class 3 Tennis Festival at New College Durham

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May- 10am-11am Road Safety Coffee Morning with visit from MP Keven Jones

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May- Destination Judo Taster Visit

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May-Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May-KS1/KS2 SATs Tests

Tue 21<sup>st</sup> May- Kalma Kids Yoga sessions

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May- Class 2 Trip to Beamish Museum

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May- End of Half Term/June Retires

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June- Children Return to school

**Further letters/details will follow about each event**