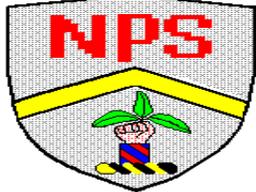


# Summer Term Newsletter



## Welcome Back

We hope you have all had a wonderful Easter Break and welcome back to the new Summer Term

## 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.**

## KS1/KS2 SATS Tests

Year 2 and Year 6 are currently working really hard with their teachers in preparation for their SATS tests, week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you for all of your support at home in helping prepare for the tests and thank you to the dedication of Mr Graham and Mrs Aspinall at school. The children are a true credit and are so proud of their dedication and commitment.

## 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.

## Forest School

As wonderful leaders and role models to our youngest children in the school,

Class 4 had the opportunity to come to forest schools with Class 1 to learn some 'cooking on the campfire' skills. The children had so much fun exploring and working as a team! Smiles filled the forest!



## 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 Group have arranged the date for the School Summer Fayre. It will be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 1pm-3pm. Any donations for prizes, raffle or tombola will be greatly appreciated. Monies raised, will be used to continue to improve the outdoor areas for our children.

### 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

### Class 1 Outdoor and Adventurous Activities Festival

Class 1 have been an absolute credit to the school at the Key Stage 1 Outdoor Adventurous activity festival at Belmont Community college.

The children were the youngest of 6 schools and worked their little socks off in all of the activities throughout the afternoon; focusing on their communication, team building and coordination skills.

Well done! 🎉



### Class 2 Skipping Festival

Class 2 went to a Skipping Festival at Maiden Castle to show off all of their skipping skills they have been practising

with Mr Beveridge. We had lots of fun and learnt even more new skills!

Here is what Amelia L had to say . . .

Yesterday we went to a skipping festival. There was a box A,B and C. First the staff introduced themselves then we did a skipping warm up. then we went into groups. We did different skipping moves and we did a big rope jump. We had to do partner moves too.



As a NACE (National Association for Able Children in Education) school, we are delighted to have been chosen as a research school for the provision we provide for more able learners. We are 1 of 18 schools in our country, who have been visited by advisors from NACE. We were visited on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April by Mrs Hilary Lowe and Mrs Liz Allen, where they observed lessons in classes, attended Forest School and looked at children's work. The children were absolutely amazing!