

Autumn Term Newsletter



Class 1's First Day at School

Class 1 have had an amazing start to the school year.

They have explored our classroom and found our favourite areas to play in, met new people who love doing the same things, played with the most incredible teacher and TA's, had a delicious lunch with the whole school family and played outside in the huge grounds!





Class 2 Trip to Hancock Museum

Class 2 had lots of fun at the Hancock Museum in Newcastle. They learnt lots about our topic of dinosaurs as well as learning about living things and different periods in history. They had lots of fun!



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 and lego therapy running at that time. Thank you so much to parents/carers for your continued support.

ParentPay

Our Financial Auditors have said that school lunches, trips, afterschool clubs should be all now paid through parentpay and we have to be cashless. Thankyou so much for your patience and accessing this account. We would also like to say a big thankyou to Mrs Miller for setting the system all up.

Holidays in Term Time

Our school attendance last year increased to 96.2%. Our school attendance target is 96%. This target is National Average and therefore now slightly above. Thankyou so much for you support. Ofsted evaluate school attendance and a low attendance can affect school's Ofsted judgements. We continue to see a large increase in requests for 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.

Texts/Mail

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

- Sunday 29th September-Messy Church 3pm-5pm at Kimblesworth church
- Tue 1st Oct-School Photographs
- Wed 2nd Oct- KS2 Cross Country
- W/B 7th Oct- Book Fair Arrives
- Thur 10th Oct- MIND- World Mental Health Day
- Tue 15th October- Harvest Festival- 2pm at Kimblesworth Church
- Wed 23rd October -Halloween Disco
- Thur 24th Oct- Class 1 Stay and Play Day
- Fri 25th Oct- End of Half Term
- Mon 4th Nov- Children return to school

Further letters will follow about different events.

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

Nettlesworth Community Group are organising a Halloween Disco for children of the school on Wednesday 23rd October, 4.30pm-6.00pm. Tickets and more information will follow soon.

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.

Gold Level Award

A massive well done and thank you to our SSOC's crew from last year. They achieved the Gold Level Leadership award presented by Durham County Sports. We are one of only two schools who managed to achieve the highest level! Just amazing ... well done guys!



Jeans for Genes Day 2019

As part of our pledge to support charities across the year who make a difference to the lives of people all around the world, as well as in our country, we took part in Jeans for Genes day.

The children came to school wearing their genes or something blue, donating £1 for this amazing charity to raise money to make a

difference for children affected by genetic disorders.

We would like to thank you all for your amazing support once again after raising a whopping £97.20! 🙏

Class 4 Trip to Eden Camp

Our children were delighted to visit an actual war museum when they experienced their Memorable Experience to Eden Camp. The children were guided through the 33 huts within the camp, witnessing what it was like in numerous situations through out World Warfare, including WW1, WW2, and other wars to date. We all had a wonderful time and are excited to put our new knowledge and experience to create our own memorial service in honour to all those who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect peace and order.

Well done Class 4, your behaviour and attitude to learning was exemplary; we are all very proud of you.



Animal Antics in Class 2

Class 3 really enjoyed our animal encounter on Friday 20th September when Steph from Animal Antics, brought some exciting visitors in to see us as part of predator topic! All children had the chance to feed and hold different predators and ask all of their wonderful questions. Class 3 were such a credit to our school as they all listened carefully to all the facts and answers about all the different animals!

