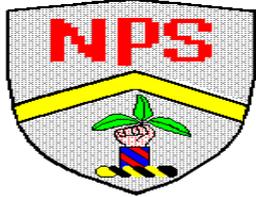


# Autumn Term Newsletter



## Children in Need

Thank you for helping us raise money for Children in need, the kids had lots of fun taking part in 'Nettlesworth's got talent' where they could perform their talents in front of the whole school. As a treat the staff every pulled together to perform a breakthrough act! Together we raised £95 to support this amazing charity! Children in Need provide grants to projects in the UK which focus on children and young people who are disadvantaged. They are local to people in all corners of the UK and support small and large organisations which empower children and extend their life choices. Children in Need are currently supporting over 3,000 local charities and projects in communities across the UK. The projects they fund help children facing a range of disadvantages for example poverty and deprivation; children who have been the victims of abuse or neglect or disabled young people. Like that of Children in Need: Our vision is that every child has a childhood which is safe, happy, secure and allows them the chance to reach their potential.

UNCRC Article link: Article 19 – Governments should do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.

## Class 4 visit to Durham Federation

### UNCRC Article 29 (goals of education)

The children from Class 4 had the opportunity to experience another transition activity at DCBC today. We participated in a History session on World War One Trench Warfare and Remembrance along with 7 other cluster primary schools.

We linked this transition with our recent Cornerstones Curriculum – Fallen Fields.

Once again, our children demonstrated their Rights Respecting ethos and were a credit to their school.

Well done everyone; we're very proud of you all.



## 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.

## Crisis Sleepover

### UNCRC Article 27 (adequate standard of living)

The children from Class 4 experienced what it would be like to be homeless last night as they raised awareness for the charity Crisis. During our sleepover, we were able to: build shelters using only materials that could be found on the streets; sample soup, hot dogs and hot chocolate from the soup kitchen; make clothing out of scrap materials, as well as meet some homeless children!

We are very proud of all our children, who managed to brave a 'night on the street' (in the school hall) – even Mrs. Lee, Mr. Graham and Mrs. Aspinall braved the evening!

Well done everyone.

## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December



### 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 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/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](http://www.nettlesworth.durham.sch.uk) for diary dates, latest news, celebrations, advice and information.

### Diary Dates

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November-** 1.30pm-3.30pm- Drama Club's performance of Aladdin (for parents/carers of drama club only)

- Christmas Card Post Box opens  
Christmas Tree Arrives

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December-** Pantomime Performance of Rapunzel for children only

Non-Uniform Day- please bring chocolate donation for Christmas fair

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December-** Reports to parents

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December-** Class 3/4 performance of Superstar- 2pm

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December-** Class 1/2 performance of Christmas Counts- 2pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December-** Christmas Fair- 1.30pm

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December-** Christingle Service at Church- 2pm

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December-**Christmas Dinner

Christmas Jumper Day-£1 donation in aid of St Cuthbert's Hospice

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December-** Christmas Party- 1.30pm-3.30pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December-** End of Term

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January-** 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 will be holding our annual Christmas Fair on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm. Thank you again to Nettlesworth School Community Group for their hard work and dedication towards our school.

### 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 3's visit to Forest School

### UNCRC Article 28 (right to education)

We were very lucky today as we all participated in our ENGAGE Memorable Experience for our new Cornerstones Curriculum topic - Misty Mountain Sierra. With the help of Class 1, we all ventured up to Forest School to sample what it is like to climb the local hills. What a fabulous way to start our new learning.

