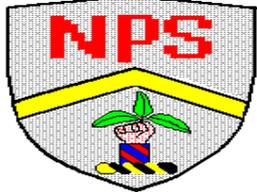


Spring Term Newsletter



World Book Day

We have enjoyed taking part I world book day today. We had a marathon reading extravaganza with a book an hour! We love reading..... and dressing up as our favourite book characters!



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.

Young Writers

The children in class 1 and 2 have done us so proud – we sent off some poems earlier this year into a writing competition of 15,000 entries and guess what.... lots of our wonderful poets have been chosen to be published in a book!

Well done children!



The Time We Spring Cleaned the World

The world it got too busy

There were people all around

The left the germs behind them

in the air and on the ground.

Those germs grew bigger and stronger

They wanted to come and stay

They didn't want to hurt anyone

They just wanted to play.

Sometimes they tried to hold your hand
 Or tickled your throat or your nose.
 They could make you cough or sneeze.
 And make your face as red as a nose.

And so these germs took over
 They started to make people ill.
 And with every cough we coughed
 More and more germs would spill.

All the queens and kings had a meeting
 "It's time to clean the world up!" they
 said.
 And so they had to close lots of fun stuff
 Just so these germs couldn't spread.

We couldn't go to cinemas
 Or restaurants for our tea
 There was no football or parties
 The world got as quiet as can be.

The mums and dads went to work less
 Then a great, big, giant scrubbing brush
 Cleaned the sky and the sea and the
 mess!

Dads started teaching the sums
 Big brothers played with us more
 Mums were in charge of homework

And we read and played jigsaws galore!
 The whole world was washing their
 hands
 And building super toilet roll forts!
 Outside was quiet and peaceful
 Now home was in the place for all
 sports.
 So we played in the world that was
 home
 And our days filled up with fun and love.
 And the germs they grew smaller and
 smaller
 And the sun watched us from above
 Then one morning the sun woke up
 early
 She smiled and stretched her beams
 wide
 The world had been fully spring cleaned
 It was time to go back outside!
 We opened our doors so slowly
 And breathed in the clean fresh air
 We promised that forever and always
 Of this beautiful world we'd take care.

Home Learning

Home learning
 Following school closure advice: you will
 already be aware that Home Learning
 Packs have been sent home with your

child and are available from the school
 office. (until 3:30pm 20/3/2020).

As reopening times are uncertain at
 present, we hope you will find the
 following links helpful in supporting
 home learning for your child/children:

www.scholastic.com

<https://masterthecurriculum.co.uk/>

www.edtechimpact.co.uk

www.twinkl.co.uk

www.classroomsecrets.co.uk

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.mathszone.co.uk

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.myminimaths.co.uk

www.plazoom.com

www.gonoodle.com

www.primaryresources.co.uk

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.

Joe Wicks Virtual PE
 Classes

Joe Wicks has revealed he will be running virtual PE classes to make sure kids are keeping fit from home as schools close for the foreseeable future amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The Body Coach, 33, told his followers he would be leading classes kids can do from their homes to make sure they are still getting some exercise. He said on Twitter: 'Hello everybody, I'm Joe Wicks – The Body Coach and I've got an exciting announcement to make. 'Starting Monday, every single day from Monday to Friday I'm going to do a live workout called PE with Joe on my Youtube Channel, TheBodyCoachTV. 'It's a workout specifically designed for kids because when the schools are closed there is no PE. Don't worry, I've got you – I'm going to take this over. 'I'm going to get your kids moving, feeling energised, positive, optimistic. So, tune in Monday morning 9am and every day Monday to Friday.



Durham and Chester-le-Street School Partnership

The whole School Sport Partnership Team have been working on developing the physical activity resources we have online to help families at home and teachers who are still in school.

Here is the direct link to the 'Home Resources' section of their website

<https://durhamcls-ssp.co.uk/home-resources/>

They now have the following sections which we are continuing adding new material to:

- Early Years Activity Cards
- Gemma's Fun Energising Dance Videos
- Home Activity Cards
- Online Activity Links
- Personal Best Challenges
- Zumba Video Routines

They are also putting regular fitness/skill challenge videos on our Facebook Page: **Durham & Chester-le-Street School Sport Partnership**

Parent's Guide to Cyber Safety

From Durham Constabulary's Cyber Protect Team:

Here are some great tips for parents on setting up the right controls and privacy settings to ensure their child stays safe online. You can find these in detail in our 'Parents Guide to Cyber Safety' advice booklet

[Parents Guide to Cyber Safety Book](#)

The booklet looks at the following areas:

Smart Devices

They are a number of different ways to secure your child's device within the phone settings. Some of these are **turning off location settings, blocking inappropriate content** and **disabling app purchasing**.

Broadband & Mobile Networks

Did you know you can restrict certain websites on devices connected to your home router? You can also use these settings to make the home Wi-Fi unavailable to a device after say 9pm for example!

Gaming

We look at questions to ask when buying a games console, such as if the console or games have **chat facilities**, is your child able to make **purchases** using their games console, or does your child's **gamertag** reveal their identity?

Social Media

There are many features that you can put in place to ensure social media is safe for your child, like ensuring accounts are **private** not public, filtering out **inappropriate comments** and setting up **two-factor authentication**.

There are also a number of websites that give detailed advice on staying safe online, such as:

www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls
www.ncsc.gov.uk
www.net-aware.org.uk
www.getsafeonline.org

Harbour

Harbour works with families and individuals who are affected by abuse from a partner, former partner or other family member.

If you or someone you know is being abused or being abusive to others the please use the information below:

- If in immediate danger always call **999**
- Harbour 24-hour support line 03000202525
- Email info@myharbour.org.uk
- Information available on myharbour.org.uk
- Harbour facebook page

National Helplines:

- National Domestic Violence Helpline 08082000247
- Men's Advice line, for male domestic abuse survivors 08088010327
- The Mix, free advice for under 25's in UK 08088084994
- National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline 08009995428
- Samaritans 24/7 116 123

Reading and Virtual Zoo

Hello everyone

I hope you've had enjoyed the sunshine this week with your family and done little bits of work here and there.

I think we need to give our mams, dads and everyone who's looked after us this

week a huge round of applause
They have done an amazing job!

Only one more week left and then it's

the Easter break

Earlier this week some parents were asking for reading books / resources for their children... sorry it's taken so long but I've been looking for good sites with age appropriate books on as well as finding ideas for what you could do with the children with your own books that may be too advanced for them at the moment. I will put the list below.

As a Friday treat why not have a trip to the zoo? Let's all go on a class visit to Chester Zoo – I have sent attached details of the virtual zoo visit starting at 10am. – head over to their Facebook

page to get the link

Have a wonderful weekend and I'd you need anything you know where I am, keep the photos and emails coming keeping me updated with the fun things your doing, and keep checking out the YouTube channel!

See you soon,

Some great site with reading books online for children to read with an adult:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

<https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/accounts/sign_up

Reading ideas for reception / year 1 / year 2 children:

Activity 1- get a book (story or reading book) pick a word and have a race as to who can find it first on that page.

Activity 2- find a word in the book and see how many words you can make rhyme with it, model writing them down or if your child is able let them write them.

Activity 3- play I spy with the pictures in the book use the soft sound not the letter. I spy with my little eye something beginning with S 'ssss'.

Watch jolly phonics on you tube phase 2 and 3 sounds to help you with pronouncing it if unsure.

Activity 4- write some key phrases from the story on paper and cut them into strips. Can your child read and order the events. (Or photocopy pages from the book and order them)

Activity 5- pick your favourite character from the story if you could ask them any question what would you ask them? What do you think they would say?

Activity 6- Tell a story together my turn, your turn.

You-Once upon a time there was

Child.....

You- He lived in

Child....

You-One day he decided to

Child...

Activity 7- read a story book to your child and get them to follow the text as your reading with their index finger.

Activity 8-tricky word (words children should know by sight as they cannot be sounded out phonetically) snap. Write down two sets of tricky words on scrap

paper and divide them into two piles. Play snap.

Phase 2 tricky words-I,no,go,to,the

Phase 3 tricky words-
he,she,we,me,be,was,you,they,are,all,m
y,her

Activity 9- read a simple story or traditional tale. Ask your child to draw and label a picture to explain what happens at the beginning then middle and end and put them in order.

Activity 10- pick a word or picture from the book and see how many describing words you can think of for example a cloud- fluffy, white, soft, large, like Cotten balls, as big as a snowman etc

Activity 11- hide the book from your child's sight and describe the setting/scene to your child and get them to draw it. When they are finished compare the setting to your child's drawing discuss how they are different. Can they describe it to you and you can draw it.

Before reading a new book you can also get your child to predict what will happen by looking at the title and front cover.

Whilst reading a book you can ask the children questions, for example 'what do you think is going to happen next?', or 'how do you think she is feeling now?'

Number Bonds

Useful number bonds games below:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<http://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/funkyMummy/index.html>

<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/index.html>

<http://flash.topmarks.co.uk/915>

Food for Thought

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Please see attached information for help to households in our area during this crisis.

[Food for Thought Newsletter](#)

Miss Grant's YouTube channel

Please see below for virtual learning and updates.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLT51Vqm9YTS5ulvmnwKpEQ?view_as=subscriber