

Autumn Term Newsletter



Our Virtual Harvest

During this half term, it would've been our annual Harvest Festival at our local church, a time which we celebrate with all of our family and friends. Instead of you all coming to see us at Church, this year we have brought Harvest to your homes.

We hope you enjoyed it

<https://youtu.be/HRRNdqzcDxQ>

Class 2 have been looking at 3D Shapes

This week we have worked super hard on our shape knowledge. We have impressed the adults in class with all of the mathematical vocabulary we now understand and can use. Ask us about it!



Punctuality

Thank you all so much for your great support this week in helping to keep everyone safe. The children came into

school better than we could ever have imagined .

Just a few reminders of control measures we have in place to reduce number of daily contacts.

-Please ensure you are aware of your child's pick up and drop off times and stick rigidly to these times to help the day run smoothly and keep bubbles apart- Your child's class teacher will collect children from the gate and they will be escorted into school to wash hands immediately.

-Children and parents must wait alongside school fence and not come to the door and ring buzzer. **If you are late you must ring the office to arrange an alternative drop off/pick up.**

Class 2's Art Work

Class 2 have had lots of fun creating art using natural materials. We worked hard with Mrs Shaw and Mrs Moore to look for different things we could use to create wonderful sculptures. Take a look at our creations



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.

Come to school in a Spooky Colour

We would normally during this half term hold a Halloween Disco for our children but unfortunately due to COVID we are not allowed. However, On Friday 23rd October we have said children can come to school wearing a spooky colour-green, orange, purple, black (no Halloween costumes please) and take part in some Halloween activities in their class bubble. Nettlesworth School Community Group have also purchased a treat for the children that day too and would like to thank them again for their continued support.

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.

Dog Fouling

School and parents/carers have noticed an increase of dog fouling next to the school grounds. We have reported it to Durham County Council. The Clean and Green Team are coming to cleanse the area and an Officer is going to patrol the area in an effort to catch the offenders. Dog fouling spoils the area and can cause serious health risks. Please can we ask that if you see anyone not cleaning up their dog's waste, that you report it to Durham County Council.

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.

We hope you all have a lovely half term holiday. Thank you for all your continued support. Children return to school Monday 2nd November