

Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome Back

Welcome back after half term. We all hope you have all had a lovely break.

Unfortunately we have all heard the news of a second lockdown, I am sure many of you will have very mixed emotions.

As a school, we are so pleased to remain open. It is lovely to see the children play, learn and look so happy with teachers and friends in their little bubbles.

I understand that you will all be worried but school/staff are doing everything they can to minimise risk and spreading, risk assessments are extremely robust and school/friends are really important for the children.

We will continue to do what we do best – offering your children the routine, security, love and support that is always there.

Punctuality

Thank you all so much for your continued great support in helping to keep everyone safe.

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.**

Parking Outside School

Car parking at the beginning and end of the school day is a problem at most primary schools. Children and parents arrive and depart in a relatively short period of time and this causes congestion.

School continues to work with our local PSCO to make them aware of the issues regarding parking outside school.

If you witness any actions outside school that concern you please can I ask that you report it to the police using the 101 number.

What can **you** do to help keep everyone safe around the school ?

Please don't:

Block the road, emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access

Park on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance

Park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways

Park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction

Expect drivers to reverse on to the main road

Park where you will cause inconvenience to other road users

Leave your vehicle with the engine still running

Stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off, even for a few seconds

Please walk to school if you can. If you have to come by car, try to share trips with friends or we can use the car park next to the community centre. **Parking on restricted areas or mounting the pavement is a traffic offence.**

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Class 3 Community Project

Class 3 felt very proud painting a community art project for the police. We illustrated **UNCRC Article 28**, every child has a right to an education. **UNCRC Article 31**, every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a range of cultural and artistic activities and **UNCRC Article 24**, every child has the right to best possible health. Governments must work to provide best possible healthcare, clean water, nutritious food. We look forward to seeing the artwork on display in Chester-le-Street.



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

Friday 13th November- Children in Need Day- children wear bright colours-£1 donation via parentpay

Thursday 19th November- Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 1st December- Christmas Card Post Box opens

-Christmas Tree Arrives

Monday 7th December- Reports to parents

Tuesday 8th December- Class 3/4 virtual Christmas Performance

Thursday 10th December- Class 1/2 virtual Christmas Performance

Tuesday 15th December- Virtual Christingle Service

Wednesday 16th December-Christmas Dinner

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

Thursday 17th December- Class 1 Christmas Party- 1.00pm-2.00pm

Class 2 Christmas Party- 2.10pm-3.10pm

Friday 18th December- Class 3 Christmas Party- 1.00pm-2.00pm

Class 4 Christmas Party- 2.10pm-3.10pm

End of Term

Tuesday 5th January- Children return to school

Further letters will follow about different events.

PLEASE NOTE- NO AFTER SCHOOL TUITION CLUBS WEEK BEGINNING 14TH DECEMBER.

CLUBS WILL RESUME WEEK BEGINNING 11TH JANUARY 2021

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

Thankyou to Nettlesworth Community Group for our lovely Halloween treats at the end of half term.





Enchanted Woodland

Class2 found a fairy garden!

Mrs Miller spotted something sparkly so we went to investigate.

We were so surprised to find a fairy door and a little note.

We discussed the note we had found and thought of questions we would like to find the answer to.

How exciting!

