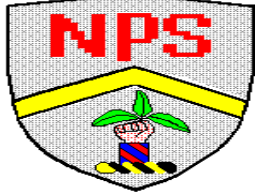


Autumn Term Newsletter



Durham Big Sing

We had lots of fun joining in with Durham Music Services Big Sing Christmas show. We loved listening to the brass band play and joined in singing lots of different songs!



What on elf?

We came into school to discover that the classrooms had been over run by cheeky elves! We need to work hard this week to get them back on Santa's nice list so they can help him make all of the toys in time for Christmas!





Reporting a Positive Case

Informing us of a Positive Case during the Christmas Holidays.

The procedure to follow from Saturday 19th December:

If your child- Develops symptoms between the end of school on 18th December and 4pm Sunday 20th December and has confirmation of a positive test result on or at any time before 24th December, you must inform school immediately via email to the school website or email to d.lee103@durhamlearning.net

If your child- Develops symptoms after 4pm on Sunday 20th December and has a confirmation of a positive test result, you do not need to inform school.

In the instance where school receives a notification of a positive case, all close contacts will be informed and advised of the required actions. This message will be via text or email.

Prior to return to school Tuesday 5th January 2021

If you have had any confirmed cases of COVID 19 over the holiday period which may have an impact on school, please contact the school on the morning of 5th January. If you are unsure whether your child is able to attend or not please check with the school first.

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

Tuesday 15th December- Virtual Christingle Service - a text/email will be sent out to parents/carers when service is added to school website.

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

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Friday 18th December- Class 3 Christmas Party- 1.00pm-2.00pm
Class 4 Christmas Party- 2.10pm-3.10pm

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End of Term

Tuesday 5th January- Children return to school

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

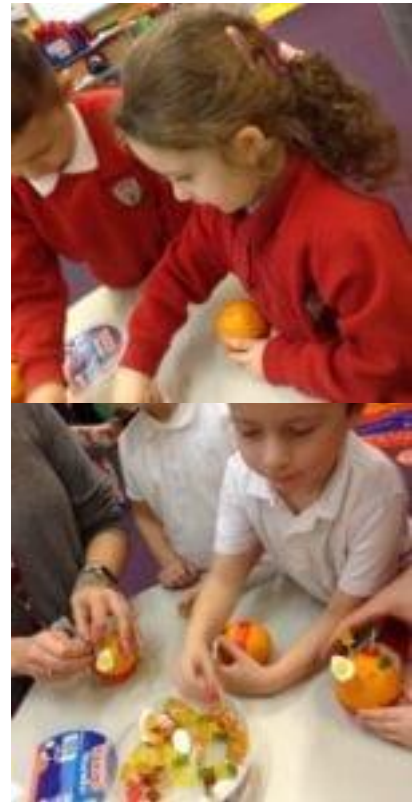
Christmas Crafts

We have been getting into the festive spirit in class 1, making our Christmas calendars, cards and tree decorations to take home – Have a very Merry Christmas from our home to yours



Virtual Christingle

Class 1 have had soooo much fun creating their Christingle Orange and learning about what all of the different parts of it mean to the Christian religion



Futsal in Class 4 – UNCRC Article 29 (goals of education)

We think it is fair to say that we are all quite impressed with the development of our Futsal skills. We have organised a round robin

competition within our lessons to utilise the skills gained and to work as part of a team and gain points.

We are all loving this new sport.



The children were all amazing and we are truly proud of them all.

REMINDERS

On **Wednesday 16th December** we will be serving Christmas Dinner. The cost for the meal is the same as a normal school lunch (£2.10) which can be paid via Parentpay.

On this day we are also having **Christmas Jumper Day** where you are invited to send your child to school wearing their Christmas jumper pay a donation of £1 via parentpay. All funds raised will go to St Cuthbert's Hospice.



Christmas Party/Disco

On **Thursday 17th December** we will be holding a Christmas party for Class 1 and Class 2 bubbles. The event is funded by Nettlesworth School Community Group who are also organising a small gift for the children. Children are to come in school in their party clothes. The party will start at **1.00pm** and end at **2.00pm** for Class 1. The party will start at **2.10pm** and end at **3.10pm** for Class 2.



Virtual Nativity

Class 1 & 2 were so excited to bring to your screens their first ever virtual nativity.

Class 3 & 4 were also pleased to bring to your screens their first ever virtual nativity.

On **Friday 18th December** we will be holding a Christmas party for Class 3 and Class 4 bubbles. The event is funded by Nettlesworth School Community Group who are also organising a small gift for the children. Children are to come in school in their party clothes. The

party will start at **1.00pm and end at 2.00pm** for Class 3. The party will start at **2.10pm and end at 3.10pm** for Class 4.

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