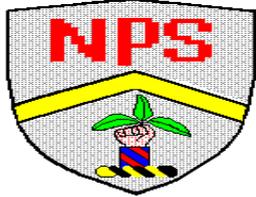


Autumn Term Newsletter



Can my child go to school?

[Can my child go to school today](#)

HEALTH and education experts are offering help and advice to parents on when they can safely send their child to school.

County Durham Care Partnership, which brings together NHS organisations, Durham County Council and other providers to deliver improved, joined up health and social care services, has created an easy-read chart to help parents who are unsure if their child should stay at home or go to class.

The information follows Government guidelines on spotting the signs of Covid-19.

Sarah Burns, head of integrated strategic commissioning for Durham County Council and NHS County Durham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said: "Since pupils returned to schools earlier this month we have become very aware of the increased demand on NHS111 and GP practices from worried parents.

"We know that when it can be difficult for parents to decide if they

should send their child to school during the ongoing pandemic. This infographic has been designed by our local GPs to help inform parents what to do if they worry that their child may be unwell.

"If children are showing signs of Covid-19, a high temperature, a continuous cough or loss of smell or taste then we would recommend that the whole household self-isolate and book a test. All members of the household must stay at home until the test results are known.

"Similarly if children have diarrhoea and vomiting then we would recommend that they remain off school for at least 48 hours or until they feel well enough to return, as tummy bugs can also be very contagious.

"But as long as your child is feeling well, has not otherwise been told to self-isolate and there are no other household members with COVID symptoms, then it is ok to send them to school."

Parents should continue to seek help from their GP if needed or contact NHS111 if their surgery is closed."

For further guidance visit: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

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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.

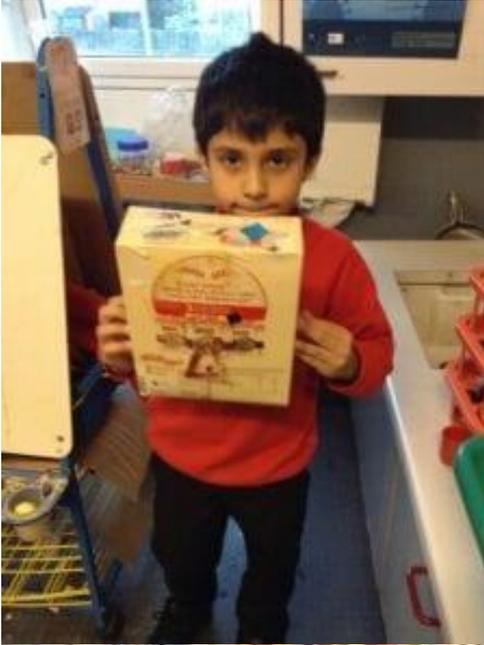
-Please **ensure you are aware of your child's pick up and drop off times and stick rigidly to these times to help the day run smoothly** and keep bubbles apart- Your child's class teacher will collect children from the gate and they will be escorted into school to wash hands immediately.

-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.**

Class 2 have been making Fairy Houses

We made our lovely fairy houses... don't they look great! We used different tools to join the materials together. We also look at how we could make the house colourful and bright for all of the fairies!

This half term we looking at the topic of Enchanted Woodland. We are having so much fun looking at natural materials and building fairy gardens as well as fairy houses.



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

Monday 7th December- Reports to parents

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

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

2pm- Christmas Big Sing

Friday 11th December- Virtual
Pantomime in Class Bubbles

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 Community
Group*

Nettlesworth Community Group have
arranged a virtual pantomime performance
of Aladdin for the children as a Christmas
treat. The children will be watching the
performance on Friday 11th December in
the afternoon.

The group are also providing party treat
bags for the children when we have our
Christmas parties. We would like to say a
big thankyou for their continued support.

Class 3 Forest School

Class 3 had so much fun doing
Forest School with Rio. We made
our own maps with charcoal from
Willow trees and worked in teams to
make leaf beds!



**Christmas has arrived at
school**

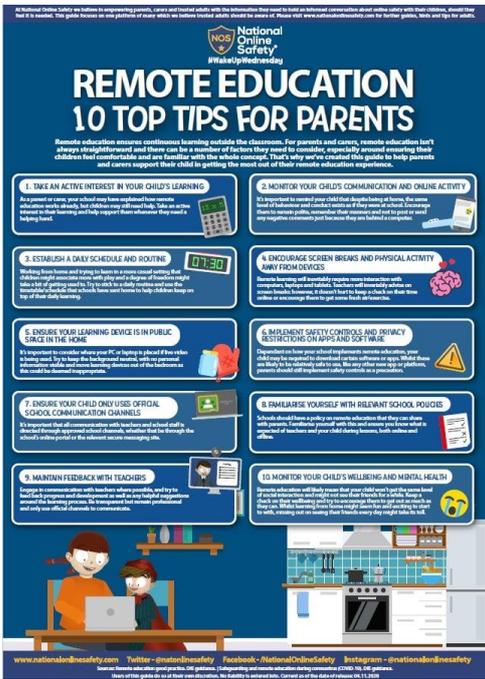
Christmas has arrived in class 2! We
had lots of fun putting up our
decorations and listening to the
Christmas Story. Look at how
wonderful our tree looks!







Remote Education Top Tips for Parents



Food for Thought Project

Although we are all hopeful that the lockdown will ease and we get used to the "new normal" we also know that providing help for those in need within our community remains a vital service. Sacriston Youth Project

working with delivery partners Nettleworth Community Centre, Kimblesworth and Plawsworth Task Force, Changing Lives and Sacriston Salvation Army, remain committed to providing the free services of the Food for Thought Project.

- Care Packages
- Hot Food Provision Information,
- Advice and Guidance
- Telephone and Doorstep Befriending

Community Shelves Christmas Support

Prescription Collection

E: christmas@sacristonyouthproject.co.uk

E: foodbank@sacristonyouthproject.co.uk

T: 0191 9097474

Class 3 's Science

We planned and created our own mini parachutes using a selection of materials. We watched what happened as we dropped our parachutes at different heights.





Decorating the Christmas Tree in Class Bubbles

We had great fun decorating our school Christmas Tree then listening to Twas the Night Before Christmas. It took a lot longer to decorate the tree this year in our bubbles than last year!

