

Spring Term Newsletter



First Week Back and Welcome Back

It was lovely to see the children again as they returned to school this week. We have missed them all so much and were overwhelmed how well they came and settled into school. The children are an asset to the school and a credit to you all. Thank you again for all your support during remote learning and your continued support.

What a wonderful surprise waiting for the children as they left school on Monday – a super end to an even more super day of us all coming back together! 😊





Parent Guidance-Back to School

From Monday the 8th of March, let's all get back to school safely.

Read our parent guidance to find out more: [gov.uk/backtoschool](https://www.gov.uk/backtoschool)

Online Resources Relating to Coronavirus

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- o [Storicise](#) (website) has been created to bring together knowledge,

- resources and activities to help both younger and older children as they explore, learn, share and discuss the impact of Covid-19.
- [Talking about Coronavirus with Children](#) (Engage Education website).
 - [Covid-19: Child-led learning resource](#) (PDF, 5MB) on The Economist Educational Foundation website.
 - [Dave the Dog is worried about coronavirus](#) (Nurse Dotty Books website) – a story book for young children that aims to help them learn about coronavirus without fear.
 - [The coronavirus explained and what you should do](#) (YouTube Video, Kurzgesagt – In a Nutshell) – an excellent, informative animated video, explaining how the virus works and what we need to do to defeat it. Suitable for older children.
 - [Coronavirus](#) (BrainPop website) – a range of resources to help children learn about the coronavirus, viruses generally, the history of microscopy etc. Includes an excellent animated video and quizzes.

- [Talking to kids about the coronavirus](#) (Child Mind Institute website).
- [Talking with children about Coronavirus Disease 2019](#) (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website).
- [Coronavirus: A book for children](#) (PDF, 16MB) on the Nosy Crow website – Illustrated by Gruffalo illustrator Axel Scheffler.
- [Maria and all the Grannies \(Nonnas\) of the World : A story of kindness during the 2020 Coronavirus crisis](#) (Vimeo video) – a video storybook.
- [Translations of Maria and all the Grannies \(Nonnas\) of the World : A story of kindness during the 2020 Coronavirus crisis](#) (Issuu website) – available in 4 languages (English, Italian, Spanish and French).
- [Charlie and the C Monsters](#) – a six-minute animated film and accompanying comic/colouring book to explain without words how Covid-19 is spread and prevented. Designed to help deliver this important public health message non-verbally (e.g. for children and adults with SEN or for

whom English isn't a first language).

Back to School Anxiety Support Resources

School are mindful that returning to school may come with its difficulties for some families and young people. With this in mind the NHS Mental Health Team have created some resources that will hopefully support those young people and families to have a successful return to education.

One has been created to be given directly to the young person this is suitable for year 6 students. The other resource has been created to be given to parents and/or carers in order for you to support the young person to utilise the techniques.

[back to school anxiety support for young people](#)

[back to school anxiety support for parentscarers](#)

Diary Dates

Mon 8th March- Children return to school

Wed 10th March- Maths Day

Fri 12th March- Science Day

W/B Mon 15th March- Parents Telephone Meetings

Fri 19th March- Reports to Parents given out

- o Red Nose Day- £1 donation paid via parentpay

Fri 24th March- Easter Egg Competition held in Class Bubbles

Thur 25th March- Wear a Hat Day- Brain Tumour Awareness- £1 donation via parentpay

Fri 26th March- Earth Hour 2-3pm- End of Term

Tue 13th April- Children Return Back to School

Further letters/details will follow about each event

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.

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

Attendance

From 8 March, school attendance will be mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply. As a reminder, your child should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- o Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- o Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- o Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

In line with the latest government guidance, pupils who are clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school.

If your child is in this group, they should continue to learn from home until further notice.

For pupils who are self-isolating or shielding, we'll:

- o Continue to provide our remote learning offer via DB Primary and TEAMS daily sessions.

Please see link below for information on our school website about our remote learning offer.

<https://www.nettlesworth.durham.sch.uk/parents/remote-learning/>

Gathering at School Gates

01 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Gatherings at School Gates

As children and young people are returning to schools over the next few weeks, I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents, grandparents and carers to be mindful of the importance of social distance when dropping off and collecting their children from the school gates.

We know that many children are returning back to school, and parents and children may be excited to see each other and gathering at the school gates. However, I would like to remind everyone on the school run that Covid19 is still circulating in the community and we all need to continue to work together to reduce the transmission of the virus.

I would urge parents to be mindful of the coronavirus guidance and work with us and the school to keep everyone safe by keeping more than 2 metres apart wherever possible from people outside your household, to prevent the spread of Covid19.

School leaders are working hard to make sure that children are safe in school and that the risk of the virus

spreading is minimised. We all have a responsibility to keep our communities safe and we need the support of parents, grandparents and carers when they are at the school gates.

The most recent guidance is set out in the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

Please keep your distance, please do not gather in groups and remember:

HANDS Wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds.

FACE Wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.

SPACE Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings or increasing ventilation indoors)

Together we can make a difference if we all play our part to keep each other safe.

We appreciate your ongoing support which is helping to keep our schools open and your children in education.

Yours faithfully

Richard Crane

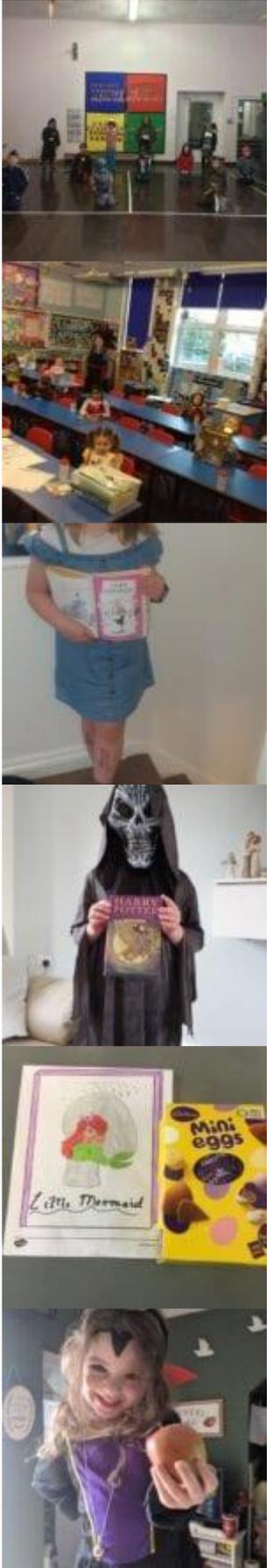
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World Book Day Photos:





Bread and Butter Thing

Save over £20 a week on your shopping.

Send us a text to 07537416040 to get your first order free.

Hi, we are a charity called The Bread and Butter Thing (TBBT) and we are trying to help people and families to get by. With support from the team at The Durham Federation, we are coming to your area on Wednesday 10th March at 1pm.

We provide weekly groceries at a fraction of the high street prices through our membership scheme. We will try and always give you some fruit and veg and something for your cupboards and fridge and we are slowly building our supply.

We get supplies from the stuff that you hear about in the news going to waste, it comes from supermarkets, factories and farms.

Like a veg box scheme, there's very little choice in what you'll get from us but for different reasons. Our food is given to us because it's not quite right for the supermarkets. There's lots of reasons for this, sometimes there is just too much of something or things don't go to plan, like when it rains in the summer when we are all planning BBQs. The

supermarkets try and guess what customers want (and they are generally really good at this) but when their planning goes wrong, they have food they cannot sell.

There are so many reasons why food doesn't get to the supermarkets at different times of the year. We take what is available and make up food bags for our members. Like veg boxes, we will give you whatever is available at the time and that tends to change daily. The food you get will change from week to week. Some weeks are fantastic and some less so. However, you will always be saving money and getting new foods to try. Most members tell us that they tend to collect food from TBBT and 'top up' from the supermarket once they have seen what we provide.

Because we don't let you choose what is in the parcel, we can afford to provide things really cheaply, we believe cheaper than you will find anywhere else. AND, because it's a bit of a new thing, we let you sign up and try us out for free.

So, sign up for your first delivery free. Turn over this leaflet to find out how...

The Bread and Butter Thing is a charity registered in England and Wales, registered no. 1169383. It's really easy to sign up to TBBT...

Step 1 – Send us a text to 07537 416 040 along with your full name, postcode, and the name of the hub you will be collecting from (Durham Federation).

Step 2 – Select the size of order you

want to receive.

A typical family order would be £7.50, an individual would be £4. An extra-large family would be £15.

Step 3 – We'll send you a text to see if you want an order. All you have to do is reply "YES" to the text by 10:00AM every Tuesday. We'll deliver your order to Durham Federation every Wednesday at 1pm.

Step 4 – Collect and pay for your goods from Durham Federation.

A typical order is three shopping bags, one of fridge goods, one of cupboard goods and one full of fruit and veg, this costs £7.50. The goods will change depending on what is available on the day. Remember that the bags vary from day to day so some weeks the savings will be greater than others.

However, you will always be paying much less than in the shops. Very occasionally, if food donations that day are low, we will not have enough for the 3 bags. In this case, we will lower the price. We want you to feel we are making a difference to your weekly food bills. Drop us a line and try it out. There is no commitment, if you want an order just reply to the weekly text you receive on the day you get it.

TBBT will be delivering Wednesdays and pick-up time will be 1.00pm. Your first order will be free of charge, so try us out at no cost to you

Sacriston Youth Project

Free holiday club at Nettlesworth Community Centre on 31st March, 7th April and 12th April 8:30-5:30. Here is the link to book [Book Online | SYP](#)

(sacristonyouthproject.co.uk) More information on our facebook page

Home testing for coronavirus (COVID-19) for parents, carers and childcare and support bubbles

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Maths Day – 10.3.21

Everyone really enjoyed maths day today!

Mr Graham worked on fractions, decimals and percentages with each class, Mrs Morton covered statistics, Miss Milburn practiced calculations and Mrs Plant explored geometry. Great job everyone!



