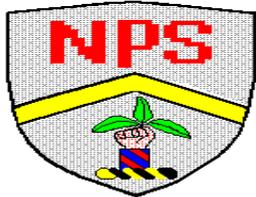


# Autumn Term Newsletter



## New Sports Leaders and Playground Buddies

We would like to introduce our brand new Playground Buddies and Sports Leaders!

Before the summer the some children from year 2 volunteered to become playground buddies and worked super hard to train with Mr Beveridge. They are now fully trained and ready to support our Sports Leaders and children at playtimes. A massive well done to these children!



In KS2 several children trained to become Sports Leaders. These children also worked super hard with Mr Beveridge and are now qualified! They will be helping teachers run PE lessons, as well as leading games at playtimes and helping to run clubs and events with Mrs Aspinall. Look out for all of their hard work. Again a huge congratulations to these children too!



We are super proud of you all

## EYFS/KS1 Briefing

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who came along to our afterschool Phonics Launch, where we discussed our new scheme of reading books that match directly with the Read Write Inc. programme that we deliver daily in school.

It was great to have you all back in our happy place and to see so many of your questions regarding teaching your children to read at home being addressed.

For those of you who were unable to make it I have attached the PowerPoints and some useful links that will help you begin your child's reading journey. Additionally, we have sent a copy of the letters given out to the parents to every child.

Thanks once again for your continued support – if you have

any other questions then please

do not hesitate to contact us

[Intro to Read Write Inc Parent Meeting Powerpoint](#)

## Punctuality

It is great to see so many children arriving to school on time and being involved in their learning right from the beginning of the day. Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 begin their phonics sessions at 8.45 am and Class 4 and Class 5 begin their challenge time activities at 8.45 am.

We also have co-ordination programmes, reading/maths/speech and language interventions and lego therapy running at that time. Thank you so much to parents/carers for your continued support.

## RSE Focus Group

Thankyou to those who attended help review our relationships and sex education (RSE) curriculum and policy, so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age
  - Physical and emotional maturity
  - Religious and cultural backgrounds
  - Special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)
- [rse primary schools guide for parents](#)

## Holidays in Term Time

Our school attendance last year increased to 97.13%. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.nettlesworth.durham.sch.uk) for diary dates, latest news, celebrations, advice and information.

## Diary Dates

For First Half Term:

W/B 20<sup>th</sup> September-After School Clubs begin. (We now have to use parent

pay for all payments and become a cashless system-thank you for your patience)

Fri 24<sup>h</sup> Sep- Class 5 visit to Eden Camp

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Sep- Class 4- Tri Golf at Maiden Castle

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Sep- Class 5 Durham City Gymnastics-Sherburn Leisure Centre

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Oct- Individual Class Photographs

Thur 21<sup>st</sup> Oct- Halloween Disco

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct- End of Half Term

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Nov- Children return to school

W/B 1<sup>st</sup> Nov- Parent appointments (after school clubs will be cancelled this week)

Further letters will follow about different events.

## 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

## PE Kit

Please could children remember to bring PE kit on a Monday and leave it at school until Friday. Each class has certain days on the timetable but we constantly have coaches and sporting experiences for the children so days can change. We are a Sainsbury's Games Platinum Mark School and now have the AFPE (Association for Physical Education) award which is given to schools who promote and maintain high standards and safe practice in all aspects of PE. Many Thanks.

## Liz Million visits Nettlesworth

Today we had the wonderful opportunity to work Liz Million, author and illustrator of children's books!

She worked with every child in the school; giving them talks which were linked to the new

Autumn 1 topics that could only be described as inspirational, fun and very motivating. She showed us how to write stories using pictures, demonstrated drawing colourful characters from her books and there was some fun story telling with lots of audience participation – what a way to launch our new class topics!





### Roald Dahl Day 2021

We had such a fantastic day, celebrating all things Roald Dahl today.

The children all looked amazing in their costumes and wearing yummy yellow – his favourite colour! There were some outstanding homemade costumes that must have taken so long to make.

The children all came together in assembly to celebrate Roald Dahl

and the children then took part in various Roald Dahl activities in their classrooms throughout the day.



### Inter House Competition

Today Darren from the SSP came into school to carry out our first Inter-house Competition of the year. Our brand new Sports Leaders worked with him to set up 5 throwing events for classes 1, 2 and 3. All of our children amazed us and tried so hard to win points for their teams. We cant wait to see the overall scores on the doors!

UNCRC 29 – education must develop talents.



# Future Boxing Champions

## UNCRC Article 29 (goals of education)

Well done to our children who have shown a potential future career in Boxing. They all attend clubs outside of school and are delighted with their recent achievements. We are all very proud of you.

There are also photos from the sparing day including photos of the boys with GB silver medalist Pat McCormack and Luke McCormack.



### Our First Full Week Highlights...Reception

This week we have really got to grips with our new routines and Mrs Morton and the staff are soooo proud of us. We now play outside with the whole school as well as eat our lunch with them which is super cool!







*First Day Back-Year 1*

We all had lots of fun exploring the classroom and playing with all of our friends. We have had such a busy day and are looking forward to tomorrow!

**UNCRC 15 – meet with other children**



Class 4 worked together to make our UNCRC Class Charter. I was so impressed with all the children as they all joined in and were keen to share their share ideas!



**Mini GNR**

We are so proud of our little runners Jasleen, Praitm and Sophie. They have completed the mini GNR this weekend. Well done guys, you are amazing! And well done to any adults that also ran on Sunday too.

