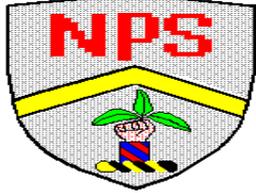


Spring Term Newsletter



Welcome Back

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope enjoyed the Christmas Holidays and had some lovely quality family time. We are pleased this week to welcome back all of our children and we wish you all the very best for 2022. I am just writing to send out a reminder of practices in place to mitigate as much as possible against COVID and to update you on slight changes.

Further Preventative Measures

The school continues to maintain an enhanced cleaning regime and to ensure ventilation of indoor spaces alongside a comfortable learning environment. Frequent and regular hand cleaning continues to be regular practice in school. Children shall have their hands sanitised by staff members upon entering the school and at regular times during the day.

Children with Symptoms

If a child develops COVID-19 symptoms, they should not come into school and should self-isolate. They

should get a PCR test to check if they have COVID as soon as possible.

A negative result means it is likely they are not infectious, and they no longer need to self-isolate. If they still feel unwell after a negative test, they should stay at home until they are feeling better. Contact 111 or your GP if symptoms get worse or do not go away. If they develop COVID symptoms after the test, they need to be tested again.

A positive result means they should continue to self-isolate. See below.

Children who Test Positive

If a child tests positive, they should not come into school and should self-isolate. If the positive test is via a LFD, they should seek a confirmatory PCR test.

The self-isolation period includes the day symptoms started (or the day of the test if they have no symptoms) and the next 10 full days. If they develop symptoms while self-isolating, the 10 days restart from the day after the symptoms started.

They can stop self-isolating after 7 days if they do a rapid lateral flow test on days 6 and 7 of the self-isolation period and:

- both tests are negative
- they did both tests at least 24 hours apart

- they do not have a high temperature

If either test is positive, they should continue to isolate for the full 10 days. They can stop self-isolating after the 10 days if either:

- they have no symptoms
- they just have a cough or changes to their sense of smell or taste – these can last for weeks after the infection has gone

If they have a high temperature after the 10 days, or are feeling unwell, they should keep self-isolating and seek medical advice.

Close Contacts

If a child lives with or is a close contact of someone with COVID, they do not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated – i.e. 14 days have passed since their final dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine.
- they are under 18 years and 6 months old.
- they are not able to be vaccinated for medical reasons.

- they are taking part or have taken part in an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial.

However, even if they do not have symptoms, they are still advised to do daily lateral flow tests (1 a day for 7 days) to protect themselves and others from COVID.

If the above conditions do not apply, they should follow the following self-isolation guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>

Thank you in advance for your continued vigilance. We hope that by following the above measures we can ensure the best continuity for our children's' education while also keeping everyone safe.

Our Christmas Party

UNCRC Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)

What a fabulous treat we all has at the end of term; our

CHRISTMAS PARTY

We all demonstrated our Rights Respecting Gold attitudes whilst playing party games, dancing and eating party food.

once again, well done to our wonderful children.

Thankyou to Nettlesworth School Community Group for our selection boxes.







won a Tesco gift voucher and a bag full of chocolate! we hope you enjoy your prize!!!

Super proud of you Jake



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 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.nettleworth.durham.sch.uk for diary dates, latest news, celebrations, advice and information.

Diary Dates

For First Half Term:

- Wed 5th Jan- Children return to school
- Thur 6th Jan- Adam Bushnell visit to school
- Wed 12th Jan- Class 2 Gymnastics Festival Sherburn Leisure Centre
- Wed 19th Jan- Class 1 and 2 Trip to Washington Wetlands

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.



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 lexia.

Congratulations Jake

At the end of term, class 2 entered a colouring competition at Tesco in Chester le Street. All of our lovely pictures are on display in store. But we had amazing news! One of our friends won a prize!

A massive well done to Jake for a beautifully coloured in picture. He