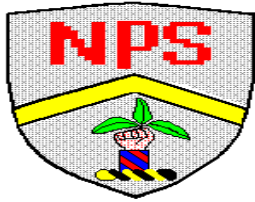


# Autumn Term Newsletter



## Halloween Disco 2022

We held our annual Halloween disco for the children who wanted to come along afterschool. We had lots of fun dancing, playing games and socialising with our

friends







## Memory Box Class 2

Welcome back!

We are excited to start our new topic for the half term Memory Box! We cant wait for your engagement task, an afternoon tea with our parents!

Take a look at what we will be doing .....

Can you remember being small? Do you recall a favourite toy, maybe a teddy bear or a favourite book? Look back at family photos of special occasions, perhaps holiday snapshots or a birthday or two. Learn how to write a diary of days gone by and find out about the days before you were born: it's called history and it's all about the past. Then make a special box, a memory box, to keep special things safe. In years to come, you can revisit them and remember how you looked when you were young. Memories are special. Let's make some more.

Autumn 2 letter

*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.

### *Holidays in Term Time*

Our school attendance last year decreased to 95%. Our school attendance target is 96%. This target is National Average and therefore now slightly below. 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. Thankyou for your support

### *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*

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Nov- Class 3 Multiskills-New College

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Nov- Class 5- visit from Police to talk about Hate Crime

Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Nov- Cross Country Team/New College

Thur 10<sup>th</sup> Nov- Maths Day

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Nov- Remembrance Service at school for children

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Nov- CRISIS CHARITY- Class 5 School Sleepover

Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Nov- Athletics-Class 5- Maiden Castle

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Nov- Class 4 Trip to Beamish/STEM/Science/Engineering Project

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov- Children in Need Parliamentary Coffee Morning

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec- End of Term Reports to Parents/Carers

Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Dec- Class 4/5 Christmas Nativity Performance

Thur 8<sup>th</sup> Dec- Class 1/2/3 Christmas Nativity Performance

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Dec- Christmas Fair

Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Dec- Christingle Service

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec- Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day

Thur 15<sup>th</sup> Dec- Christmas Party

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec- Elf Run for St Cuthberts Hospice

Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Dec- End of Term

Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Jan- Children return to school

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.

**Rights Respecting School**

We are immensely proud to be a [UNICEF Rights Respecting School](#) Gold School.



UNCRC Article 12 – Children have the right to say what they think should happen when adults are making decisions that affect them, and to have their opinions taken in to account.

As a Rights Respecting school we are an organisation which promotes equality and the UNCRC articles giving children in our care a high level of pupil voice and participation as well as striving to educate them to become all round Global citizens.

We are also a Rights Respecting Ambassador School, where we work with other schools to help promote and achieve Rights Respecting Schools Award

A large part of this work is the creation of **Charters** – agreements between the children and adults in school about what actions both groups will take to help promote the UNCRC articles.

Groups of children in a class will choose an article that they feel is important to them and think about what actions they as children can take to help themselves and others globally to make that article work.

Adults in school will think about what actions they can take to do the same. Together, class, whole school and playground charters are created which helps to make our school a thoughtful, reflective place to learn, work and play.

[Class 2 and 3's Reading Reward!](#)

Class 2 and 3 have had a lovely afternoon, celebrating their effort to read at home. Both classes have managed to fill their reading rewards and therefore have had a chocolate fountain and film afternoon. We have had lots of well deserved treats and the children loved it!

Well done class 2 and 3, have a lovely half term!



[Super Dancers](#)

We had a treat in our celebration assembly .... the 12 children who have worked with Gemma from the SSP to make dance videos gave us a preview. We were all very impressed with their dance moves and cant wait to see the official video.



**Class 3 Topic Engagement – Towers, Tunnels and Turrets!**

To launch our new topic, we held our very own Royal Banquet. We all made our crowns and were living the lives of Kings and Queens. We also began to learn about castle life.



### Welcome back from Class 4!

Welcome back everyone! This half term, we are so excited to be working on our new Cornerstones topic of Mighty Metals! We are so looking forward to our topic engagement – a trip to our local park to see how the equipment works, why it's made out of the material it is and if we could recreate any of the mechanisms at school!

### Welcome Back from Class 5

This half term in Class 5, we are looking forward to learning about our new topic - Allotment...

*Let's grow! A crispy carrot, a luscious lettuce or a tasty tomato. Dig deep and put your back into it, making your own tubs and planters and nurturing your greens.*

*Harvest your crops and make soups and dishes of seasonal foods that taste delicious. Learn about farms and where food comes from, writing reports on wide produce.*

*Discover which allotments are closest to your school and open the door to the secret garden. After all your hard work, have your fingers gone green?*