



NETHERTHONG NEWS

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

(Subject to
change!)

DECEMBER

11th—Pantomime
in school

18th—last day of
term

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Remote Learning/ Acceptable Use Policy

We were delighted to have children who were self-isolating join us for our merit assembly last week via Teams. All classes have now held an online session to prepare children should they have to self isolate, (we hope you all enjoyed them!).

Work is set on Microsoft Teams when children cannot attend school to minimise any impact of missing time at school and children are able to join some of their lessons virtually.

Homework will also now be set on Teams instead of the class blogs, which will continue to be used to celebrate class activities.

Please do continue to familiarise yourselves with Teams!

Clubs

We are delighted that our gardener, Mike, has been running his very popular bushcraft sessions during lunchtimes and running sessions in class time for the KS2 children. The children have made very imaginative mini dens, completed a bridge challenge and a tripod/campfire challenge. The sessions are having an extremely positive effect on the children's well-being.

We will also be running some after school online clubs in the new year for the children, including Spanish, Japanese and an activity club. More information will be sent out later this term.

Poppy Appeal

We raised a brilliant **£225.20** this year for this worthwhile cause. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.



Cross Country

Pennine Sports Partnership has run an intra-school cross country competition over the last few weeks which the children thoroughly enjoyed. They all rose to the challenge of working in teams of school houses enduring muddy conditions and different weather each week. Congratulations to the Stewart house who won the event. Well done everyone for your enthusiasm and perseverance.



Wellbeing and Healthy Eating

The impact of lockdown, both mentally and physically, on us all is huge. For children in particular, missing many of the out of school activities that keep them healthy and fit, can have a detrimental effect.

There are many resources out there that can help and advise; a good starting point is the [NHS Change4life](#). Please do click on this link and have a look.

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Progress

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Acceptable Use Policy

Teaching lessons remotely and online

At Netherthong Primary School, we are using Microsoft Teams in the event that we will have to move to remote learning. Your child's class teacher will upload work to be completed on Microsoft Teams and on some occasions, lessons may be delivered on a video conference. Microsoft Teams allows the children to submit work electronically and receive feedback, similar to having their work marked in school. Any video conference lessons will be added to child's account. Please read the following guide to ensure you and your child are aware of the rules regarding remote learning.

Safeguarding

- All the rules for safe, professional behaviour that apply at school still apply online.
- All teachers have been given advice about delivering remote lessons safely.
- All our teachers have been safely recruited, have up-to-date training, have undergone enhanced DBS checks and are experienced professionals.
- All lesson invitations and work tasks will go to your child's Microsoft Teams account.
- Parents will be asked to confirm they have read this guide when it is sent home with their child.
- Parents/carers are encouraged to remain in the room and must always be in earshot of the lesson - other children should not be present if possible.
- Teachers can mute participants and end the lesson at any time and have been instructed to end immediately if anything happens that they feel uncomfortable about.
- If anything happens that you as a parent feel uncomfortable about you should report it to your child's class teacher.

Setting up the system

- Microsoft Teams is a safe system and all teachers will be using their school email addresses.
- In the unlikely event of an unknown third party infiltrating the lesson, you must end the meeting immediately – this will be reported by the teacher when the session has ended
- If you have problems with video, or feel that you would prefer not to use it, then teachers can deliver the lesson using audio only.
- If you have technical difficulties with accessing the lesson, ask your teacher for advice and they will do their best to help you

Lesson Preparation

- Select a suitable room where your child will not be disturbed – **avoid using their bedroom unless there is no alternative.**
- Try to ensure that external noise will not affect the lesson – sometimes your child's teacher may ask for them to mute their sound.
- Some areas of your house may be better than others in terms of the Wi-fi connection.
- Pupils must be dressed appropriately in daytime clothing – teachers will not deliver the lesson if a child is not appropriately dressed.
- Remind your child/ren that this is a lesson situation and not a social media interaction and they should speak and behave appropriately as they would in a school lesson.