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Newsletter 13

The Values theme this half-term: Friendship

Value of the week: We are all STARS!

Dear Parents and Children

Well here we are at the end of a very long term and so much has changed and been achieved. Can I say a huge thank you to the staff who have put up with me for the term, and have been so supportive and have really rallied round what we are doing as a school. Without them, nothing would be possible. I realise it has been a funny end of term with staff illness etc but hopefully 2017 will see us all back on form - more of that later in the letter...

Our Outstanding Pupils of the Week

Great encouragement from our Green Jumpers last week - supporting one another and helping wherever they could - well done!



'Children are at the heart of the decisions we make'



Christmas Fair - WOWZERS!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the fair, and to everyone who came along and spent their money! We raised over £1000 on the night which is incredible and will go a long way in 2017!! Thank you to all of the companies, people and shops who also donated Raffle Prizes - I was amazed by the number of winners!

End of term

Term ends this Friday at 1:30pm as usual for the end of a term. Please make sure someone is there to collect your child on time. Our new term will start on the 5th January for children - staff are in for training on the 4th.

Year 6 children attending the launch of the new submarine MUST be in uniform for the morning but can bring a Christmas jumper to get changed into on our return!



Christmas Service at Church

On Thursday we will all be travelling to St Mary's Church for our Christmas Story and you are all invited to join us. We will be starting at 10am in church and would love to see you there.

Christmas Parties

Apologies that this has only just been sent out - it's been a busy term to say the least! And then the invitation for Year 6 to see the launch of the new submarine caused a problem.

Right - KS1 are having their Christmas Party on Friday and KS2 will have theirs, together with a movie, on Wednesday. Full details were sent out yesterday so hopefully it is now all clear...fingers crossed!



And finally...

As you all know we have had a few staff absences this term with one thing and another, and we sincerely hope that we will all be back on track in the New Year. However, there are a few changes for the new term...

- Nursery and Reception will continue to be taught by Mrs Young
- Year 1 and 2 will be taught by Miss Mountford and Miss Joyce from January, with Miss Joyce taking the children on Thursdays and Fridays
- Year 3 and 4 will be taught by Miss Usher and Mrs Hodgkiss
- Year 5 and 6 will be taught by Miss Head and Mr Slater

Part of the reasons for the changes are so that teachers have 'crossover time' where they are both in the school at the same time and therefore can plan, mark and assess children's work together - meaning that the children get a better, more joined-up education. If you have any questions about these changes then please do come and speak to me.

And finally, finally...

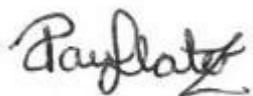
In order to make sure everyone knows what is coming up each week, next term we will be adding a weekly diary to the newsletter. This will show the events for the current week and the following week so that parents can plan ahead as much as possible. I hope you all find it useful.

And finally, finally, finally...

I keep saying how wonderful the support has been for the school and I truly mean it. Please, if there is anything you are not sure of, make sure you come and speak to a member of staff or email me personally (head@northwalney.cumbria.sch.uk) rather than posting straight onto Facebook. Most of the time, a quick email can sort everything out.

Have a great Christmas everyone and see you all in 2017!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paylatz".