



## North Walney Primary, Nursery & Pre-School

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### Newsletter 14

The Values theme this half-term: Inspiration

Value of the week: We are enthusiastic!

Dear Parents and Children

Happy New Year to everyone as we start 2017 - I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Year celebrations, and everyone is ready and raring for another term at North Walney Primary School!

Quick update on staffing: We now know that...

#### Christmas Play in Church



The children were fantastic. I felt so proud of each and every one of them as I watched their performance unfold and so many people came up to me at the end to say how much they had enjoyed it. We also were complimented for the behaviour and superb manners of the children which is always nice to hear! Well done everybody!

#### School Rule

Please can I remind everyone that we now only have one school rule which is therefore easier for the children to remember - and it's "Do as You're Told". I've reminded the children about it this morning so that they know that when an adult asks them to do something, then it is expected that they do it without any fuss or argument. It has made such a huge difference in just half a term!



#### Naming Ceremony of new Astute Submarine

The Year 6 children who attended the naming ceremony for the latest Astute class submarine at the end of term had a great day out - even though the weather wasn't wonderful! Staff commented on the great behaviour they all showed throughout the ceremony.

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



### **Uniform Policy reminder**

Please can I remind everyone that the children should not be wearing **any** jewellery except for watches and stud earrings. This is to ensure the safety of the children as bracelets/bangles/necklaces can easily get caught whilst playing and end up being broken or someone being hurt.

Children should be wearing black shoes to school - I realise some children bring trainers in to play football at playtime, but black shoes should then be there for them to change back into please.

P.E. kits must be in school whenever they have P.E. so they can access the curriculum fully.

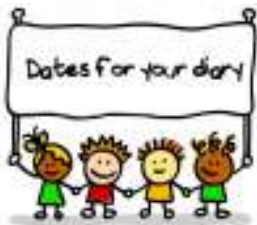
### **Toys in School**

During last term we saw a huge rise in the number of children coming into school with toys and cuddlies from home. Please can we ask that toys and cuddlies are not sent into school as, again, they can be broken or spoilt accidentally and can cause problems when the children are playing outside. Some children, for their own development needs, are able to bring something in but this has been agreed with the school as part of their ongoing development needs. Please - no toys and cuddlies from now on.



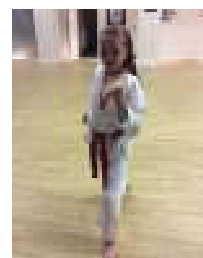
### **Dates for the term/next week**

Following discussions with some parents last term, we will be putting weekly dates at the end of every newsletter so that all parents know what is happening in school for the next fortnight. Please do keep checking the list as sometimes things have to change at the last minute. I have also added some important dates for the rest of this term - such as Parents' Evening - so that you can make sure you are free to attend.



### **Congratulations to the Student of the term for Karate!**

Well done to Shiah for becoming Student of the Term at Karate last term. It's always good to celebrate achievements like this, so please do send photographs and information in via email of any other accomplishments! Well done Shiah!



### **Swimming for this term**

Year 3/4 and Reception will be going swimming on a Thursday this week. We ask for £2.00 each week to cover the cost of transport to and from the pool please. If you need to find out more about swimming then please speak to the classteachers. Many thanks.



## Football Club for Year 5 and 6

Starting on 17<sup>th</sup> January, Barrow AFC will be running a football club after school. A letter with a permission slip will be coming out soon and must be returned if your child wishes to attend. Next half-term the club will be run for Years 3 and 4.



And finally...

We have heard that Miss Head will sadly not be back just yet so I have organised for Mrs Cumberbatch to take Year 6 and Mrs Hodgkiss to take Year 5 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The class will then come back together for Thursdays and Fridays. This means we can do specific year group teaching for the Year 6 children to get them ready for their annual tests in May. I am working closely with both Mrs Hodgkiss and Mrs Cumberbatch to plan the work to ensure we support the children to achieve their potential. As soon as I hear anything further about Miss Head's return I will let you all know.

Many thanks for your continued support and don't forget to check out and follow us on Twitter (@NorthWalneyPS) and now also on Facebook (find the ticked and verified North Walney Primary School page). This facebook page will just show items we are tweeting anyway and messaging via the site may not be seen so please continue to email me if you need to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paylatz".

### Dates for this week:

Day	Activity
Monday 9 January	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 10 January	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 11 January	Year 5 Bikeability Multi-Sports with Tom after school
Thursday 12 January	Year 5 Bikeability
Friday 13 January	
Sunday 15 January	Closing date for Reception admissions for September 2017.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Multi-Sports with Tom after school
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Barrow AFC Football Club for Y5/6 after school Karate after school
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	

Future Dates for your diary:

*Parents' Evening will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March after school*



**CUMBRIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIRECTORATE  
SCHOOL TERM DATES 2017/2018**

**AUTUMN TERM 2017**

<b>STARTS</b>	<b>ENDS</b>	<b>HALF – TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 4 September	Friday 15 December	Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October
Number of school days in term – 70		

**SPRING TERM 2018**

<b>STARTS</b>	<b>ENDS</b>	<b>HALF – TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Thursday 4 January	Thursday 29 March	Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February
Number of school days in term – 56		

**SUMMER TERM 2018**

<b>STARTS</b>	<b>ENDS</b>	<b>HALF – TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 16 April	Friday 20 July	Good Friday – 30 March Easter Sunday – 1 April Easter Monday – 2 April Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June Early May Bank Holiday Monday 7 May
Number of schools days in term – 64		

Number of days in year – 190

*Staff training days will be taken outside of these dates and will be shared with staff*