



North Walney Primary, Nursery & Pre-School

"The Place to be - where Children are at our Heart"

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Newsletter 26

The Values theme this half-term: Respect and Relationships

Value of the week: We are respectful to each other

Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to the final term of the year - it is hard to believe how fast the year has gone and that I am nearly at the end of my first year with you all - and what a year it has been so far! Anyway, on to the news for this first week back. Please can I make you all aware that we now have two Polling Days when the school will have to be closed - Thursday 4th May for local elections and Thursday 8th June for the General Election. Apologies that we have to close but there is no other way around it. Also don't forget that we are closed on Monday for the Bank Holiday - what a funny week we are all going to have!

Green Jumpers - Stars of the Half Term

The end of term winners were...(sorry no Nursery winner this week as they were not in assembly so we chose two reception winners)



"Creative Learning, Quality Education, Achieving Dreams"

Ofsted 2017: 'Early Years continues to be strong and the management of teaching is stronger and more effective having transformed in a surprisingly short period of time. Everyone has faith in the school which has strong pupil welfare and safeguarding with great sensitivity and caring shown to all pupils.'



Sponsor Money - coming in well so far!

Thank you to everyone who has already sent their Sponsor money in from our walk/jog/run before Easter - it is really going to make such a difference in school. If there is any more money to come in yet, please could you get it in by the end of the week if possible. Many, many thanks.

NSPCC Assembly - Tuesday 25th April

Tomorrow we are delighted to have the NSPCC team coming into school to lead two assemblies for the children in the afternoon before working with our Year 5 and 6 children. Letters about the assembly came out just before the holidays.

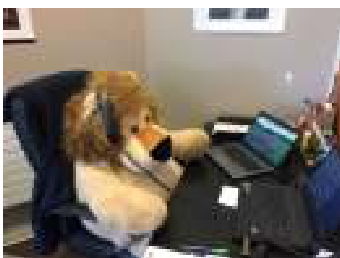


Year 1 and 2 visit to the Dock Museum

Year 1 and 2 are off to the Dock Museum on 3rd May for a dance workshop which sounds wonderful! Transport is being provided but the children must have their PE kits with them on that day! A letter with further details will be coming out this week.

Uphill battle with the School Budget

Part of the reason that I was asked to take the school under my leadership was to try and work out a strategy for the school to rid itself of the debt it currently is in due to a range of factors. This is proving the biggest challenge so far but it sadly means that some things we have provided in school will soon be stopping, and I will also be having to look at the cost of other things the school provides so that everything we offer at least covers the cost of staffing. As a Headteacher I have never been in the business of making money, but we must at least cover staffing costs. Please bear with me as I make these adjustments and accept my sincere apologies that some things have had to be cancelled such as musical instrument lessons.



Name the Lion Tickets

Are still available - just pop and see Mrs Malone to get yours and you could win this amazing cuddly lion - he's fab!

Football Club

Starts next Tuesday - 3rd May - after school for Junior children Thank you to Barrow AFC for providing this for us. Don't forget about the Girls' football club at Walney School!



Year 6 London Trip - meeting



Miss Mountford is making the final preparations for the London trip and will soon be calling a meeting for parents so that she can share the itinerary and also cover what the children will need to bring for the residential. We are just working out how much we raised with our sponsored walk and will let parents know a final price for the trip, but can now say it will be £200 or less for definite. Don't forget some of the money raised is also being used for other class trips this term.

PTA meetings and events

I am so grateful to our wonderful PTA team who keep planning events and raising money for the school. Their next meeting which is a drop-in session for other parents/relatives to find out what the PTA do, is on 26th April at 2:30pm in the school library.

The next committee meeting which everyone is also invited to, is on 3rd May at 3:30pm in the school library.

Once again the PTA are organising the Walney Gala Day which we are hoping will be on Sunday 3rd July. A Gala disco to choose the Gala Queen and Princess is being held at Vickerstown Cricket Club on the 12th May at 6pm. Further details will be out soon.



Consent Forms - for Water Park and other trips!

Please make sur that all trip forms get returned to school with signatures on - if there is no form, then we cannot take your child on the trip!

Swimming - Year 1 and 2 this half-term

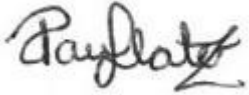
Swimming starts on Thursday for Year 1 and 2 class at a cost of £2.00 per week to cover the cost of the coach please. Please send the money in each week or you can pay for the whole half-term if you so wish. Money should be sent in a named envelope please with the word 'Swimming' on it. Thank you!



And finally...

Welcome back to Miss Head who rejoins the team over the coming half-term. It will be great to get the whole team back together and start planning for the rest of this term and start thinking about next academic year too with even more exciting ideas hopefully getting the go ahead!

Yours sincerely,



Dates for this week:

Day	Activity
Monday 24 th April	
Tuesday 25 th April	NSPCC assemblies in the afternoon then Year 5/6 working with NSPCC
Wednesday 26 th April	
Thursday 27 th April	Year 1 and 2 swimming 3:15pm Karate after school
Friday 28 th April	
Monday 1 st May	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MAYDAY
Tuesday 2 nd May	Barrow AFC Football Club for Y3-6 after school
Wednesday 3 rd May	Year 1/2 at Dock Museum - PE kits needed
Thursday 4 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS
Friday 5 th May	