



## North Walney Primary, Nursery & Pre-School

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

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### Newsletter 30

The Values theme this half-term: **Respect and Relationships**

Value of the week: **Stars of the Half-Term**

Dear Parents and Children

Before we get into the newsletter properly, I thought it would be good to confirm that I am delighted that the Governors have asked me to continue as Headteacher at North Walney as we go ahead into a bright future for the school. It has been a rollercoaster of a year so far and I am very excited as we all move forward together to make North Walney 'The Place to Be'.

#### Green Jumpers - Stars of the Half Term

Well done to all of our appreciate children who made sure they thanked the people who have helped them this week and shown how grateful they were for that help.



"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.'

## Walney Gala Disco

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Gala Disco. Altogether they raised £189.00 towards the Gala Day Festivities which are happening on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July on the school field. Further details about the Big Day will be coming out soon! How exciting!



## Visit from Jon Woodcock

A big thank you to John Woodcock and his team for visiting the school on Friday as we celebrated our rebirth as a school with the planting of two new trees at the front of school. This is such an important time for the school as we want to make sure EVERYONE knows that North Walney is 'The Place to Be' for nursery and primary education. Please, please make sure you are telling everyone how much things have changed and how fab the school is as we want to show everyone what a bright future North Walney has!

A big thank you to all of the staff who have kindly handed out leaflets about the school in recent weeks - especially Jean, who has been instrumental in publicising the school!

More photographs from John's visit are now on the school website and Twitter & Facebook feeds.

## Painting Days

Next week, during the holidays, some of the staff and parents are coming in to school to do a spot of painting. Next Tuesday and Wednesday the group will be hopefully be painting the main hallway, the SERIS room, the Art room and (if I remember my ladders) the hall. If any other parents are free to help at any time, the more the merrier! Thank you to those who have already volunteered.



## Have you suggested a name for the new-look Breakfast and After-School Club?

Don't forget to get your entries in for our new Breakfast and After-School Club name. So far I have nearly 20 suggestions, and over the holidays we will be looking at them and deciding what to call the new club. Once we have a name I will send out more details of how the club will run as well as registration forms for all that are interested. Exciting times ahead!

## Planting around school

As you may have noticed, part of John Woodcock's visit was to plant two new trees at the front of school. Some of the children have already been helping us to brighten the front of school by planting shrubs and climbers along the fenceline. Last week we also started the planting of our meadow area at the far side of the playing field. Our next stage is digging over the vegetable



plots which is happening over the holidays and then, if anyone would like to contribute some bulbs or seeds which we can grow, we would then like to start getting these in the ground ready for next Spring so that the school becomes a rainbow of colours for everyone to enjoy. A big thankyou to Graham and Mark for all of their hard work for this project - its going to look beautiful!



### Scarecrow Project

Also, as part of our school grounds project we wondered if the children would like to make scarecrows over the holidays if they have the time. Wouldn't it look fabulous to have their scarecrows all over the school grounds, keeping an eye on the seeds and bulbs that have been planted. If your child wants to have a go you can easily Google how to make one or visit <https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/gardening-children-schools/family-activities/Activities/activities/make-a-scarecrow> for easy to follow instructions!

### More photos on Twitter and our School Website

We are currently getting all of our IT in school sorted out and so I haven't been posting many photographs on the school website - however, please do check it out as lately I have managed to get more photos and videos posted! Photos from Brantwood, from the Nursery/Reception class and from the Tree Planting can now be found on our Summer 2017 events page, plus all the latest news about the school and as we move into the future, the website will have more and more on it! So keep your eyes peeled!



### Freezpop Friday AND Non-Uniform Day!

As well as being Freezpop Friday with Mrs Hambleton (20p a freezpop), we are also holding a Non-Uniform day to raise funds for the PTA. Anyone who wishes to wear non-uniform on Friday can donate £1.00 to the PTA which will then be used for new and exciting projects for the children in the future. Thank you to all who continue to support and donate to the PTA!

### And the GRAND TOTAL is...

Thank you to everyone who has sent their Sponsor Money in! I am delighted to announce that, in total, we have raised an incredible £1137.92. All of this money will now go towards much needed equipment and resources for the children as we start our new curriculum next September! This wouldn't have been possible without your help - thank you all so much!





### Money in NAMED envelopes please

Please, please, please can you make sure you send any money into school in a NAMED envelope clearly stating what the money is for. Yesterday we had a number of envelopes put on the desk with no names and no idea what the money was for - very confusing! Thank you!

And finally...

We are starting to get interest from other parents in our school which is marvellous. Please, please keep telling everyone about how fantastic the school is and share the leaflet that has probably come through your door with as many people as possible. Thank you once again for all of your support so far this year - I am sure the final half-term will be just as amazing! Don't forget we finish this Friday at 3:15pm and then school starts again on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Have a great holiday!

Yours sincerely,

### Dates for this week:

Day	Activity
Monday 22nd May	Class and Group Photographs
Tuesday 23rd May	Barrow AFC Football Club for Y3-6 after school
Wednesday 24th May	
Thursday 25th May	Karate after school
Friday 26th May	Year 1/2 Book and Biscuit from 2:15pm - parents invited Celebration Assembly at 2:45pm - parents invited End of Half-term and closing for Whit Week