



North Walney Primary, Nursery & Pre-School

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

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Newsletter 31

The Values theme this half-term: **Achievement and Changes**

Value of the week: **I always work hard**

Dear Parents and Children

So here we are in the last half-term of the year and boy what a year it has been. I am delighted to say that North Walney Primary School is going from strength to strength thanks to the sheer dedication and commitment of the team here in school and because of your belief in our wonderful school for your children. So let's crack on with this final half-term and see where it leads us!

Green Jumpers - Stars of the Half Term

Well done to all of our Stars of the Half-Term - showing all of the values we covered last half-term on a regular basis!



"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.'

Painting and Gardening Success!

The school has changed a lot over the half-term thanks to the wonderful team of gardeners and decorators that gave up part of their holidays to help us. Outside the gardening plots are all cleared out and fresh soil has been brought in; Mr Hunt and Mr Chapman have already started planting vegetables in there for the children to help look after too!

Inside the small army of volunteers have painted the main corridor, art room, Den, staffroom and the hall and they all look so fabulous! Thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone who gave of their time this holiday - and watch out - because we'd like to get some more done over the summer if anyone is free!



Further Success for North Walney

Today the Northwest Evening Mail is visiting the school to do an article on us and on our journey into the future. Hopefully they will get to speak to some of the children, parents and staff as well as spending time with me as I take them round school. This is a great way to get the wonderful name of North Walney out and about the island and beyond.

Then, next Monday we are hosting Danny from The Bay's Breakfast Show as we have been nominated as Cool School of the Week by two of our parents - fantastic! So Danny will be having a tour of the school from some of the children, and collecting sound bites to play during his show in the week beginning 19th June.

North Walney is definitely getting back on the map!

Classes for next year

Now that I am definitely able to stay at North Walney next year I thought it was time to let everyone know which teachers are going to be with which classes next year.

Wagtails Pre-School - Mrs Scott-McCullough

Nursery and Reception - Mrs Young

Year 1/2 - Miss Mountford and Miss Joyce

Year 3/4 - Miss Head

Year 5/6 - Miss Usher and Mrs Hodgkiss

Later on in the term, once reports have been sent out, we will be holding an Open Evening where you will get chance to come and meet with your child's current teacher as well as meet their new teacher! This is being held on Tuesday 18th July until 6pm.





Natterjacks Breakfast and After-School Club coming soon!

Thank you for all of the suggestions but Cora and I have decided that the new name for the club will be 'Natterjacks' as this sounds like fun and is also the name of a local endangered species! Mrs Malone has already completed a logo for us and registration forms will be coming out soon. Anyone who wants to use either Breakfast or After-School Club **MUST** fill the forms in please so that we are covered by our insurance.

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!



Freezpop Friday continues - having raised over £40 so far!

Don't forget to bring your 20p for a freezpop this Friday - all money goes back into school funds towards making school a better place for everyone!

CLOSED this Thursday

Please don't forget that we are closed again this Thursday due to the General Election! I realise this is a pain for parents but there is nothing we can do about it as we are the registered polling station for this area. Staff will be in as usual and will be starting to clear the school and get things organised ahead of the end of term.



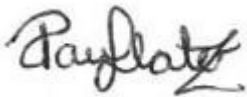
Future Events this half-term

Please keep an eye on the dates at the end of each newsletter as more and more is happening this half-term and we don't want you (or your children) to miss anything! Term finishes on Thursday 20th July and this will be the day of the Leavers' Assembly for Year 6 as well.

And finally...

What to do about the London trip for Year 6? In all honesty I think we have no decision but to cancel the Year 6 trip in the current climate and I have already had messages of support for this decision from parents via twitter and email. It is a very sad thing to have to do but we cannot risk the children and staff at this difficult time for our major cities. Miss Mountford and I are now working hard to find an alternative idea for the Year 6 children and will let parents know as soon as we can. At this time, our thoughts and prayers go to the families in London and in Manchester who have been so affected by these events.

Yours sincerely,



Dates for this week:

Day	Activity
Monday 5 th June	
Tuesday 6 th June	Barrow AFC Football Club for Y1-6 after school
Wednesday 7 th June	
Thursday 8 th June	School Closed because of General Election
Friday 9 th June	Year 3/4 Book and Biscuit from 2:15pm - parents invited Celebration Assembly at 2:45pm - parents invited
Monday 12 th June	
Tuesday 13 th June	Barrow AFC Football Club for Y1-6 after school
Wednesday 14 th June	
Thursday 15 th June	Y5/6 Swimming Karate after school
Friday 16 th June	Year 1/2 Book and Biscuit from 2:15pm - parents invited Celebration Assembly at 2:45pm - parents invited