



## North Walney Primary, Nursery & Pre-School

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

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### Newsletter 10

The Values theme this half-term: Friendship

Value of the week: I am a good friend

Dear Parents and Children

Apart from Christmas having already started because of two members of staff – singing Christmas songs, decorating my office with tinsel and baubles and even buying me a Christmas jumper – the week was a great week! Each and every child really took to heart the theme of the week last week and we saw kindness in all classes with each child showing how they care for their friends and for the staff in their class. A truly lovely week! Let's see who shows they are a great friend this week!

### Green Jumper Winners!

Superb kindness across the whole school, but particularly from our Green Jumper winners –well done!



"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.'

### Natterjacks – the Festive Offer!

Yes, Natterjacks have decided to open on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 9am until 1pm for a bargain price of £15 per child. This is a great opportunity for all parents to get some Christmas shopping done or have their own Festive fun whilst knowing that their children are safe and secure at Natterjacks. Thank you so much to the staff for offering this – and if you are interested then please make sure you either complete the form we sent out last week, or collect a form from the office. If your child wants a packed lunch provided by school then an extra cost of £2.50 must also be paid. All bookings must be paid for at time of booking please.



### Scholastic Book Fair – Thank you PTA

A huge thank you to everyone who manned the Book Fair over the last week and thank you to everyone who came along and bought a book or two! We don't know how much we raised for school yet, but as soon as I know I will make sure we announce it via a newsletter. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

### Parents' Evening

What a lovely atmosphere right across school last Tuesday. It was so good to see so many of you at Parents' Evening – all eager to find out how your child has settled and how you can help them with their learning at home. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along, and if you didn't make it – please do contact your child's teacher and see if you can have a quick chat.



### 30 hour funding for Nursery children

If you are applying for the 30 hours Nursery funding from January 2018, **you must submit your application by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**. Please make sure you log on to <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk> if you are applying for the first time, or <https://www.gov.uk/childcareaccount> if you are already receiving 30 hour funding as you need to reconfirm that you want it! **Please don't forget for your own sake!**

### Childcare Choices Voucher Scheme

We have now signed up to the Government Tax-Free Childcare Voucher scheme so if you want to take advantage of the vouchers then please speak to Mrs Malone in order to get more information – as a well-known shop says – Every Little Helps!



### Bikeability for Year 5

Letters have already gone out about this and it starts after Christmas. We must have forms completed and returned by 16<sup>th</sup> November in order to secure the trainers, so please don't delay in sending your child's form back in!

### School Photographs

These came out last week and I hope you all like them – the children look lovely on them! We must have all orders back in school by 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in order to guarantee that orders will be back with you for Christmas – again please don't delay in sending the form and the money back in.



### PTA meeting

The next meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> November at 3:30pm in the school library – everyone is welcome as we truly believe the more the merrier! Thank you for any help you can offer.

## Let's Rock for Children in Need

This year we are hoping everyone can join in by dressing as their favourite pop or rock star so that we can all Rock On together and help raise money for Pudsey and Children in Need.



### School Meals – if your child is not going to be in!

Please make sure that you cancel your child's school meal by 9am if they are not going to be in at lunchtime otherwise I am afraid you will be charged for the meal by Dolce. If you cannot cancel it online, then please make sure you have rung the school office by 9am and let us know so that you don't get charged for a meal your child doesn't have!

And finally...

I have sent out a poster about our upcoming Open Evening for new parents and families to come and find out about our wonderful school. Please, please can I ask everyone to share the information with family and friends, work colleagues and neighbours, so that we get the great name of North Walney Primary, Nursery and Pre-School out-there. The Open Evening is primarily for new Pre-School, Nursery and Reception parents, but all parents of all years will be welcome to hear my vision for our school and about the amazing things we already provide.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Paul Slater'.

Paul Slater

### Dates for this week:



**Natterjacks Breakfast Club – Open from 7:45am**  
**Natterjacks After School Club – Open between 3:15 and 5:00pm**

Monday 13 November	
Tuesday 14 November	3.30pm – 4.30pm Football club.
Wednesday 15 November	
Thursday 16 November	YR 5/6 Swimming £2.00. 3.15pm – 4.15pm Karate.
Friday 17 November	Children in Need “Lets Rock”.

### Future Dates:

Monday 20 November	
Tuesday 21 November	3.30pm – 4.30pm Football club.
Wednesday 22 November	
Thursday 23 November	YR 5/6 Swimming £2.00. 3.15pm – 4.15pm Karate. 3.45pm League Football match at Pulse.
Friday 24 November	

### Dates for this term:

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need ‘Lets Rock’
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November, 6pm	Reception 2018 Open Evening for new parents to visit