



## North Walney Primary, Nursery & Pre-School

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

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### Newsletter 12

**The Values theme this half-term: Friendship**

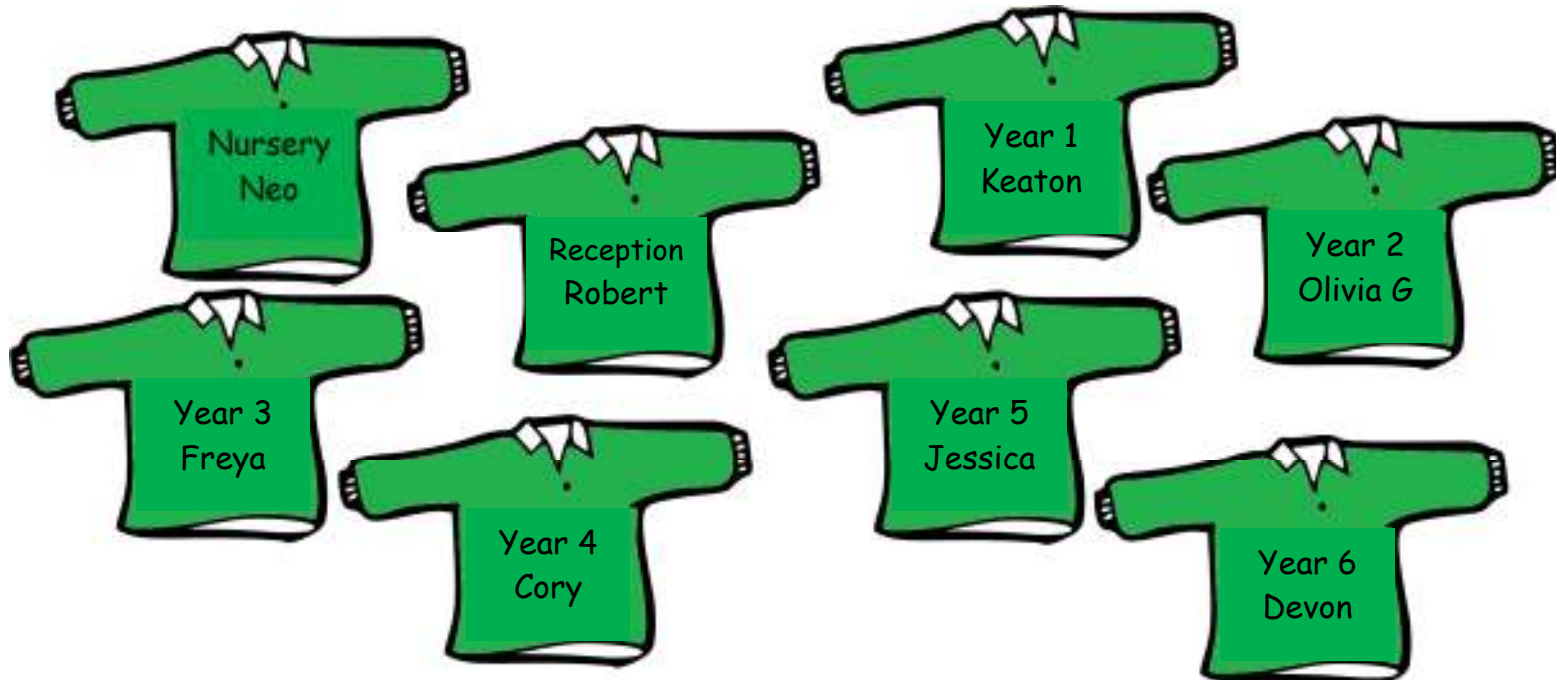
**Value of the week: I work well with others**

Dear Parents and Children

Well the new trees are all still in the ground after the rain and wind of the last few days! Thank you to all of the children and staff, and to the parents who gave up their time to come and help with the planting. Over 500 new trees and bushes have now been planted around the school in the last 12 months – absolutely wonderful! Once again, it shows we are on the move as a school to create a really beautiful community space.

### Green Jumper Winners!

Great listening skills last week everyone!

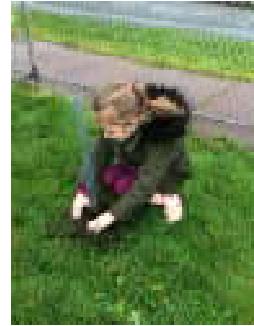


"Creative Learning, Quality Education, Achieving Dreams"

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.'

## Tree Planting photos and video

It really was a great day for planting last Tuesday and we were joined by BBC Radio Cumbria first thing in the morning so you may have heard us live on the radio! Everyone joined in with great gusto, and it was lovely to see all of the children squelching in the mud and really getting involved in the planting – all covered in mud and compost! Lots of photos were posted to Twitter and more are available on the school website and YouTube Channel – just go to the school website, [www.northwalney.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.northwalney.cumbria.sch.uk) and navigate to the Events page and choose Autumn 2017. There you will find a link to all of the photos as well as photographs from previous events this term.



## A BIG thank you from the foodbank!

Our Harvest donations have meant that the foodbank is able to provide an additional 287 meals which is amazing. Well done to everyone for joining in and really showing how caring our school is!

Please note that the foodbank is closed between 23<sup>rd</sup> December and 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018.



## Open Evening for new parents – 28<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm start

Please do come and join us on 28<sup>th</sup> November if you want to find out more about our wonderful and growing school! North Walney is fast becoming a school of choice for many families and we would love to meet new parents and their families and show them round our school. It will be mainly for new Pre-School, Nursery and Reception children, but please pop along if you want to look at our school for other year groups as well! Don't forget that you **must** apply for your Reception place by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018!

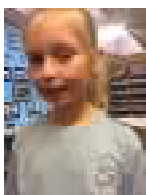


## Karate Grading – this Thursday!

You are more than welcome to come and watch your wonderful children this Thursday if they are taking part in the Karate Grading session after school. This is a huge achievement for our children and we wish them all good luck! Go for it!

## Bills!

Please make sure that all of your bills are up to date and paid by the end of term – there are only 3 more weeks to go! If there is any problem, please call in and speak to Mrs Malone.



## NEW PE shirts

The new PE shirts can be ordered from the office for the small sum of £2.00 each. This is a one off opportunity to get a new PE shirt at this price and orders need to be in before the end of term, complete with payment. Next term, the cost will rise to the official price of £5.99 from Identity – so get yours now! *Please remember that if you do not require one yet, then please don't feel obliged to get one...however, when they next need a PE shirt then they will need one of these.*

## Christmas Events

We are getting closer and closer to Christmas (and the music has already started in Mrs Malone's office) so please do check the end of the letter for our Christmas Events days so that you and your child can join in with as many different things as possible.



### Exciting PTA News

The Christmas Fayre has moved to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December (so we don't interfere with Karate night) so please make sure you have the date in your diaries! **We also need as many adult helpers as possible as we have a fabulous range of stalls once again** – so please see Leanne, Cora or Kimberley if you are free to help!

Donations for the fayre are always welcome and would like to suggest that different classes try and donate different things:

\* *Pre-school, Nursery and Reception—Girls Hamper so please send in bobbles, bubble bath, books, anything girlie*

\* *Year 1 & 2—Boys Hamper so please send in cars, bubble bath, colouring books, footballs, books etc*

\* *Year 3 & 4—Pamper Hamper so please send in chocolates, bubbles, toiletries, face masks etc*

\* *Year 5 & 6—Christmas Eve Hamper so please send in Christmas book, Christmas socks etc*

We will also be having a Non-Uniform day on 1<sup>st</sup> December and would like to encourage everyone to bring some chocolate in for the Fayre – nothing with nuts please!



### Christmas Natterjacks – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

The Natterjacks team have decided to offer parents of all the children from Reception to Year 6 the chance to have an extra day shopping/working! Natterjacks will be open from 9am to 1pm for £15.00 per pupil plus £2.50 if they want a school packed lunch. All you need to do is complete the form we sent out a few weeks ago! Just pop in and see either Cora or Mrs Malone for more details or a new form.



And finally...

As the weather is turning so cold and wet, please can I remind all the children that they definitely need a waterproof coat! Hats, gloves and scarves are also a good idea, but please remember to put names on everything!

Yours sincerely,

Paul Slater



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

**Dates for this week:**

Monday 27 November	
Tuesday 28 November	3.30pm – 4.30pm Football club. 6.00pm-7.00pm Reception information evening.
Wednesday 29 November	
Thursday 30 November	YR 5/6 Swimming £2.00. 3.15pm – 4.15pm Karate. Start to put Christmas decorations up at school.
Friday 1 December	

**Future Dates:**

Monday 4 December	Christmas Dinner.
Tuesday 5 December	
Wednesday 6 December	4 – 5.30pm Christmas Fair.
Thursday 7 December	YR 5/6 Swimming £2.00. 3.15pm – 4.15pm Karate.
Friday 8 December	9.15am – 12pm Library van in school.

**Dates for this term:**

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November, 6pm	Reception 2018 Open Evening for new parents to visit
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Non-Uniform Day for donations of chocolate for the Fayre
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December, after school	PTA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Specific children going to the Church for a rehearsal of the Christmas Play
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play ‘Straw and Order’ will be performed at St Mary’s Church at 1:45pm – please do come and join us!
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>End of term at 1:15pm – No Natterjacks!</b>

**Tests in 2018!**

Please can I remind everyone that we have national tests during the summer term and we need all of the children in school, especially on the following dates!

- Year 1 Phonics tests – during w/b 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- Year 2 SAT tests – during May 2018
- Year 6 SAT tests – during w/b 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018

