



## North Walney Primary, Nursery & Pre-School

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

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### Newsletter 15

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

**Value of the week: My example inspires those around me**

Dear Parents and Children

It seems strange starting with a comment about our wonderful Christmas celebrations when it feels such a long time ago but it is a really important thing to say so here goes...

I cannot express my pride and overwhelming happiness at the wonderful production of Straw and Order in church during the last week of term. The children were simply amazing and the atmosphere in church was truly beautiful. I am sure that you would all agree that the children did themselves proud and the wonderful team who helped were superb. I had goosebumps up and down my spine and felt so very, very proud of each and every one of the team. Thank you all for joining us on the day and I hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and are ready for 2018!

#### **Dates for this term**

Just a few dates to put in your diaries now so that you don't miss them.

15<sup>th</sup> January – DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR A 2018 RECEPTION PLACE

19<sup>th</sup> January – Year 3 and 4 Theatre Trip

Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Waterpark residential for some pupils

10<sup>th</sup> February to 18<sup>th</sup> February – Half-term

6<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evening in the school hall (details to follow)

20<sup>th</sup> March – School Sponsored Run and school's Sport Relief Day

29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Assembly and end of term at 1:15pm



#### **Year 6 are getting ready for their tests**

This is a very important term for our Year 6s as they complete their final preparations for their tests in May. A letter will be coming out from Mrs Hodgkiss detailing how you can help your child at home and we really hope you will help us to help your child as much as possible. Of course, we want them to still enjoy school but we really need them to focus on and work through their revision books. If you have any questions, then please contact your child's teacher.

**"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.'

## Bills!

As it's the start of a new year please make sure that all of your bills are up to date and paid and that you then keep on top of them! If there is any problem, please call in and speak to Mrs Malone.



## Natterjacks

Don't forget you can still sign up to Natterjacks and then use it before and after school for any of your childcare needs. We are hoping that numbers will continue to grow so that we can keep it going next year – so please do use it! Speak to Cora for more details.

## School Dinners Menu

The new menu is now available to view online on the Dolce website and a copy is up in the foyer at the front of school so that everyone knows what is available each day.



## Clubs

Swimming this term is for Reception, Year 3 and 4 and start on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January – please remember towels and swimming kits! Girls must be in one-piece swimsuits and boys cannot wear board shorts. All jewellery including watches and earrings must be removed please.

Football club for Year 2-6 starts on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – letters have gone out. Karate starts again on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January from 3:15 to 4:15pm. This club is currently full, but if spaces become available we will let you know.

We have a Football League match on 11<sup>th</sup> January at Pulse and Miss Mountford will be organising our team.



And finally...

Thank you for all of your support over our 'ceiling' incident. Thankfully it was an easy fix and the air has been checked and there are no particles of asbestos in the air so we have been able to re-open the Nursery and Reception class. As a working parent, I know what a hassle it is when these things are sprung on us, but as I put on our social media sites, we thought of all the options and could not find any other solution than closing for the two days to ensure the safety of the children. Thank you again though for all your support!

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 8 January	Bikeability for Year 5 Children that returned a consent form (Mon-Thur).
Tuesday 9 January	Football club 3.30pm-4.30pm.
Wednesday 10 January	
Thursday 11 January	Swimming for Reception, Year 3 & 4 £2.00.
Friday 12 January	

**Future Dates:**

Monday 15 January	Closing date for Admission forms to start Primary school in Sept 2018.
Tuesday 16 January	
Wednesday 17 January	
Thursday 18 January	Karate club starts 3.15pm-4.15pm.
Friday 19 January	School trip for Year 3&4 to watch Awful Auntie.

**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

