



North Walney Primary, Nursery & Pre-School

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

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Newsletter 1

**Values theme for this half-term is 'Happiness and Joy' and
for this week is 'I have made a good first impression'**

Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to another school year and this year's overall theme is to 'Be Excellent in all we do' and we are going to be asking parents for more help to achieve this...so watch this space!

Basically we all want to get back to the basics of why we became teachers and what teaching is all about – the basics so that children can thrive in all aspects of their learning. This includes learning and finding out new things in exciting and differentiated ways and also being so enthused that they want to find out things for themselves at home as well. Teachers will be holding an information evening in the middle of September to explain what it will mean for each year group and we hope that you will be able to attend. This information will also be sent out through the class newsletters so that everyone will know what is expected in each of the classes. This year is going to be another fantastic year at North Walney and I simply cannot wait for it to start!

Oh – and I've just been told that applications for September 2019 are now open and you can start to complete forms for Reception 2019 and for any current Year 6s moving on to Secondary School next year by going to <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrenservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp>. Further information will be coming out shortly about the process but all applications for Reception 2019 must be completed by 15th January 2019.

Meet the Teacher and Find out their Expectations!

On Tuesday 18th September all classes except Wagtails, Nursery and Reception will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' session in their classrooms. This will be at 3:30pm and will cover the teacher's expectations of the class and how you can help your child with their learning. For specific classes it will also explain what the Year 1 Phonics tests are, the Year 2 SAT tests and the Year 6 SAT tests as well as giving you the dates of these tests so that your child is definitely in school for them. Please, please attend if at all possible as hearing the teachers talk about their expectations and how you can help your child is much better than just reading it in a newsletter. It will also give you a chance to ask any questions you may have.



"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.'

Contacting School

As you all know, we are very proud of our response system to questions and comments and generally the school replies within 24 hours during term time (and even over the holidays). As I will be carrying on working with the other schools I will not always be in North Walney each day so the best way to contact me personally is via email using head@northwalney.cumbria.sch.uk. Please do not message me via Twitter or Facebook as I do not go on them every day and your message may be missed.

You can also get in touch with teachers and staff via Mrs Malone using the email address office@northwalney.cumbria.sch.uk. Of course, you can always phone the school on 01229 471781 and then choose the option you need. I know the list is long but do bear with it so that you get through to the right person!



Please put your child's name in ALL of their uniform!

As you can imagine, one school jumper looks just like another – as do blue polo shirts, PE pumps, some shoes...and the list goes on. Please, please make sure that all uniform is labelled so that when it gets left behind it can be returned to the right child! Sadly, no label means that items do get lost from time to time...so help us to help you, and name everything!

Pupil Premium Grant – DON'T DELAY IN APPLYING

Many of you may still not realise that your child may be entitled to receive extra money in school! If you are on any kind of benefits or support then your child may be entitled to receive an extra £3000 of funding during their time in school. If you haven't yet applied for Pupil Premium Support then please do pop in and speak to either Mrs Malone in the school office - £3000 is a lot of money!



Have you joined our Bonus Ball club?

Our Bonus Ball Club starts this Saturday so make sure you have picked your number for only £1! Cash prize for the winner each week and you can choose the same number each week and pay in advance if you wish to! See Mrs Malone in the office for more details – and lets see who is our first winner...it could be you!

No Karate until Easter

We let everyone know last term that Natalie will not be taking Karate for two terms while she has her baby so please don't send your children in for Karate Club. We wish Natalie all the very best for the future!



Would you like the newsletter straight to your email?

Just let Mr Slater or Mrs Malone know your email address and we can send all of the school newsletter directly to your email rather than finding it all screwed up beneath their PE kit in their bag – or left on the classroom tables – or left with their coat on their peg. Just email Mr Slater with your name, your child's name and class, and your email address and he will be able to send emails directly to you – every week! So much easier!

Other Clubs starting this term


Letters will be coming out soon about our Year 5 and 6 Video Games Club and our Multi-Sports club for Years 1-4. Please look out for them and send the forms back in as soon as you can.



And finally...

As part of our drive to 'Be Excellent in all we do' we will be revisiting our one school rule this half-term and reminding the children that it is 'Do As You Are Told'. For those of you who remember, we brought this in a few years ago rather than having a whole long list of rules and the children love it – however, they will all be expected to keep to it. Please help your child to remember the rule and support the school in ensuring that all children have the chance to thrive and do well by following it.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Slater
Headteacher



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

Diary dates for the next two weeks:

Monday 10 September	3.15pm – 4.00pm Maths Club Year 5&6.
Tuesday 11 September	3.15pm – 4.15pm Multi Sports Club (Yr 1-4)
Wednesday 12 September	3.30pm – 4.30pm Video Games Club Yr 5&6) TBC.
Thursday 13 September	Swimming Yr 5&6 £2.00.
Friday 14 September	