

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Executive Headteacher's Newsletter: Easter 2016



Introduction

It is only a matter of weeks until we break up for the Easter holiday but there are lots of special events coming up that I would like to bring your attention to.

Family Worship

Some classes are leading worship this term, and parents/carers are warmly invited to attend when it is your child's assembly. The classes and dates for this half term are as follows: 9th March: Year 6

School Uniform

May I remind you that we expect children to wear the full North Walkden School Uniform. As a result our children are often complimented on how smart they look. Please note that trainers are NOT part of the uniform. Black shoes should be worn at all times. Any children arriving in trainers will be asked to wear black PE pumps inside school.

Please note that children should not be bringing their own bags to school as these present a health and safety hazard, all children require for school is a book bag.

Appointments with teachers

Parents coming into school must use the main entrance for all appointments and must not come into school via the junior entrance to see a teacher, unless escorted by a member of staff. If you wish to speak to a teacher please make an appointment with the office. This is for safeguarding reasons, and to ensure that there is sufficient time available for you to have a full discussion without it being cut short due to time constraints. Teachers are not available to speak at the start of school as they are supervising their classes and registering the children.

School Meals

We have had a few enquiries about school meals recently, so I thought it would be useful to provide the following information. The school buys in our school meal service from Citywide, which is Salford Local Authorities

school meal provider. Citywide offer a two week set menu which is designed to provide a nutritionally balanced diet. The menu offers a choice of two hot meals which are supplemented by the option of a jacket potato or choice of sandwich. All children have access to the salad bar and there is a choice of dessert. A copy of the menu is available upon request. Citywide also cater for special dietary requirements which can be requested from the school office.

In school we manage lunch times on a rota basis for both the infants and the juniors so that each class gets the opportunity to have lunch first. School meals cost £1.90 which is £9.50 per week and this is payable weekly on a Monday for the following week.

PE Kit

Again, all children are expected to have the correct PE kit in school. This is black shorts, white t shirt and black pumps for indoor PE. For outdoor PE in colder weather the children are allowed to wear joggers and a school jumper. Your child should bring their PE kit at the start of the half term and take it home to be washed at the next holiday.

PARENT/CARER PARTNERSHIP

- If any parents/carers need to contact Grace Thomas, our Family Support Worker, please telephone the school office.
- On Tuesday 8th March there is a meeting at 3pm for parents/carers of Y6 pupils, to give information regarding the new KS2 statutory assessment. On 10th March, there will be a similar meeting for parents/carers of children in Y2.
- On Tuesday 8th March, there is also a meeting for Y1 parents/carers explaining how you can help your children with their phonic and reading skills.

Parent/Pupil Consultations

The spring term parent/pupil consultations will be held on Wednesday 23rd March between 3.30 and 6.30pm. All families will be allocated an appointment time and it is vital that you make every effort to attend. If there are exceptional circumstances that make it impossible for you to attend on these dates, please speak to your child's class teacher. I will be available during the evening, but if you wish to contact me in advance to book an appointment, please feel free to do so. Key Stage 1 and 2 children are asked to attend with their parents/carers.

Special Days

World Poetry Day will be celebrated on Monday 21st March with the theme of "Messages."

There will be a whole school Math's Puzzle Day on 24th March.

Healthy Living

Julie, our school nurse is running a series of hand washing sessions with Reception and Nursery Class children on 11th and 18th March.

Educational Visits

Years 3 and 4 are visiting the Fusiliers Museum in Manchester on 17th March.

Nursery Class will be visiting Blackpool Zoo on 21st March.

Special Easter Events



Y5 attended "Experience Easter" in Walkden Methodist Church on 10th March.

Easter Church will be on 23rd March at 9.30am. Families and friends are more than welcome to join us.



Easter Cake Decoration

We know from last year's Bake Off that we have many talented cooks amongst our families. We are again offering a prize to the parent/carer who bakes the best Easter Cake! Entries should be brought in on Tuesday 29th March for judging. Good Luck!



Easter Bonnet Parade!

The infant children will be taking part in an Easter bonnet parade on Wednesday 30th March. They can bring in a hat they have made at home.

This can be very simple, made out of card or an old hat that has been decorated. Miss Briggs will be providing further detail.

Key Stage 2 Decorated Egg Competition

Children in Years 3-6 are invited to decorate an egg in an imaginative way. These will be displayed and judged in school on Thursday 31st March. Children should bring their entries into the school hall.

Non Uniform Day - Friday 1st April

For a donation of £1 children may wear their own clothes on the last day of term.

We will be presenting prizes for all the Easter competitions on the last day of term including our luxury Easter hamper for which raffle tickets will be on sale soon - watch this space.

Easter Holiday

We break up for the Easter weekend on Thursday 24th March, returning on Tuesday 29th March.

School then breaks up at 3.20pm on 1st April, for two weeks, re-opening at 8.55am on Monday 18th April.

Thankyou for your continued support with everything we do in school.

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Executive Headteacher