

## North Walkden Primary School

### Executive Headteacher's Newsletter



Spring 2016

#### **Introduction and a Happy New Year!**

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and that you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. I would like to update you on some of the events that will be happening in the spring term. You will receive a Home/School Topic Letter from your child's teacher, outlining work to be covered this half term. I hope you find these interesting, and useful when supporting your child with homework.

#### **Staff News**

We are delighted to welcome the new additions to our staff team. Mr Prior takes over responsibility for our Year 6 class, whilst Miss Pridding is the new Year 3 teacher. Mrs Keir, our Year 3 TA, will be leaving us to start maternity leave in January, her leave will be covered by Miss Whittaker who has already joined the team.

I also have some happy news of my own to share with you. I am getting married on the 10<sup>th</sup> January and my new name will be Mrs Barker, which will take us all a little getting used to!

#### **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. Several children have returned from the break wearing trainers. 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.

#### **PE Kit**

Again, all children are expected to have the correct PE kit in school. This is black shorts and white t shirt 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. I shall be visiting each class over the next week or so to check that each child has a kit in school.

### **Jewellery**

As has always been the case **NO JEWELLERY** is permitted in school, for health and safety reasons, other than stud earrings or sensible watches. Any child wearing other jewellery will be asked to remove it and put it in their tray. This includes "friendship" bracelets.



### **Family Worship**

Some classes will be preparing their own acts of worship this term and parents are warmly invited to attend when it is your child's assembly.

These are on a Wednesday morning at 9am.

The classes and dates for this term are as follows:

27<sup>th</sup> January: Reception Class

10<sup>th</sup> February: Y4

9<sup>th</sup> March: Y6



**Dates for your diary.**

**Swimming lessons** this term are for children in **Year 4** on Monday each week.

**World Book Day** is on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We will send out further details of special activities nearer the time.

### **PARENT/CARER PARTNERSHIP**

- If any parents/carers need to contact Grace Thomas, our Family Support Worker, please telephone the school office.
- There will be a Math's Workshop for parents/carers of Y3 and Y4 children on 1<sup>st</sup> February at 3.30pm.
- There will be a spring **Family Learning Workshop** on 1<sup>st</sup> March for families of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please come

along and take part in a variety of fun art and craft activities that will have a Book theme to link in with World Book Day.

- E Safety Week will start on 14<sup>th</sup> March. On 15<sup>th</sup> March there will be an after school e safety event for parents and carers. I would urge you to attend this as there is increasing evidence that our children are at risk from the many dangers of the internet. Hopefully we will be able to give you some practical help to keep them safe on-line.

### **Parent/Pupil Consultations**

The spring term parent/pupil consultations will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **Attendance**

Our school attendance target is 95%. Last term's figure was 94.8%, which is just below the target, but better than last year's figure. It is imperative that we work together to achieve excellent attendance for our children, as absences have a negative effect on progress. All absences must be advised to the office by 10am, we have an automated system for you to leave a message or you can chose to speak to a member of the office staff on 01204 571039

### **Dinner Money**

Please ensure that all dinner money is paid each Monday morning for that following week.



### **Other Extra Curricular Activities**

I include a list of the activities available this term, but individual members of staff will send out further details.

### **Spring Term Clubs**

Monday:

Tuesday:

- KS2 Football: Kevin Smith - Starts Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 3.30 - 4.15pm. The day for this may change depending upon demand.
- KS1 Multi Skills Club 3.30 - 4.30pm

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

- KS2 Multi Skills Club 3.30 - 4.30pm

School Breaks up for **half term** on February 12<sup>th</sup> for one week. Thank you for your continued support with everything we do in school.

Mrs. A. Smith  
Executive Headteacher