

North Walkden Primary School

Executive Headteacher's Newsletter



Spring 2015

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.

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 new trainers they have got over the Christmas period. Please note that trainers are NOT part of the uniform and should only be worn at lunchtimes. Black shoes should be worn at all times. Any children arriving in trainers will be asked to wear black PE pumps inside school.



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:

21st January: Year 5

28th January: Reception Class

4th February: Y4

11th February: Y3

18th March: Y2



Dates for your diary.

Swimming lessons this term are for children in **Year 4**. They will visit Worsley Pool for ten weeks of intensive sessions every Monday. Please ensure your child brings in their swimming kit every Monday morning.

School Health will be doing their routine height and weight checks in **Y6** on 16th January.

Year 6 are visiting Blackleach Country Park on the afternoon of 9th February.

World Book Day is on 5th March. We will be inviting the children to come dressed as a book character. We will send out further details of special activities nearer the time.

PARENT/CARER PARTNERSHIP

- If any parents/carers need to contact Mrs Blemmings, our Family Support Worker, please telephone the school office.
- There will be a **Y1 Phonics Meeting** for parent/carers on 13th January after school.
- John Kirk, children's author, will be visiting school on 27th February and working with several different classes.
- There will be a spring **Family Learning Workshop** on 5th 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.

Parent/Pupil Consultations

The spring term parent/pupil consultations will be held on Wednesday 25th 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%, which is below the target, however there were quite a few winter viruses during the last few weeks. It is imperative that we work together to achieve excellent attendance for our children, as absences have a negative effect on progress. Just a reminder that Salford City Council share the Government's determination to raise the levels of pupil attendance and as a result, they have introduced the right to issue penalty notices to the parents of children that have more than 10 unauthorised absences.



Other Extra Curricular Activities

I include a list of the activities available this term, but individual members of staff will send out further details. I am extremely grateful to the staff running the clubs as they do this voluntarily, in their own time, and I know the children have a lot of fun attending them.

Spring Term Clubs

Monday:

Glee Club: Miss Young

Science Club: Miss Lomax

Tuesday:

KS2 Football: Kevin Smith

Running Club: Mrs Cobbold/Mrs Gardner/Miss Asbury

Wednesday

Powerzone: Grace Thomas

Thursday:

School Council: Miss Lomax

Y6 Maths Club: Mrs Morrison

KS2 Dodgeball: Sports' Coach

Dinner Money

Please ensure dinner money is handed in to the office on a Monday and the money should be within in an envelope that clearly states the name and class of your child/children.

School Breaks up for **half term** on February 13th for one week. Thank you for your continued support with everything we do in school.

Mrs. A. Smith
Executive Headteacher