

North Walkden Primary School
Executive Headteacher's Newsletter
Summer 2016



INTRODUCTION

The summer term promises to be another busy term, with a packed diary ranging from assessments and end of year reports, to the more pleasurable activities like summer trips and sports days! I shall outline as many as possible of these events in this newsletter and inform you of any extra dates as they arise.

You will shortly receive a Home/School Topic Letter from your child's teacher, outlining work to be covered this half term. These are also available on the school website. Please take the opportunity to discuss this with your child. You may wish to refer to it when supporting your child with homework.

ATTENDANCE

Last term's attendance level was 94% and, since September, 94.5%. As you know, our target is 95% and, anything below this figure would not be looked on favourably during an Ofsted inspection, or indeed by the Local Authority, as it has a detrimental impact on children's progress.

Along with Nicola Walsh, our Education Welfare Officer, we will be tackling persistent absence and punctuality vigorously. Parents/Carers of children with a high level of, or persistent, absence will be expected to attend an attendance panel with school to explain the absence. Medical evidence may be requested. Should the problem persist, the Local Authority may initiate Fast Track Court proceedings.

Appointments - whenever possible please ensure that you request an appointment out of school hours or within school holidays to minimise the impact of this on your child's attendance.

SUMMER FAIR

This year's Summer Fair will be on Saturday 2nd July. Later in the term, the staff will be sending out further details, and I know you will support us with your contributions.

If any parents/carers are able to offer help at the fair, please speak to Mrs Nolan in the school office.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Year 2 will visit the Fusilier Museum on 9th June

Year 1 will visit the Fusilier Museum on 10th June

Year 4, who have been learning brass instruments all year, have the wonderful opportunity of visiting the Halle Orchestra in Manchester on 21st June.

Year 4 are visiting Llandudno on the 11th July

Year 6 are going on a residential visit to Conover Hall from 6-8th July

Class teachers will send out details of these, and any additional, summer visits as they are arranged.

STAFFING

We are happy to welcome **Miss Brown** to our school for the summer term. She will teach the nursery class with Mrs Burrows and Miss Lord.

Mrs Sherratt's new baby is due at the end of May, when she will commence her maternity leave. This will be covered by **Mrs S. Lee**, who is looking forward to joining the team.



Family Worship - Class Assemblies

Some of our classes are preparing their own act of worship this term and families are warmly invited to attend.

27th April: Year 3

18th May: Year 1

15th June: Year 2

29th June: Reception Class

19th July: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Important dates - for your diary.

- ❖ Children in Reception Class and Year 6 will be having a whole class photograph taken on 17th May.
- ❖ We break up for half term on 27th May (This will be a non-uniform day) and return on Tuesday 7th June.
- ❖ There will be a meeting for parents/carers of next year's Reception Class children on 16th June at 2.30pm.
- ❖ There will be a meeting for parents/carers of the new Nursery intake on 16th June at 6pm.
- ❖ A celebration of Diversity in our community will be held during the week commencing 20th June. There will be a linked Family Learning Workshop for KS2 pupils and their families on 21st June at 9am.
- ❖ Y5 will be having a talk on sex and relationships from the school health advisor on 23rd June.
- ❖ There will be a focus on e safety during the week commencing 27th June, and an information session for parents/carers will be held on 28th June. I would strongly urge you to attend, as some of the facts and statistics around keeping children safe on the internet will shock you. It is a very important part of keeping our children safe and the more knowledgeable we, as parents, are, the better.
- ❖ There will be a special Leavers' production on the 12th July in the afternoon at 2pm, and on the evening of 13th July at 6pm. This will involve the Y6 pupils who are moving on to high school.
- ❖ Move up morning is on 13th July, when the children move up to their next class for their morning lessons.

SCHOOL SPORT

P.E. KITS.

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times as there will be many outdoor sporting activities taking place this term.



- ❖ The annual Worsley Sports Competition will be held on 24th May after school at Cleveley's Track in Winton.

- ❖ Representatives from Y1 and Y2 are taking part in an inter school hockey competition at Bridgewater Primary on 18th April- we wish them luck!
- ❖ On 30th June we are looking forward to a whole school Brazilian Dance and Football Day. The reserve date for this is 5th, in the event of bad weather.

Summer Sport's Days are planned for the following dates (weather permitting!)

4th July: KS2

6th July: KS1

13th July: Nursery and Reception

Last, but definitely not least, there will be a whole school **Olympic Games Day** on 14th July. The children will certainly be kept active right until the end of term!

End of Year Assessments

All KS2 children will be undertaking end of year assessments tests during the fortnight beginning 9th May. It is imperative that no pupils are absent during these weeks and all absences should be kept to a minimum.

Year 2 pupils will be assessed using a variety of teacher assessments during the summer term and the final levels will be reported to parents as part of the annual report.

Annual Reports

You will receive a detailed report from your child's class teacher on Friday 8th July. Parents of Y6 children will be given KS2 SATs results as soon as they are available.



Extra Curricular Activities

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

Summer Term Clubs

Monday

Phonics club with Mrs Gardner (Y1&2)

Tuesday

KS2 Football club - with Kevin Smith (£2.50 per session)

KS1 Multi skills club with Mr Tierney - funded by school

Wednesday

B.I.G. Club - run by the church

Thursday

Friday

Multi Skills club with Mr Thompson - funded by school

And Finally...

As you can see, your children are in for a busy and exciting time at school this summer. Please note that these dates may change so please watch out for letters in book bags and use the school website calendar to keep up to date.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the events we have organised. Thankyou for the support you continue to give your children at North Walkden, it is very much appreciated by all the staff.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. A. Barker
Executive Headteacher