# North Walkden Primary School

Head teacher's Newsletter: Winter 2016



# **Introduction**

I am delighted to be writing my first newsletter as official Head teacher of North Walkden Primary School! I do feel privileged to work at a school with such fantastic children and fabulous and dedicated staff. I am thoroughly looking forward to working with you too, so that together, we can ensure North Walkden is the best it possibly can be! We need you as much as you need us so let's enjoy the journey together! Now for the news!

Well that's one half term over and done with and we are now all ready to go for another! And what a busy term this is going to be.

Attached to this letter is a list of diary dates. Should anything change, or further activities be planned, your child's class teacher will keep you informed. Staff members will send out further details about the events nearer the time.

Don't forget you can also find out about school events on our school website.

Of course Christmas will soon be with us once more and the staff at North Walkden are working very hard to make sure that it is a very exciting and enjoyable time for the children.

Staff have planned a wealth of activities for your children to enjoy.



# Parents Evening

You will shortly receive a letter regarding parent/carer consultations. The date of this is Wednesday 23rd November from 3.30pm-6.30pm. Please ensure you make an appointment and use this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and teaching assistant to review their progress.

## Parental Questionnaires

Attached to the parents evening letter will be a parental/carer questionnaire. The information you provide allows us to identify what we

are doing well and where we can improve and move forward. We value all comments and suggestions so please fill it in and return it to school on parents evening.

### Dinner Money

Please ensure you pay all dinner monies every Monday to avoid getting into arrears. The office staff are very busy and have very little time during the rest of the week to chase up outstanding dinner money.

# Parking

PLEASE DO NOT PARK on Whittle Drive during morning drop off and afternoon collections as this compromises the safety of all children and adults walking into school.

### Parent Governor

I am pleased to inform you that Claire Lilley has been nominated as the new parent governor for North Walkden.

### Class Newsletter

By now you should have received a newsletter from your child's class teacher, highlighting what is being covered in class this half term. Please support your child's learning at home by ensuring all homework is completed on time as well as encouraging your child to read, learn tables and undertake research tasks on any topics they are learning.



# Christmas Lunch

The kitchen staff will be serving Christmas lunch on 14<sup>th</sup> December. If your child is on packed lunches, they have the option of buying a Christmas lunch. Mrs Nolan will provide you with further details nearer the time. Alternatively, you may wish to make your child's packed lunch more festive by adding a cracker or mince pie!

<u>Finally</u> School breaks up for the Christmas holiday on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 3.20pm and starts back on Monday 9th January at 8.55am.

Thankyou for your continued support,

Mrs. H Warburton Head teacher