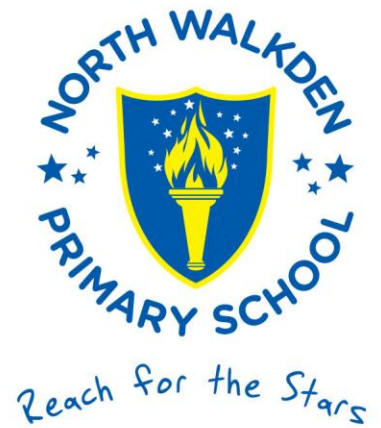




Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017



### School Improvement Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### **Presentation of books**

Following on from my previous letter before Christmas, all staff and children have fully embraced the high expectations in presentation, which we put into practice after the Christmas break. This was to ensure consistency in presentation across school. The majority of children's workbooks are now of a very high standard and I am sure you will notice an improvement in presentation during the forthcoming parents' evening in March.

#### **Journey of writing**

The 'journey of writing' is well underway and again, there is growing evidence of a consistent approach across school in the teaching of writing and the skills required in the writing process. This consistent and structured approach will ensure all skills are being taught, which will hopefully improve the attainment and progress of children's writing.

We are now in the process of implementing the next phase of whole school improvements.

#### **Marking Policy**

We have reviewed and subsequently changed the marking policy to ensure:

- consistency across school in all books.
- the children are consistently responding to marking and feedback in order to move their learning forward and fully understand what their next steps are.
- the children can talk confidently about how their work is marked and how this helps them with their learning.

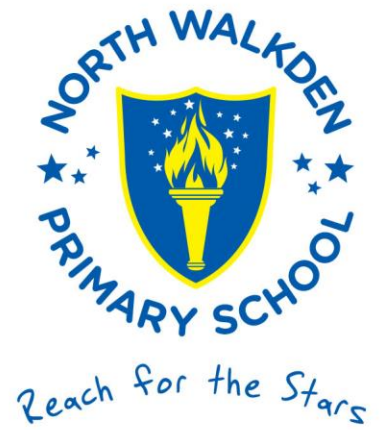
Marking in all books, with the exception of maths, will focus on addressing spelling, punctuation and grammar errors, as well as highlighting the children's understanding of the learning intention. Children will receive regular and consistent 'fix it' or 'challenge' tasks as a follow up to the marking. These tasks won't be daily, but will be consistent.

The children are gradually being introduced to the new marking policy this week, with full implementation expected for all classes after the half term break.

The policy will be uploaded onto the school website later this week.

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## Timetable changes

After the half term, there will be a slight change to the lesson times within the school day for all children in years 1-6.

School will start and finish at the same time but lesson times within the school day have been adjusted in order to facilitate more teaching and learning time in the mornings, when the children are generally fresher, and more ready to learn.

The morning will now consist of a daily English and Maths lesson as well as an additional 30 minutes of spelling/phonics/times tables and a 30 minute highly structured reading lesson.

Further details of the reading lesson will be sent to you next week.

All children will have an hour for their lunch break, and will resume their afternoon lessons at 1.15pm.

Assemblies will take place at the end of each school day at 3pm, with the exception of Friday, where class assemblies and the head teacher's achievement assembly will take place at 9am, rounding off the week nicely.

Sample timetables can be found on the school website to give you a clearer picture of the school day.

The improvements promise to be a very exciting time for North Walkden and I am looking forward to sharing this journey with you.

I will update you in due course regarding any further school improvements.

Should you wish further clarification on any of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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