

North Walsall Primary Academy Newsletter



Autumn 2—September 2017

DATES FOR THE DIARY

27/09/17—Anti Bullying Show for KS1 and KS2

28/09/17—Themed Lunch 'There's no such thing as....'

17/10/17—Nasal Spray Vaccine for Reception-Year 4

18/10/17—Parents Evening 1.15-5pm

19/10/17—Harvest Festival @ 1.30pm

20/10/17—Inset Day, School Closed for Children

30/10/17—Return to School / Halloween Themed Lunch / Halloween Parties for Years 1,2,3

31/10/17—School Photos / Halloween Themed Lunch / Halloween Parties for Years 4,5,6

13/11/17—Anti Bullying Week. Activities to be arranged.

21,22 & 23/11/17—Parents Lunch Taster Days, more information to follow

16/11/17—Nursery & Reception Story Sharing

20/12/17—Nativity AM

20/12/17—Christmas Parties

21/12/17—Movie Day / Attendance Assembly /Christmas Concert @ 1.15pm

22/12/17—Inset Day, School Closed for Children



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INSPIRE STORY TELLING

We will be holding Inspire workshops in School for all parents to attend as follows:

Nursery	5/10/17	@ 11.00am
Reception	25/09/17	@ 2.30pm
Year 1	27/09/17	@ 2.30pm
Year 2	08/10/17	@ 2.30pm
Year 3	28/09/17	@ 2.30pm
Year 4	06/10/17	@ 2.30pm
Year 5	07/10/17	@ 2.30pm
Year 6	05/10/17	@ 2.30pm

At each Inspire workshop there will be an opportunity to purchase books. All books are in good condition and are being sold at 20p each or 6 books for £1.00.



Invitations to be with you soon.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are looking for volunteers to come and read with our children. If anyone is interested, please come and see Mrs Chambers for more information.

Please note that all volunteers will be subject to an enhanced DBS check, Right to work in the UK and Overseas Check and will need to provide 2 references.

HOLIDAYS TAKEN IN TERM TIME

We would like to bring to your attention a problem in school regarding the number of parents taking their children on holiday during term time.

During the Academic Year 16-17, there was 212 school days lost due to 31 pupils taking holidays during term time. Since returning in September, there has already been 83 School days lost due to 24 children taking holiday during term time.

Overall, this has had a massive impact on our attendance in School, which is currently 92.4% with the National average being 95%. Taking your child out of school during term time means they are missing valuable learning time and can have a massive impact on your child's education.

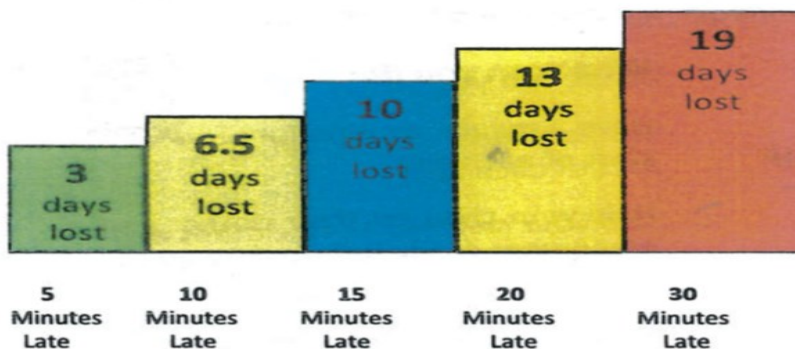
Please note we are in the process of putting together an Attendance Working Party where we will be looking at changing the Attendance Policy.

LATENESS

During the last academic year children arrived late for school on 1,159 occasions. Please help us improve punctuality in School by ensuring your child arrives to school ON TIME every day, ready to start learning. May I again remind you that the bell for registration rings at 8.50am, with lessons starting promptly at 9am. Children who are late on a regular basis are missing valuable time from their maths lesson, which has a great impact on their assessment levels and their education, as well as disturbing the rest of their class.

Did you know that If you are late on more than 5 occasions, you will receive a letter from School and the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO)!!!!

Lateness - Every Minute Counts



Lateness to school of 15 minutes a day is:
equivalent to 1 hour 15 minutes a week
equivalent to 47 ½ hours a year
equivalent to 57 lessons

Registers are closed 30 minutes after the start of the session. Our school day begins at 9.00 therefore registers are closed at 9.30 prompt, any child arriving during this time will be marked with a code L. Any child arriving after this time will be marked with a code U this code does affect your child's attendance percentage and can result in the Education Welfare Service being involved.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year we will be holding Harvest Festival on Thursday 19th October 2017. We will be donating all of our Harvest contributions to Walsall North Food Bank.



HALLOWEEN PARTIES

We will be holding Halloween Parties in School on Monday 30th October for Years 1,2,3 and Tuesday 31st October for Years 4,5,6. Tickets will be on sale soon!



'JO JO' BOWS

Could we please ask for hair accessories to be kept to a minimum ie: hair bobbles and bands only (preferably Blue where possible). Large coloured 'Jo Jo' bows should not be worn in School.

NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER

We are pleased to announce our new School Uniform Supplier 'Crest School Wear', who are based in Walsall. Our uniform should be available to purchase within 2 weeks, but more information will follow in due course. This is an alternative for those of you who would rather purchase from a shop rather than use Tesco's Embroidery on-line service.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The following children are our new School Council Representatives for 2017/18:

- Year 1 To join School Council in the Summer.
- Year 2 Kodie Plant / Ruby-Grace Murdoch
- Year 3 Naomi Smith / Logan Leonard
- Year 4 Ethniel Tshiangala / Paris Taylor
- Year 5 Tamia Bansal-Daniel / Shahir Sikdar
- Year 6 Paris Ebbans / Hanifah Begum



PARKING ON SITE

May we remind you there is no parking in the Disabled Bay on School site, unless you have a Disabled Badge.

Please could you help keep our children safe and refrain from parking on Double Yellow Lines and across residents driveways. This is causing major congestion for both residents and other road users. Can we also ask that you do not park in front of the staff car park gates, as this causes major congestion for staff trying to access the car park.

Thank you for your co-operation.

GOOD WORK

To celebrate good work, the following children have received a certificate in assembly:

Last week's winners :

Nursery	Elijah Jackson
Year 1	Mohammed Sikdar / Jae-Quon Spence
Year 2	Ashton Woolridge / Aiyan Hussain
Year 3	Brooklyn Taylor / Amira Hussain
Year 4	Paris Taylor / Muhammed Hamza Ali
Year 5	Zunera Raja / Juvae Spence
Year 6	Amina Qurban / Kayleigh Hall
Mrs Chamber's award	- Minaal Bibi / Ismaaeel Iqbal / Ebony Price



This week's winners :

Nursery	Usman Hussain
Reception	Kaiden Hubbard / Mackayla Hall
Year 1	Ellie-Mae Hall / Abdus Sami
Year 2	Aahil Shabir / Fabian Moorhouse
Year 3	Luqman Hussain / Nico Korpa
Year 4	Tayshawn Allen / Umm Kulsoom
Year 5	Lauren Ebbans / Hana Mahmood
Mrs Chamber's award	—Hooriyah Akhtar / Bilal Muhammed / Marian Korpa



A very big well done to all of the children, please keep up the good work !!

OXFORD OWL AND VOTES FOR SCHOOL

We are pleased to announce the launch of 2 new programmes across our School, 'Oxford Owl' and 'Votes for Schools'. Please visit our website at www.nwpa.attrust.org.uk and click on the 'Oxford Owl' link, which can be found on our 'home' page and the 'Votes for Schools' link, which can be found under 'Curriculum', for more information.



W/C 11th September 2017

Reception 96.3%

Yr 1 95.3%

Yr 2 88.3%

Yr 3 90.3%

Yr 4 92.1%

Yr5 98.6%

Yr 6 95%

Overall attendance 93.3%



Well done year 5 for outstanding attendance, please keep it up !!!!