

North Walsall Primary Academy Newsletter



What a strange half-term this has been, only 1 day of being fully open to all pupils; not to mention our snow day. However, we have moved heaven and earth to ensure our remote offer has been top quality, ensuring all of our pupils receive the highest quality teaching and learning possible. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute and offer thanks to all of the staff at NWPAA who have worked tirelessly to ensure every pupil, whether at home or onsite have had the best education provision we could provide.

We can not underestimate how far we have come in terms of remote provision, if we think back to March 2020, when we were plunged into the first lockdown and schools had no guidance on what to do or how to do it. We have worked throughout the year to ensure our online platforms are robust and fit for purpose, such as: Class Dojo, Doodle Maths and English, Purple Mash and many more. As a school we have invested a lot of money to ensure that our pupil's remote access is of the highest quality possible. Not forgetting the paper packs that support the online provision. I can say with confidence, that compared to many school's remote offer, ours at NWPAA is one of the best.

We have maintained contact with all pupils throughout lockdown, with our weekly phone calls, and I know sometimes it may have seemed like a lot of calls, but these phone calls are so important, the bond between pupil and Teacher/TA cannot be underestimated. It has also been important that as parents, you have had the opportunity to speak to a member of staff regarding how you are finding things. The relationship between school and home remains one of our top priorities.

Upon our return in Spring 2, after half term, we know as a nation we will continue with remote provision for at least another two weeks. As always as a team we have some amazing remote learning lined up for all of our pupils and we look forward to all the fun times ahead. Finally, as I have paid a well-deserved tribute to all of the staff at NWPAA, I would like to pay tribute to all of you too, to all parents and carers that have supported us as a school, and your children to ensure they have been able to access and engage with the remote provision provided. We understand how challenging this has been, particularly for those who also work, many of our staff are also parents themselves and have lived the challenges of working and supporting children with remote education. You have done an amazing job, in very challenging circumstances, I am confident that when this is all over, and the world returns to some normality, we will all be stronger for it. So, thank you to all parents and carers from all of the team at NWPAA.

All that's left to say is happy half term, relax and enjoy this down-time and stay safe.

Thank You
Miss Hawkins

Year 1 News

Exciting news, as you are all aware Mrs Smith in Y1 will be leaving us at Easter to have her baby, which is very exciting and we all wish her all the best. Now, replacing Mrs Smith is a tall order but we have a wonderful team in place to take over and support Y1 until the end of the academic year. As you may be aware, this year there has been a second teacher supporting Y1 with their transition from reception, Miss Howard our nursery teacher.

To ensure Y1 have a smooth transition upon their return, Miss Howard will take over full time in Y1 up until Easter and will be supported by Miss Randall-Williams, who currently co-teaches in Y6. After Easter, Miss Randall-Williams will take over full time in Y1 and Miss Howard will support her in the afternoons. This ensures Y1 get the best provision possible with familiar adults. So, whilst we say goodbye and congratulations to Mrs Smith, we welcome Miss Howard and Miss Randall-Williams.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term 2021

Term starts: Monday 4th January

INSET day: Friday 12th February (students are not in school)

Half term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Term ends: Thursday 1st April

Holiday: Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 4th April

Summer Term 2021

Term starts: Monday 19th April

May Day: Monday 3rd May

Half term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

INSET day: Monday 5th July (students are not in school)

INSET day Tuesday 20th July

Term ends: Wednesday 2st1 July

Holiday: Thursday 22nd July – Tuesday 31st August

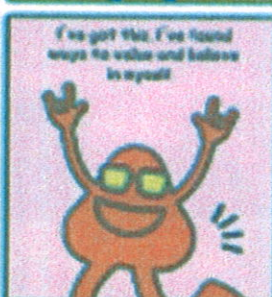
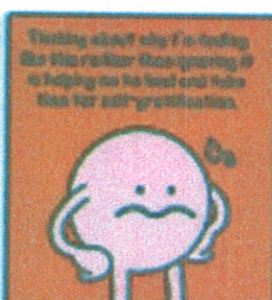
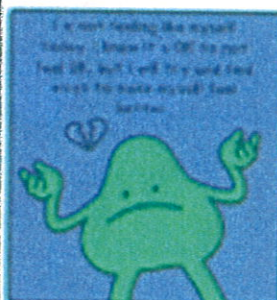


INSET days

Monday 5th July 2021

Tuesday 20th July *subject to change*

GOOD DAYS - BAD DAYS - GREAT DAYS



The majority of people are finding these challenging times difficult.

You'll have good days and bad days. Take time for YOU.

Self-Care is important.

Look after yourselves
Super smiles
Nina @musicmind

WHAT IS YOUR BOTTLE MOMENT?

Having hope helps us keep going when things are really hard. Your Bottle Moment is the one thing you'd most like to do again when everything is better and back to normal. It could be a friend you'd most like to see, a place you'd most like to go, a hobby you'd most like to get back to, or simply getting a hug from someone special.

Right now, the Covid-19 pandemic is particularly taking its toll on children. This is why we are calling all **KIDS** to draw **their** Bottle Moments!

During half term we would like to launch bottle moments. We are all very mindful of the effects COVID-19 is having on children's mental health. Please take a look at the link and get creative during half term, drawing your dreams.

Please send me your completed work via message - Miss Birch.

<https://www.bottlemoments.com/>

Dress up as
your
favourite book
character!

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

4 MARCH 2021

There will be lots of fun
activities set by your
teachers!

Prizes to be won!

Assemblies to share
work and see your
friends and teachers.

Try and guess the
member of staff's
TRUE identity in
our version of 'The
Masked Reader!'

**TOP
SECRET**

Listen to us reading
stories to each
class...but watch
carefully...*it's not
your usual teacher!*



Reader!