



# NEWSLETTER

## A message from our Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome you all back to North Walsall Primary Academy for the New Year and as I embark on my role at our school.

It has been a busy and action-packed start to the term; the cold, January weather has kept us on our toes and the children have been working really hard in their classes. I have been very fortunate to visit each class every day and also drop into their lessons. I must say that I have been very impressed with the learning and behaviour in and around school. The behaviour of our children throughout the school is truly exceptional and has made a strong impression upon both me and visitors to the academy.

I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children better as the term progresses. Last week, Miss Shoemaker and I met with the School Council and it was interesting to hear their enthusiastic ideas for improving our school further. Next week, some of our older school councillors will be eating lunch with Mrs Dean and her visitor to share their ideas further.

This half term, I will be working towards strengthening the school's work on Sustainability and Climate Change with a focus on improving our school environment and locality. This is a requirement for all schools and as a first step, we will be electing Climate Ambassadors – more information will be coming out soon! One area that we are going to focus on is tackling litter in our area; I have contacted Walsall Council about this and I am sure that you and your families will want to support us with this initiative.

Next week, it will be our parents' evenings and I await with anticipation the opportunity of being able to share our wonderful classroom environments with you and the achievements of your children.

We have been experiencing some excellent attendance since the children have returned to school and during my morning visits to classes, have seen several of them with one hundred percent attendance. This is a huge achievement, especially given the time of year when coughs and colds abound. May I politely remind all parents though, to ensure that children arrive at school on-time in the morning as recently we have had a few children late at the gate!

If your child is absent from school, please call the school office to let us know; phone lines are open from 0800 and calls should be received before 0830.

With my best wishes for a wonderful weekend.

Mr MJ Shaw  
Principal



### Diary Dates



#### January

28th - Y1 Hearing Screening

#### February

2nd - Y3 Shree Geeta Bhawan

5th - Y2 Aisha Mosque

6th - Stay and Play REC & NUR

10th - Animal Man in school

Internet Safety Day

11th - Y2 Warwick Castle

12th - Y4 Singers Hill

**16th - 21st Half Term Break**

**23rd - Back to school**

26th - Y3 Lapworth Museum

#### March

5th - World Book Day

Waterstones

6th - Stay & Play REC & NUR

10th - Y5 Gurdwara

11th - Y6 Six Peak Zoo

18th - REC Ash End Farm

23rd - Y5 Mount Pleasant Farm

24th - NUR Ash End Farm

**27th - Break up for Easter**

#### April

**12th— Back to school**

# Important Notices

## Snow Day

Thank you to all parents and children for your engagement during our snow day. Thank you for all your wonderful pictures.



## Attendance

Since our return in January our attendance has been up and down, with some high attendance but also very low. It is really important that you contact the school office or leave a message on our voice mail service leaving your child's name, year group and reason for absence before 8:30 am.

If your child is feeling under the weather, we can administer Calpol during the school day, but this needs to be provided by the parent and authorised with the school office in advance.

Miss Walters



## Gates

We apologise for the continued disruption with our school gates. Please continue to use the main drive until further notice. We are hoping to have these gates repaired as soon as possible. Please take extra care whilst walking down the driveway.

## Head lice

We have had a few cases of head lice in school this term, please routinely check your child's hair and treat accordingly.



## Payments on MCAS



We kindly ask parents to keep a check on outstanding payments for trips and dinner money. If you are having difficulties navigating the MCAS app please pop into the school office and I can give advice.

Miss Williams

## Parking

As most parents are aware, parking is a big issue at drop off and collection times. We kindly ask, for the safety of all our parents, carer's and children, that you do not park on the yellow lines and that you do not drop your child off by stopping in the middle of the road.



## Admissions – School Spaces Available

We currently have X2 spaces available in our Year 2 class and X1 space in our Reception class.

Our experienced Teachers and engaging curriculum offer the children the opportunity to grow in a safe and nurturing environment.

To enquire, please contact the school office on- 01922720822

or via email on-

NWP-postbox@atrtrust.org.uk

