



The Federation of North Walsham  
Junior, Infant School and Nursery

# Newsletter

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Don't Miss...

## THIS WEEK!

**7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Nov**- Parent  
Teacher Meetings – all year  
groups

Have you made an  
appointment?

Please contact the teacher or  
the office.

We need EVERY child to have  
the chance for their parent  
to see their work and talk  
about their progress and  
learning.

**8<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Swimming lessons  
3J/Y3&4 Flu Vaccinations

**13<sup>th</sup> Nov**- Clubs commence  
for 4 weeks:- Y1&2

ICT/Y1&2Choir/Y3-6

Choir/Y3-6 Drama/Y3-6 Stop  
Motion Filming

**15<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Swimming  
3J/Clubs commence for 4

weeks:- Y1&2 Table

Tennis/Y2 Athletics/Y6  
Booster/

Y4 Eaton Vale trip info  
meeting for parents 3.15pm

**16<sup>th</sup> Nov**- YR Family Learning  
(Grp 1-1pm/Grp 2-

2pm)/Clubs commence for 4  
weeks:- Y4-6 Boys & Girls

Football/Y3-6 Board  
Games/Y3 Athletics

**17<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Children in Need  
Day/ NWJS Disco 6.00pm-

7.30pm. Disco tickets will be  
available from the Hub

8.30am onwards from  
15/11/17.

Welcome back to school everyone- thank you for your continued support and for helping us make the last half term so successful for our wonderful pupils. Staff are eagerly looking forward to the next, busy half term, which takes us through to Christmas. (Sorry to mention it.) As usual we have an action packed few weeks ahead of us and lots of learning and fun to be enjoyed by all!

## Why worry about attendance?

A 90% attendance rate means a pupil is missing from school for the equivalent of one half day of their lessons each week.



A pupil with 80% attendance each year, over a 5-year period, misses the equivalent of one complete year of schooling. We have children in school potentially with this level of attendance. It is unacceptable and we will take effective action to change this.

Pupils are expected to achieve **96%** attendance every year in order to be able to make the most of their education and everything school offers them. This means they might be off for 4 days in a year but attend 186/190 days. How well does your child meet this target? Do you know the impact their attendance rate is having on their educational progress? Please support us and your child's education.

Please send your child to school when they are well enough to attend. If you are unsure, then send them in and staff will contact you if they are not well enough to remain. However: Do **not** send your child to school if they have a temperature, an upset tummy or are infectious. We want them to be healthy and happy.

## THANK YOU

A huge thank you for all your kind donations of food which went to the Cromer Food Bank from our Harvest Festivals. The Foodbank organisers were astounded by the quantity of food that we had collected. All the food will be distributed by Foodbanks in North Norfolk.

## Poppy Appeal

We will be collecting for the Poppy Appeal this year. Every year for the past 4 years our total raised has increased which is a real testament to your generosity and support for this worthwhile cause. Poppies and poppy appeal merchandise will be on sale in the school playground from Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup>. The children all learn about why we have the poppy as a sign of remembrance and the school will be having a minute silence on Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11am as a mark of respect.

**Reminder:** Please do not put sweets or confectionary chocolate bars e.g Mars Bars, Fudge, Snickers, Maltesers in lunch boxes. Thank you

## Diary

**20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Anti-Bullying Week

**22<sup>nd</sup> Nov**- Swimming 3J

**24<sup>th</sup> Nov** –Parent Forum 1.30pm/ Film Club – 3.10pm – Shaun the Sheep

**25<sup>th</sup> Nov** –North Walsham Town Xmas Lights Switch-On – NWIS Choir to perform

**27<sup>th</sup> Nov**- KS2 International Week/Beat The Clock Week (arrive on time and get a reward)

**29<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Swimming 3J

**30<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Y2 Celebration Assembly 2.40pm (parents welcome)

**1<sup>st</sup> Dec** – Y1 Celebration Assembly 2.40pm (parents welcome)

**4<sup>th</sup> Nov**- Y6 transition lesson at NWHS

**6<sup>th</sup> Dec** – YR Celebration Assembly 2.30pm (parents welcome)

**8<sup>th</sup> Dec** – PTA Christmas Fair 3pm

**13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas lunch/ Christmas jumper day (£1 donation to Save the Children Fund)

**15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – EYFS/ KS1 Nativity/ KS2 Carol Concert

**19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Parties/ KS2 Cube Afternoon

**19 Dec - School Closes for Christmas Holidays**

### The next PARENT FORUM is:

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm in The Hub. All parents welcome. It's informal- and there will be refreshments. Pre-schoolers welcomed too! Come and find out about what's next in the Schools' Development Plan. Do you want to ask questions about the schools? It's your chance to give us feedback!

### Spare socks!

Because children play outside and get wet feet, they have exhausted our small stock of spare socks.If you have any socks that are no longer required at home, please send them in to school so we can re-use them. Thank you.

**Safety Reminder:- School is open between 8.00-8.10am (NWJS) for breakfast club entry. Parents are responsible for their child's safety until the school doors open at 8.35am(NWJS) and 8.45am (NWIS).**



## National Anti -Bullying Week 20<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> November "All different, all equal"

All children have the right to be safe in school. This means that staff need to guide them and help them to learn how to make friends, build relationships and maintain friendships.

Children often fall out of friendship with each other and then need to learn about how to act to fix the problems. It can be a tough lesson but children need independence!

Parents need to be watchful, but please let the children sort it out themselves. This teaches them so much and life skills.

Staff spend lots of time every day helping, guiding, sorting issues and squabbles with children to help them do it right.

However, when unkindness turns to bullying, then staff will act promptly to investigate the issues and take things further.

Staff remind children regularly – as we are sure do parents- that action can only be taken, when staff know there is a problem.

So, children **MUST TELL** an adult. During Anti-Bullying week there will again be some special lessons in class to help children build and develop their relationships with others.

### Children in Need 17<sup>th</sup> November Spotacular



The theme for 'Children in Need' this year is 'Spotacular'. Your child can come to school with spots on their face, arms, legs and can wear Pudsey merchandise. It is a usual school uniform day. Please can they bring a donation of £1 to school. Thank you.

### Visit from the Czech children and staff

We were delighted to welcome 40 children and 4 staff from a school in Prague in the Czech Republic. The children participated in lessons for 3 days and really enjoyed their taste of English school-life. The children and teachers were amazed at the excellent behaviour and focus of our children in lessons. They also thought our children looked so smart in their uniform and they thought our school lunches were delicious. The children really enjoyed the outdoor space we have and all the variety of play equipment on offer at break and lunch times.

The children in the Czech Republic have lessons from 8am-12.30pm (45 minutes long) with short breaks in between. All children have a hot cooked lunch and then can stay on at school for clubs (which are all paid for by parents) until 4pm. Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Finch and Mrs Wyant went to Prague during half term to spend 2 days in school and find out all about primary education in the Czech Republic. We are hoping that the staff and children will return again to visit us in 2019.