

# NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

## Merry Christmas

15<sup>th</sup> December 2023



We have all enjoyed another action packed week! It started with not one but two wonderful carol concerts by our KS2 children, it was wonderful to see so many parents and carers join us for the festive fun. The juniors have also all been to the Opera House to watch Jack and the Beanstalk as well as snuggling down with their pillows and blankets to watch a Christmas movie. In Key Stage 1 and EYFS it has been party central with all four classes having their Christmas parties and guess what..... Santa turned up too!!!! Take a look at our Facebook page to see the fun for yourself

I would like to wish all of our families a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year, I hope you all enjoy the time together relaxing and having fun. We will see you all back in school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024!

**Christmas Hampers:** Thank you to Clerissa and Finley our School Council representatives who had the very responsible job of drawing our raffle winners this afternoon. The winners were.....

- For 100% attendance - Abraham Y3 – well done!!!
- Green 947 – Abigail - Nursery
- Green 774 – Archie – Y2
- Orange 812 – Alfie Y6
- Orange 865 – Billie-Mae Y5
- Green 921 – Ella-Rose Y2
- Orange 880 – Thea - Nursery



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Congratulations to you all, we hope you love your hampers. Thank you again for all the donations kindly given to make this happen.

**Place2Be – Christmas Wellbeing Ideas:** Happy Jingling!

**Jump Around** - Physical activities like dancing or running help improve your mood

**Imagination** – Doing something creative such as crafting or creating a fantasy world can distract you from worries

**Notice** - The things around you, stop and look at Christmas lights or something in nature. You might find something you really like

**Giving** – It can feel good to give something back, you could try making a card for someone, donate some things you don't need any more or give someone a hug

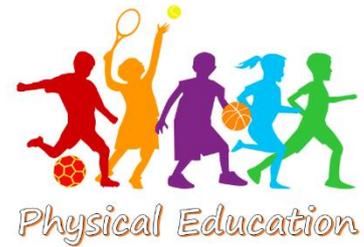
**Learn** - Something new. Keeping your mind occupied stops your worries from sticking. Why not learn a new game or read a new book

**Enjoy** - Whether it's the food, the gift or spending time with loved ones, do something that you really enjoy doing



**PE Days and Swimming:** Please note the days below for PE and swimming. On these days children should come to school in their PE kits.

- Reception – PE on FRIDAY
- Year 1 – PE on Tuesday
- Year 2 – PE on Tuesday
- Year 3 – PE on Monday
- Year 4 – PE on Monday / Swimming on Thursday from 16.11.23 – 18.01.24
- Year 5 – PE on Wednesday / Swimming on Thursday from 25.01.24 – 21.03.24
- Year 6 - PE on Wednesday



## After School Clubs

**After school clubs:** Messages have been sent to all parents who have booked their child onto a club. The clubs for next term are as follows. All clubs finish at 4pm and children must be collected.

Day	Club	Year
MONDAY	HANDBALL	Y3 AND Y4
MONDAY	MATHS IS FUN	Y1
MONDAY	TIMESTABLE CLUB – SPECIFIC CHILDREN	Y2
TUESDAY	ARTS & CRAFTS	Y3
TUESDAY	TIMESTABLES	Y4
TUESDAY	NETBALL	Y1 / Y2
TUESDAY	JAPANESE ART	Y5
WEDNESDAY	FOOTBALL	Y5 AND Y6

### Y6 Roving Reporters Bulletin

Our final week at school!

Yesterday, all of KS2 went to the pantomime to watch Jack and the Beanstalk. KS1 also had a fun day yesterday, each class from year 1-2 had a party yesterday. Today, reception and nursery will be having a party of their own, it has been a very fun final week for us all, don't forget that this week each class will be finishing at 2pm this Friday.

**Supporting the community at Christmas Time:** Through very kind donations from Community Little Hulton, Mr Thomas and his biking club, Speed Lions UK and Germany, we have been able to provide gifts of toys to lots of families in the community this year. These very kind gestures of goodwill will make a huge difference to lots of children this Christmas time. I would like to thank them all for their generosity and kindness and wish them all a wonderful Christmas.

### **Punctuality and Attendance**

Please remember school starts at **8:45am** – Doors will be open from 8.35am. Children arriving after 8.55am must enter through the school office and be signed in.

**Last week's attendance – Our School target and individual pupil target is 96%**

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Class attendance award	95	92.59	<b>98.71</b>	<b>99.3</b>	92	95.33	94	92.33	94.96
Late arrivals	4	4	1	9	4	<b>0</b>	2	3	27

**Online Safety:** We have some helpful advice below about Among Us and we will share different supportive advice each week in the newsletter.

# Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

## PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

## ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

## AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

## DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

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Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

## FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

## ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful: if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

## TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

## BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

## Meet Our Expert

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**School communication:** Please ensure you are logged into your school spider app so that you receive all the important messages we send out. If you need to download the app again, its 'School Spider' and then you can simply go to the log in page and click forgot password to reset your log in details.

**Contacting School:** If you wish to contact school then you can email us on [NorthWalkdenPrimary.PupilContact@salford.gov.uk](mailto:NorthWalkdenPrimary.PupilContact@salford.gov.uk) and we will respond the same day or call 0161 921 2921.

**DIARY DATES:** Whilst we aim not to change dates once set sometimes circumstances mean we have to, please always check the dates each week and update your plans accordingly. Any changes will be highlighted.

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS
WEDNESDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> JANUARY	SCHOOL RE OPENS	8.45AM	WHOLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	STOCKPORT AIR RAID SHELTER VISIT	9-3	YEAR 6
WEDNESDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	YEAR 3 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 3 PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	YEAR 6 SATS AND CONDOVER MEETING FOR PARENTS	3.20PM	YEAR 6 PARENTS
THURSDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	YEAR 4 LAST SWIMMING LESSON	PM	YEAR 4
THURSDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	YEAR 5 1 <sup>ST</sup> SWIMMING LESSON	1-3	YEAR 5
WEDNESDAY 31 <sup>ST</sup> JANUARY	FRONT ROW MUSIC CONCERT – Y1-Y6 TO WATCH	2.45 – 3PM	PARENTS OF THOSE HAVING MUSIC LESSONS AT LUNCH
THURSDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY	FRENCH CELEBRATION DAY	KEY STAGE 2	KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN
WK BEG 5 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	MENTAL HEALTH WEEK	ALL WEEK	ALL CLASSES
TUESDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	SAFER INTERNET DAY	9-3	ALL CLASSES
WEDNESDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	RECEPTION CLASS VALENTINES WORKSHOP	9-9.45	RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	EYFS VALENTINES DISCO	2.15-3PM	EYFS
WEDNESDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	KEY STAGE 1 VALENTINES DISCO	3.30-4.30PM	KEY STAGE 1
THURSDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	END OF TERM SINGING SHOWCASE	1.15PM	YEARS 1-6
FRIDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	COFFEE MORNING FOR PARENTS	9AM	ALL PARENTS WELCOME
FRIDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	ZUMBA DAY	9-3	YEARS 1-6 ON A ROTA
FRIDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM	3.15PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS
MONDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	SCHOOL RE OPENS	8.45AM	WHOLE SCHOOL
MONDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	YEAR 6 – CRUCIAL CREW TRIP	12 – 3PM	YEAR 6
WEDNESDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	YEAR 6 CONDOVER RESIDENTIAL TRIP	WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY	YEAR 6 AB EC TW
WEDNESDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	YEAR 2 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10	YEAR 2 PARENTS WELCOME

THURSDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	WORLD BOOK DAY THEME TBC	9-3	WHOLE SCHOOL
THURSDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY- READING AND STORIES	9-10	NURSERY PARENTS WELCOME
FRIDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	CHOCOLATE DONATION IN EXCHANGE FOR EXTRA PLAYTIME		WHOLE SCHOOL
MONDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE TICKETS GO ON SALE	2 WEEKS	WHOLE SCHOOL
MONDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	PARENTS EVENING PHONE CALLS	3.45 -5.00	WHOLE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	PARENTS EVENING FACE TO FACE	3.30-6.30	WHOLE SCHOOL
THURSDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH	YEAR 5 LAST SWIM	1-3	YEAR 5
WEDNESDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	RECEPTION EASTER WORKSHOP	9-9.45AM	RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 EASTER HAT PARADE	ALL DAY	EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 CHILDREN
WEDNESDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE DRAW	2PM	
THURSDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	COFFEE MORNING	9AM	ALL PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	KEY STAGE 2 EGG DISPLAY	9-12	KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN
THURSDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS	2PM	

More dates will be added so please keep your eye on the diary dates each week.

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton