

Date: 11th January 2018



# 'Newsham News'

**Quote of the Week:** "A New Year is like a blank book. The pen is in your hands. It is your chance to write a beautiful story for yourself. Happy New Year!". **Anon**

Dinner Menu	Week 2
Day	What is happening
Monday 15th January	10.00am - Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 16th January	
Wednesday 17th January	2.30pm - Star Tea with Mr Jones
Thursday 18th January	12.30pm - Y1 Multi skills festival 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y3 Booster with Mrs Ross 3.15pm - 4.30pm Y2/Y3 Athletics
Friday 19th January	1.00pm onwards - Whales swimming

## Persistently Perfect Autumn 2 Half Term Winners

Starfish - Brooke  
Seahorses - Kendall  
Puffins - Riley  
Penguins - Livy  
Lifeboats - Evie  
Coastguards - Eymen  
Kittiwakes - James  
Oystercatchers - Molly  
Whales - Grace  
Dolphins - Charlotte  
Galleons - Jake  
Submarines - Anya  
Neptune - Megan  
Atlantis - Brooke

### Welcome Back

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! As always, I've been so impressed with the way in which the children have returned to school. There was such a calm and orderly atmosphere in our whole school assembly on Monday morning and the children have settled down to work quickly and sensibly after such an exciting Christmas holiday. This term requires a tremendous amount of hard work from all the children and so we really need them to be in school every single day. We also need your support and cooperation as parents and carers so please come and see us if you have any questions or concerns about the work we are expecting the children to complete at home. Reading is absolutely the best thing you can do to help your child so please ask us if you have any questions in this vital area of learning. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

### Y6 visit to France

At the end of last term, the majority of our Y6 children went to France with the Y6 staff team, very ably led by Mr Jones, Deputy Headteacher. They had a fantastic time, enjoyed some wonderful experiences and made memories that will last a lifetime. I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the children once more on their exceptional behaviour (the Y6 children who stayed here in school were wonderful too!) and to thank Mr Jones and the Y6 staff team for giving up so much of their own time to enable this wonderful educational visit to take place!

### Word of the Week - W/B 18th December

**Resilient** and was awarded to Willow in Year 1. Willow receives a pack of gel pens for being resilient and trying hard in phonics. Well done Willow.

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## **Monday 15th January onwards-Our School Library Opening Times!**

As you know, we now have a wonderful new school library, which is situated in The Rockpool (previously named The Studio). The library was launched last term and we are now in a position to open the library for parents and children at the end of the school day.

Initially, the library will be open from 3.15pm to 4pm each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Johnson and Mrs Mitchell will be on hand to help the children choose and change a book. We really hope that these new opening hours will give the children longer to look at the books on offer and choose one that they would love to read at home. We're also really hoping that the parents make this a regular part of their weekly activities and their child or children and enjoy our fabulous range of books too.

## **Robinwood**

This is a polite reminder to those families in Y5 who's children have secured a place at Robinwood in June, that the interim balance is due by Friday 26th January. Thank you.

## **Netball**

Our Netball Club after school for girls in Y5 and Y6 will start again after February half term on Tuesday 20th February and run until Tuesday 20th March. Please remember to collect promptly at 4.15pm from the hall doors, if your child is walking home alone we must know in advance. Thank you.

## **Pupil Success**

Well done to James, who before Christmas was awarded his 3rd Man of the Match playing for Blyth Spartans!

Well done to Neive, Ronan and Skyla who won the Co-Op Christmas decorations competition, they all received a lovely Chocolate Santa.

## **In-it-to-win-it**

Our winners for Autumn term attendance of 96%-100% are Mya Y3, Ihsaan Y3 and Freya Y2. Who all received a £5 voucher for WHSmiths. Well done everyone!

Yours sincerely  
Mrs AM Armstrong  
Headteacher