

Date: 18th January 2018



'Newsham News'

Quote of the Week: "The safety of the people shall be the highest law."

Marcus Tullius Cicero, Roman philosopher born in 106 BC

Dinner Menu	Week 3
Day	What is happening
Monday 22nd January	10.00am - Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 23rd January	3.15pm - 4.15pm Y3 Reading Club Mrs Finnigan 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Reading Club Mrs Charlton
Wednesday 24th January	2.30pm - Star Tea with Mr Jones 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y3 Maths Club Mrs Finnigan 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Reading Club Mrs Fogarty 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Maths Club Miss Graham 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Maths Club Mrs Atkinson
Thursday 25th January	9am Y1 Assembly for parents 1pm - Y5 Netball 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y3 Reading Club Mrs Ross 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Maths Club Miss Graham 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Reading Club Mrs Fogarty 3.15pm - 4.30pm Y2/Y3 Athletics
Friday 26th January	1.00pm onwards - Whales swimming

Star Pupils of the Week

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Starfish - Billy
Seahorses - Georgie
Puffins - Skyla
Penguins - Ashtyn
Lifeboats - Chloe
Coastguards - Karli
Kittiwakes - Cole
Oystercatchers - Scarlet
Whales - Korey
Dolphins - Olivia
Galleons - Jake
Submarines - Aiden
Neptune - Owen
Atlantis - William

Safety at Newsham Primary School

We have had two incidents at Newsham recently which have seriously concerned me and both relate to the use of vehicles on and around our school site.

The first incident involved the driver of a vehicle driving onto our premises and parking in front of our school barrier at the beginning of the school day. This blocked access to our car park and a member of staff had to try and tuck her car up by the hedgerow next to the allotments to enable the driver to reverse off our school premises. The driver then communicated with staff in a completely unacceptable way and this was an unsafe and upsetting incident for all involved. I would remind everyone that parents and carers are invited onto the premises at my invitation as Headteacher. I will withdraw that invitation if anyone behaves in a manner that is inappropriate for the children, staff or other parents and carers using our school facilities.

The second incident occurred yesterday when a parent was taken ill at the beginning of the school day and required an ambulance to attend immediately. I was really proud of the way in which staff (and parents present, so many thanks to those involved), all worked together to support the parent concerned, protect all the children from any distress and organise help to be requested as soon as possible. The fact that some parents and carers were frantically reversing and moving their vehicles when the ambulance arrived, simply reinforced the reason I have repeatedly asked drivers not to park in the road leading to our main school gates. Thankfully, this situation has had a happy and positive outcome but how would anyone feel if an emergency vehicle couldn't get onto our premises to help their child if the need ever arose. I make absolutely no apology for putting the safety and well-being of our children, families and staff at the top of the list of my responsibilities as Headteacher of Newsham Primary School.

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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 the library is now open for parents and children at the end of the school day.

Initially, the library will be open from 3pm to 4pm each Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Johnson and Mrs Mitchell will be on hand to help the children choose or 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 parents make this a regular part of their weekly activities with their child or children and enjoy our fabulous range of books too!

WOW

We have been chosen to be part of an exciting project to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. The project will run until at least July 2018 and is being run by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, in association with Northumberland County Council.

The main element of the project is participation in WOW , which rewards children who walk to school at least once a week with a monthly badge. Daily journeys are logged by pupils on our interactive Travel Tracker accessed through the schools computer or whiteboard.

Last year over one million children in 4000 schools took part in the Walk to School campaign and it's having a big impact:

- 23% - increase in pupils' walking rates
- 30% - fewer cars at the school gates.

We welcome this opportunity to help our pupils feel happier and healthier and reduce pollution and congestion at the school gates.

Celebrating Success - Attendance

Brilliant news! We reached our whole school attendance target last week! I'm definitely beginning to report more positive attendance results now and we just need to build on this every week.

Thank-you in advance for your support.

Our whole school attendance percentage for last week was **96%**. EYFS winners last week were **Starfish** with **96%** attendance, KS1 attendance winners last week were **Penguins** with **99%** attendance, Lower KS2 attendance winners last week were **Whales** with **97%** attendance and Upper KS2 attendance winners last week were **Atlantis** with **97%** attendance.

Team Points

Our weekly team points are: **Red = 1084, Green = 1012 and Yellow = 995.**

Winners for last week were Red Team (Warkworth), well done!

Yours sincerely
Mrs AM Armstrong
Headteacher