

Date: 31 January 2019



'Newsham News'

Quote of the Week: "Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world". **Nelson Mandela**

Friday 1st February

Y6

We are extremely proud of the Year 6 pupils this week for the mature, responsible attitude that they have shown towards mock SATs. In recognition of the concentration and focus they have demonstrated throughout the week, Year 6 pupils will work with outreach staff from Northumbria university on Friday morning. Throughout the morning they will participate in two fun and engaging workshops: 'Exploring Science' and 'Maths in Books,' where they will approach these curriculum subjects in a very different manner!

Mrs Atkinson

Dinner Menu	See Live Kitchen
Day	What is happening
Monday 4th February	Whole School Assembly 12.15pm - 12.45pm IT Club (Mrs Fogarty) 3.15pm - 4.15pm Sports Club with Mr Brown
Tuesday 5th February	3.15pm - 4.15pm Y5/6 Netball Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y2 Reading Boosters 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Reading Booster (Mrs Charlton)
Wednesday 6th February	9.00am - Y6 Parent Meeting - Hall 12.15pm - 1.15pm Y6 Maths Booster (Mrs Atkinson) 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y5 Reading Booster (Mrs Finnigan) 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Reading Boosters 5.00pm - Y6 Parent Meeting - Atlantis class
Thursday 7th February	8.05am - Rockstars Club 9.00am - Y3 Parent/Carer Assembly 3.15pm - 4.15pm KS2 Choir Club 3.15pm - 4.30pm Maths Club Y5/6 (new children) 3.15pm - 4.30pm Art Club Y6 (Mrs Fogarty)
Friday 8th February	8.05am - Rockstars Club 1pm onwards - Whales swimming lesson 2.30pm - Star Tea

Y6 Mock SATs

Well done to all our Y6 pupils for their extremely hard working and mature attitude during mock SATs this week.

As I mentioned last week, the mocks help us to identify individual areas of both strength and development and are a very important assessment tool as we move forward towards our KS2 SATs in May 2019.

In case parents and carers forgot to write down assessment dates last week, in terms of national tests, parents and carers need to make a note of the following dates and ensure that children are definitely in school during these really important assessments.

The government has released the dates for the 2019 key stage 1 and key stage 2 SAT tests.

For Y6 pupils, KS2, as in 2018, the first test will be spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG).

This will be held on Monday, 13th May 2019.

The reading test will be taken on Tuesday, 14th May 2019.

Maths papers 1 and 2 will be taken on Wednesday, 15th May 2019.

Maths paper 3 will be taken on Thursday, 16th May 2019.

The KS1 test period will be spread out throughout May 2019 and the Phonics check week for Y1 pupils will start on Monday, 10th June 2019.

There will be no Science sampling test in 2019.

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Attendance

Our whole school attendance percentage for last week was **95%**, which means we didn't meet our school target of **96%**. **EYFS** winners last week were **Full Pebbles** with **99%** attendance, **KS1** attendance winners last week were **Lifeboats** with **96%** attendance, in **Lower KS2 Whales** were the winners with **99%** attendance and in **Upper KS2 Submarines** were the winners with **96%**.

Team Points

Our weekly team points are: **Red = 945, Green = 922 and Yellow = 809.**

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

Parking and driving in the streets surrounding our school

Yet again I am highlighting the importance of safety when driving and parking in the streets surrounding our school premises.

Local residents repeatedly contact us at school to say that their drives are blocked by parked cars, which have been left by parents and carers dropping their children off at our school. This thoughtless behaviour is making residents late for appointments and I'm amazed that anyone would knowingly block the exit of someone's drive!

I regularly remind parents and carers of the dangers of bringing vehicles onto Warwick Street or into Brockwell Court. I make no apology for making the safety of the children my absolute priority and would urge everyone connected to our school community to work in partnership on this extremely important issue.

After School Activity Club (ASAC)

We ask that parents and carers who want to use ASAC for their child/ren book places at least one working day in advance, this ensures that teachers and support staff who work in classes know the arrangements for pupils at the end of the day. Slips are available in the main school foyer or ring the main school office to reserve and pay for places. Thank you in advance.

Live Kitchen

The new menus for school lunches have been uploaded onto the live kitchen system. These menus will start after February half term; Monday 25th February. These operate on a three week cycle.

Please ensure you remember to order your child's lunch at home. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A-M Armstrong

Headteacher