

Walkergate Community School

Newsletter 20.07.18



Children return to school on Tuesday 4th September 2018

This is our last newsletter of this school year and the end of my first year as head of school. I have really enjoyed our successes and challenges and look forward to the start of next term. Thank you to all parents who have supported school this year in many ways. We really do appreciate the time and effort that many of you put in to support school events and to support your children's learning. We know that by working together we can make a difference!

This week the children have all moved into their new classes and all have settled well with their new teachers and support staff.

We would like to wish you all a happy holiday and we will look forward to seeing everyone in September for the new school year.

Staff news

We are saying good bye to several members of staff this term. Mrs Pennock, our assistant Head and year 6 teacher leaves as she is relocating with her family. We wish her luck with her new year 6 children. Miss Nesbitt is leaving from Year 5 to begin a teacher training course. We know she will make a fab teacher and wish her luck.

Mrs Hardy and Mrs Guy have both worked at the Early years site this year and they are both moving on to new jobs in the areas. Mrs Hardy is staying within NEAT, moving to Central Walk-er. We wish them both well in their new roles. We would like to thank all of them for their hard work and contribution they have made this year.

We welcome a number of new staff into school in September. You may have met some of them during transition week.

This week's attendance winners are:

RH-95.3%

1M-98.6%

5H-97.8%



Whole school attendance is

94.6%



PE Kits

We are very sorry but school will not be able to provide PE Kit for children this year due to budget cuts. PE kit can be bought through **Emblematic** via the school website as normal. Alternatively you can provide plain royal blue shorts and a plain white t shirt. Football strips are not allowed for school.

School Uniform - Please read our new school uniform policy on the back of the newsletter. It clarifies for parents what children should be wearing. A number of parents have asked us to clarify what is suitable for school uniform. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child comes to school in uniform.

Attendance - Unfortunately we did not achieve our 96% attendance for the year so we are launching this again in September with the hope that we may reach the target next year. We have given out a number of certificates in assembly today for children with 100% attendance this term and 100% attendance for the whole year. Well done to all of those children.

Our attendance policy has been updated in line with Government legislation and will be available on the school website for the start of the new term. We will also run some parent drop ins in September if you have any questions about holidays.

What's On

Tuesday 4th September—School re-opens for Autumn Term

Friday 26th October - end of half term

Half term

Monday 29th October - Friday 2nd November

Monday 5th November - school opens

Activity Camp

Don't forget to book up if you would like a place on the summer camp at Walkergate. It is very popular and places are going fast!! www.SportsCampsNE.co.uk

We are really proud of all the sporting achievements which we have had this year and look forward to our continued success in the new term.