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# SWJS Newsletter

May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

In our previous newsletter, we mentioned that the school council will be running a fruit shop at playtimes. We have had a few 'teething problems' but we hope this will be rectified after half term. I am pleased to see the children eating their fruit at morning playtime in our effort to eat healthy snacks. Please encourage the children to either bring in their own fruit or buy some (at much discounted prices) from our fruit shop.

### **Attendance/ Term Time holidays**

We are currently experiencing a large number of children missing school due to term time holidays. Please note that time away from school does require an application via a holiday form from the school office.

Over the course of this year, we have observed children finding it difficult to settle back into a school routine after a holiday (sleeping, friendships, catching up with work). Parents/ children are encouraged to take work away with them but this does not substitute the quality first teaching they experience from their teachers and the teaching environment.

During the Autumn term, 60% of our children had at least one absence and in the Spring term this figure rose to 68% (these figures include holidays and illnesses). These figures indicate how difficult it is for teachers to teach their classes when children have 'odd days off' or blocks of time off school.

I firmly believe that there is a strong link to school progress and attendance and I hope you will support us with this.

Thank you.

### **South Walney on Twitter!**

Are you following us on Twitter? Each class now has their own twitter account.

This is where you will be able to see what activities/ events your child is doing in school and a great talking point - no more 'What have you done in school today?' 'Nothing!' type conversations!

Listed below is each class' twitter account to see what's happening in school. Just click 'Following' when you first log in.

Mrs McParland/ Mrs Atkinson - @mmcdatswjs

Mr Wilson - @twiswjs

Mrs Hall - @fhaswjs

Mr Edwards - @redswjs

Mrs McIntyre - @pmcswjs

Mrs Anderson - @fanswjs

Mrs McKellar - @nmcswjs

Mrs Banks - @mbaswjs

### **Scooters/ bikes in school**

As the fairer weather is here (hopefully to stay!), more children are coming to school on their scooters/ bikes. We ask that all children do not ride or use their scooters/ bikes in the school playground as this may result in a collision - the children have been spoken to about this in school. Whilst we encourage the children to use their scooters/ bikes, we want to make sure they do this in a safe manner.

### **Cycle/ Scooter helmets**

We have forms to send off for cycle/ scooter helmets at a reduced price. Please collect a form from the reception

## Dates for the Diary:

### June

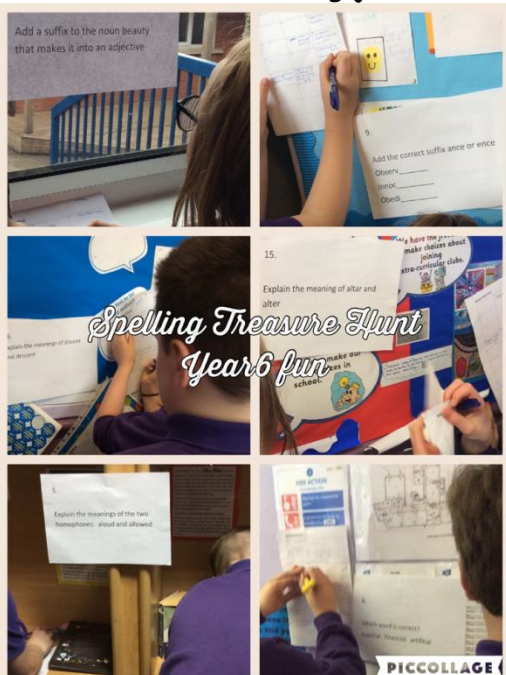
- 4<sup>th</sup> Y2 Transition visits begin
- 7<sup>th</sup> Another Fine Fest workshop
- 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Y4 Residential to York
- 11<sup>th</sup> London Parents Meeting, 3.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Y3/Y4 visit to Barrow Library (workshops)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Y6 at Junior Citizens, pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Walney Race for Life, Y6
- 14<sup>th</sup> Another Fine Fest workshop
- 15<sup>th</sup> Sports Day - Afternoon Sports in the afternoon, everyone welcome
- 16<sup>th</sup> Another Fine Fest performance, Ulverston
- 20<sup>th</sup> 5McI Taster day at Walney School
- 21<sup>st</sup> Y6 at Junior Citizens
- 25<sup>th</sup> 5A Taster Day at Walney School
- 26<sup>th</sup> Y3 trip to Brockhole
- 27<sup>th</sup> Digital Leaders Day at Dalton St.Mary's Sch

### July

- 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Y6 Transition days
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Y2/ Y3 class swop, am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> New Y3 parents welcome meeting & Y2 children visit, am
- 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Y6 Residential to London
- 4<sup>th</sup> Y5 Knex workshop
- 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Beauty & the Beast performance in school
- 13<sup>th</sup> Walney's Got Talent, Walney School
- 13<sup>th</sup> School Reports sent out
- 20<sup>th</sup> Break up for Summer Holidays

### Successes in School:

Who says SATs practice cannot be fun??? Here the Y6 children are doing just that!



## Work of the Month May 2018

Well done to the following children who achieved Work of the Month!



3W - Tilly McMath

3MA - Laila Nicholson, Lexi Rushton & Ella

Spry

4H - Ethan Wagstaff

4E - Oscar Gaskell

5McI - Amelia Mather

5A - Freya Knott

6B - Aiden Williams

6McK - Amy Hill, Aaron Jones & Oliver

Winter

### **Emergency Contacts - IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE**

If a family member regularly brings your child to school or collects them at the end of the school day, please can you check if we have their contact details (Grandparents/ Aunties/ Uncles etc). This is for emergencies and is considered good practice - thank you.

Please keep your contacts: email, mobile phone numbers, home address etc up to date should we need to notify you in an emergency.

