



Woodfall News

18 April 2016



Y6 Maths Quiz Congratulations!

On Tuesday 15th March Woodfall Primary School's Year 6 Maths team travelled to Ellesmere Port Civic Hall to compete in the final of the inter-primary school maths competition organised by Liverpool University. After a convincing performance in their heat a few weeks earlier, the pressure was on to put in an equally good performance. The team, Rebecca, Esme, Adam and James, cheered on by their classmates, remained calm under pressure and showed off their Maths ability in rounds including logic, word problem solving and practical problems. The afternoon concluded with a nail biting Mental Maths round where the team increased their lead to an exceptional 560 points, securing them victory. The team showed off both mathematical skill and effective teamwork throughout the afternoon and are a credit to the school.

Parent Governor Vacancies

Following the recent Parent Governor elections we are pleased to announce that Michelle Lindfield, David Riley and Mal Price will serve on Woodfall Primary School's Governing Body.



Sport Relief

Well done to all the pupils who took part in the Neston Sport Relief Mile that took place on Sunday 20th March 2016 at Neston Cricket Club.

Clubs and Activities

Your child should have now brought home their Summer Term Clubs / Activities sign-up sheet showing the clubs they are enrolled on for the forthcoming term. Clubs and activities commence week beginning Monday 25 April 2016 with the exception of the following: Y1 Indoor Board Games starts Tuesday 3 May, Y3/4 Art Club starts Monday 9 May and Orchestra starts Friday 22 April.

For safeguarding reasons can we please remind all parents / carers to inform either the club leader or the school office if their child is not going to be able to attend a club.



Cross Country

Reminder - Final race on Saturday 23 April 2016 at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

All runners are welcome!

Also remember we have signed up for the 1 mile fun run as part of the Chester Half Marathon on Sunday 15 May 2016.



On Thursday 24 March as part of our Eco Week and International Studies programme the pupils took part in a sponsored Walk for Water event. The pupils walked a set course in the school grounds, to simulate how children in the developing world need to do this daily in order to collect water and find a safe place to go to the toilet.

Thanks to your generosity we have raised a remarkable £1621.50 for Wateraid. This money will go towards supporting their water projects around the world. Thank you for your support.

Can we please remind children and parents to keep off the grass areas at the front of the school as several of the planted bulbs areas have been damaged.



Safeguarding

The school has a legal duty to report any non-accidental injuries to children. Where children have had an injury from an accident outside school, we ask that parents please inform the school so that we respond appropriately. The school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy will involve links with police and/or social care as appropriate. It is therefore essential that parents inform the school of accidental injury to pupils whilst they are at home. The school cannot hesitate to report any instance of abuse. Thank you for your help with this.

Home / School Communication

Can we please remind parents / carers of the importance of sharing with school key information to support your child's development eg Home learning, Medical Matters, Safeguarding, Court Orders, named person for collecting children.

Parents /carers have a responsibility to provide school with copies of any Court Orders that impact on the relationship between the family and the school.

Many thanks.



Lunch Boxes

Can we please remind parents / carers, that as we have a number of pupils with nut allergies, all packed lunches must be nut free (which includes peanut butter). This also applies to any snacks brought into school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Just to remind you we have an open invitation for you to contact us regarding queries and / or problems. Please help us by letting us try to help straight away, rather than letting things build up.

PA News

The next PA meeting is on 9 May 2016 at the Royal Oak at 7.30pm. If you can't make this meeting don't forget we meet on the first Monday of each month at the Royal Oak.

5p Silver Race

Well done to 15 who won the PA 5p Silver Race by collecting an amazing £122.40. They are now planning how to spend it! The overall amount raised by the race was £607.65. Well done to all who took part.



Parking

Parking around school continues to be a cause for concern. May we please remind all parents, carers and grandparents to park safely and with care. Please avoid parking on 'H' bars, double yellow lines, on kerbs and on corners. Our careful parking will help to keep all our children safe. Very many thanks for this. Please also note that there is an open invitation to park at The Royal Oak and then walk to school.



Dinner Money

As you are aware you are now able to pay online for your child's school lunch. Can we please remind junior parents / carers that their child's account **must** be in credit in order for them to have a school lunch.

If you wish to pay for the forthcoming half-term (18 April to 27 May 2016) the cost will be £63.80.

Your Feedback

If you have any queries or comments to make about any of the items on this newsletter, please contact Mrs Hough, Mrs Bramham or Mrs Hogg in the School Office.

School Diary Summer Term 2016

April		
Monday	18	School re-opens
Tuesday	19	KS2 Church Assembly 3.20 – 4.20pm Y6 Dance Club Rehearsal
Wednesday	20	(am) Class Photographs 1.15pm Open Book Assembly KS2
Thursday	21	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	22	Y2 Ness Gardens (all day) 1.15pm – 3.15pm Y5/6 Dodgeball Tournament – NHS-
Saturday	23	Cross Country – Our Lady Star of the Sea
Monday	25	Summer Term Clubs/Activities to commence this week Y4 to Colomendy Y5 Bikeability
Tuesday	26	Y4 at Colomendy Y5 Bikeability Y6 Dance Club rehearsal at Civic Hall – NHS minibus to collect at 9.00am 7.00pm - Y6 Dance Club to perform at NHS Dance show at Civic Hall, Ellesmere Port
Wednesday	27	Y4 return from Colomendy (approx. 2.30pm) Y5 Bikeability 7.00pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday	28	8.00am Judo Club (1 of 5) Y5 Bikeability 1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	29	Y5 Bikeability
May		
Bank Holiday - Monday 2 May – School Closed		
Tuesday	3	10.30am KS2 Church Assembly
Thursday	5	8.00am Judo Club (2 of 5) 1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Monday	9	Y6 SATS Week
Tuesday	10	Y4 Cake Sale
Thursday	12	8.00am Judo Club (3 of 5) – Infant Hall 1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	13	Y6 Treat Day
Tuesday	17	10.30am KS2 Church Assembly 3.45pm – 5.15pm Athletics Comp Y3/4 Bishop Wilson
Wednesday	18	1.15pm Open Book Assembly KS2
Thursday	19	8.00am Judo Club (4 of 5) 1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Monday	23	Y3 10,000 year BC workshop (all day)
Wednesday	25	3.30pm Y2 Parents Meeting re Delamere
Thursday	26	8.00am Judo Club (5 of 5) 1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme 1.15 – 3.15pm Y5/6 Kwik Cricket Tournament
Friday	27	Non-Uniform Day for Rotakids School closes for half-term
Half-term 30 May – 2 June 2016 2016		
June		
Monday	6	Inset Day – School Closed to Pupils
Thursday	9	Reception to Stockley Park Farm 1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	10	10.00 – 11.00am Y2 Swimming (1 of 4)
Wednesday	15	Y2 to Delamere (one Class)
Thursday	16	Y2 at Delamere (both classes) 1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme

June		
Friday	17	Y2 at Delamere (one Class) (am) – Science Spotlights for Y6
Tuesday	21	Y3 Cake Sale
Wednesday	22	9.30 – 11.30am Mini Olympics @ Woodfall (8 x Y1 and 8 x Y2) 1.15pm Open Book Assembly KS2
Thursday	23	Sports Day 1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	24	10.00 – 11.00am Y2 Swimming (2 of 4)
Saturday	25	PA Summer Fair
Tuesday	28	10.30am KS2 Church Assembly
Thursday	30	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
July		
Friday	1	10.00 – 11.00am Y2 Swimming (3 of 4)
Wednesday	6	7.00pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday	8	10.00 – 11.00am Y2 Swimming (4 of 4)
Monday	11	1.30pm Y6 Rehearsal for KS1
Tuesday	12	9.30am Y6 Rehearsal for KS2 10.30am KS2 Church Assembly 6.30pm Y6 Leavers Performance (1 of 2)
Wednesday	13	6.30pm Y6 Leavers Performance (2 of 2)
Thursday	14	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme PA – KS1 – Science Show / KS2 Disco
Tuesday	19	Y6 Beach Trip
Wednesday	20	School closes for pupils
September		
Monday	5	Inset Day – School closed for pupils
Tuesday	6	School re-opens to pupils

School Attendance Regulations

Can we please remind parents / carers that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Please note that the LA will issue fixed penalty fines to families on return from unauthorised holidays during term time.

The purpose of these changes are to ensure that children are not missing school and thus vital learning opportunities, which often cannot be caught up quickly. By ensuring your child attends school every day you are maximising his/her potential.

May we also take this opportunity to remind all parents that registration commences at 8.55am with the first lesson beginning at 9.00am. Any child arriving after this time is late and will be missing valuable schooling. We are currently working with the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) to look at reasons for late arrivals.

Re: 0 – 19 years Services and Children’s Centre Consultation

A consultation has been launched to seek the views of local residents and professionals in Cheshire West and Chester. The consultation feedback will inform:

1. How we deliver our Children’s Centre services in future
2. How we buy the right services for children and young people

If you want to have your say on the proposals before any final decisions are taken please see the website below for further information:

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/019consultation

The consultation is taking place from 4 April until 26 June.