



12 September 2016



Autumn term is under way and the children are settling in with their new teachers. We particularly welcome Reception children and other newcomers to the school and wish them a happy and successful time at Woodfall.

We welcome Miss Jenni Mansfield (Y4) and Miss Tania Wallace (Nursery) who have joined our teaching staff and Miss Sarah Kelly, Miss Claire Lightfoot, Miss Jo Smith and Miss Ellie Bramham who have joined us as teaching assistants.

Woodfall Nursery

Woodfall Nursery opened its doors on Tuesday 6 September. The staff are delighted with how well the children have settled as they explore their new environment and make new friends. We have asked the children what they are enjoying - Leo-Jake likes 'making castles with the mobilo' and Connor enjoys 'going outside on the bikes'.

If you have children who are aged 3 and you wish to come and visit the Nursery please contact the school office to arrange a time.



School Uniform



Thank you for your support for our school uniform policy. All the children look very smart for the beginning of term. Please remember to **clearly label** all articles of clothing and kit with your child's name, so that they can be easily identified if mislaid. At the end of last term we had to send a considerable number of unlabelled sweatshirts to a local charity shop as we were unable to reunite them with their owners!

PE Kit

Your child will be made aware of which days their classes have PE. It is most important that they have a change of clothing, including footwear, for these activities, available on the right days.

We ask that Infant children leave their PE kits in school.

In the interests of Health and Safety, children should not wear jewellery and long hair should be securely tied back.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school please let the school office know either by phone or email before 9.15am on the first day of absence. Please note that School cannot authorise holidays during term time.

Water Bottles



We expect children to bring in water bottles so they can have access to drinking water throughout the day. All research indicates that water is best for hydrating our brains. No fruit juice please.



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 and 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.



Reading



Please ensure your child is reading every day (and at weekends and during the school holidays). Whilst reading skills are being taught at school, all the extra practice is vital for children to be successful readers.



Juniors

Playtime Healthy Snacks



Just a reminder that we expect all snacks children bring to school for their playtime break from Monday - Thursday to be healthy snacks: fruit is perfect (no sweets or crisps please). Toast will continue to be sold at playtime. On Fridays children may bring in crisps, should they wish to.

Many thanks for your support.

Please note that Infant children will continue to be provided with fruit daily from the National Fruit Scheme.



Parking

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.

Outside Play Equipment

Can we please remind parents / carers that the Outdoor Equipment is for the use of school pupils under the supervision of their teachers and school staff only. We would be grateful if parents could refrain from letting their children use it before and after school.

MacMillan Coffee Morning



On Tuesday 20 September 9.30 - 10.30am we will be holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning in our Infant Hall. Please feel free to join us and any offers to make cakes would be gratefully received!

Autumn Clubs / Activities

Our new programme of clubs and activities for the Autumn/Spring Term commences Monday 19 September We would remind you that this important enrichment to your children's lives in school is dependent upon the voluntary good-will of the staff involved. I thank them all on your behalf and trust that your children will enjoy these additional opportunities.



Communicating to Parents



As you are aware we are now using email as our main form of communication. Therefore in order to avoid missing out on important information can we please remind parents to inform us of **any changes to email addresses or mobile phone numbers**. For those parents who do not have an email address, we will, of course continue to send hard copies.

Thank you for your support.

Congratulations to Alfie Colyer

Congratulations to Alfie Colyer for earning The Robinson Trophy as a result of his determination, resilience and perseverance with every challenge set. Alfie is an inspiration to us all with his positive attitude to learning and as a result of receiving the trophy is a daily reminder of what a difference such a positive outlook can make to our lives.



School Lunches

Can we please remind **Junior** parents that in line with our School Meals Protocol all lunches must be paid for in advance.

- Ideally using our online payment system: www.schoolgateway.com
- If you are unable to pay online there is a 'posting box' inside the main entrance for dinner money payments. Payments can be sent in with your child via the classroom however the posting box offers a higher degree of security, particularly if you do send in cash. Cheques to be made payable to Cheshire West and Cheshire Council. There will be no money left in this box overnight.

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.

September		Autumn Term Dates
Monday	12	Music Lessons begin this week
Tuesday	13	KS2 Assembly – Fencing Club
Thursday	15	Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	16	Y3 Swimming (am) 1 of 10
Monday	19	School Photographer in School Y3 to visit Neston Methodist Church – Harvest 5.00pm - Y6 Winmarleigh Meeting for parents
Tuesday	20	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Wednesday	21	Rotakids to Hoylake Lifeboat
Thursday	22	Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	16	Y3 Swimming (am) 2 of 10
Tuesday	27	1.15pm Tag Rugby Event at Woodfall
Wednesday	28	8.00am KS2 Fencing Club (1 of 5)
Thursday	29	Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	16	Y3 Swimming (am) 3 of 10
October		
Tuesday	4	2.00pm Literacy/Numeracy for reception parents
Wednesday	5	8.00am KS2 Fencing Club (2 of 5)
Thursday	6	National Poetry Day Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	7	Y3 Swimming (am) 4 of 10
Monday	10-13	Y6 to Winmarleigh
Wednesday	12	8.00am KS2 Fencing Club (3 of 5)
Thursday	13	Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	14	Y3 Swimming (am) 5 of 10
Wednesday	19	8.00am KS2 Fencing Club (4 of 5)
Thursday	20	Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	21	Y3 Swimming (am) 6 of 10
Tuesday	25	1.45pm Y1 Grandparents Toy Party
Wednesday	26	8.00am KS2 Fencing Club (5 of 5)
Thursday	27	Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	28	Y3 Swimming (am) 7 of 10 Termly Report to Parents School Closes for Half-term
Half-term Monday 31 October – Friday 4 November 2016		
November		
Monday	7	School re-opens
Tuesday	8	3.30 – 6.30pm Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday	10	Open Day for Prospective Parents Y4 Allotment Scheme 3.30 – 6.30pm Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday	17	Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	18	Y3 Swimming (am) 8 of 10
Thursday	24	Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	25	Y3 Swimming (am) 9 of 10
December		
Thursday	1	Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	2	Y3 Swimming (am) 10 of 10
Monday	5	Y3 to visit Neston Methodist Church – Meet the Christmas Characters
Monday	12	Music Lessons finish this week
Thursday	22	School Closes for Christmas Holidays for pupils
January 2017		
Monday	9	School re-opens

Holiday Dates 2016 - 2017

	DATE OF CLOSING	DATE OF RE-OPENING
SUMMER 2016		TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2016
AUTUMN HALF TERM 2016	FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 2016	MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2016
CHRISTMAS 2016/17	THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER 2016	MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2017
SPRING HALF TERM 2017	FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2017	MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2017
SPRING/EASTER BREAK 2017	FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2017	TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2017
MAY BANK HOLIDAY 2017 - MONDAY 1 MAY 2017		
SUMMER HALF TERM 2017	FRIDAY 26 MAY 2017	TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2017
SUMMER 2017	FRIDAY 21 JULY 2017	

INSET DAYS

MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2016

FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER 2016

MONDAY 5 JUNE 2017

MONDAY 24 JULY 2017

TUESDAY 25 JULY 2017

Reminder

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.