



11 October 2016

Contacting Parents by Phone

Just so you are aware if we phone parents from school the number shown will be 0845 148 0060. This is the number used for other local authority services ie Library, Schools etc. If you need to call us please continue to use our direct line 0151 338 2288.



Harvest Assembly

Year 3 will be leading a Harvest Assembly on Monday 24 October at 9.30am in the Junior Hall. Parents of Year 3 children are welcome to join their child's harvest celebration.

We would be grateful for any donations of tinned, dried and fresh produce. All the donations will go to the Charles Thompson Mission. The Mission provides 25,000 meals every year for under privileged people across the Wirral. Without donations they would not be able to carry out this valuable work. Please send your donations into school between 17 October and 24 October 2016.

Thank you for your support.



School Photographs



Thank you to all parents who have purchased their child's school photograph. The money raised by you purchasing these photographs goes towards additional resources for the children within the school.



Woodfall Sustainability in Action

Following our recent fresh vegetable sale we raised a fantastic £30.20. Thank you to all who helped us sell the produce from both the Infant and Junior Eco allotments. We would like to thank all the children who helped plant and harvest these crops as well as everyone who kindly purchased them. We have had some really positive feedback and trust you all enjoyed these tasty delights.

Mr Lowry



Macmillan Coffee Morning

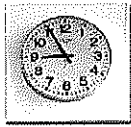
Thank you to all parents who made and donated delicious cakes! Also thanks must go once again to the Parent Helpers for serving coffee and cakes on the day. We raised £34.10 for this worthy charity.

Collection of Infant Pupils

Please let us know in school should you wish your child to be collected by anyone other than yourselves. Our priority at the end of the day is to ensure that our children are passed over into your care as safely as possible. Staff will not accept the word of the children if they tell us that they are going home with a particular friend; we need confirmation of these end of day arrangements via our school office.

Holidays in Term Time

Can I please remind all parents that national regulations state: "**Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time**". The Department for Education requirement states "**current law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time**".



Arrive on Time - Ready to Learn

We have noticed that a number of children continue to arrive late in the mornings. Late arrivals at school result in children missing the introduction to their first lesson, cause disruption to the rest of the class and can feel unsettled for the rest of the day. All children are expected to arrive in school ready for registration by 8.55am as lessons start promptly at 9.00am.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



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 supporting us with this.

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

Water in School

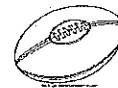


Thirsty children don't work as well as well-hydrated children. All children are therefore encouraged to bring a bottle of water to school each day, which is readily available to them throughout the day. This should be taken home each evening to be washed and refilled. It is also very important that the bottle is labelled with your child's name. The children must, of course, only bring still water in the bottles as juice can damage teeth.



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.



Tag Rugby Tournament

Well done to both teams that represented Woodfall in our annual cluster tag rugby tournament! Both teams played brilliantly and you all played with such good sportsmanship. One of our teams got through to the semi-finals but unfortunately we lost on a technicality. It was a great afternoon with some amazing rugby. Well done to all.

Mrs Harvey and Mr Webb



Quicksticks Hockey

Well done to our team who showed excellent team work and sportsmanship at the recent competition at Neston Cricket Club.



Cross Country

The first race of the season will take place at Woodfall Primary School on Saturday 15 October 2016. Any pupils in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 wishing to run for Woodfall please arrive at School by 9.40am.

Chester Mini Marathon

Thank you to all parents, children and staff who completed the Chester Mini Marathon at Chester Race Course on 2 October 2016. Our team of 31 Woodfall runners had a great morning and raised additional funds for the Babygrow Appeal.



Parking

Can we please remind parents who drive and park to collect and drop off children here at school to please be courteous to our neighbours and other road users and all pedestrians: please avoid parking on or near the road junctions and on yellow lines. Please consider parking at the Royal Oak and walking to and from school. Thank you.

Data Protection

As part of Data Protection we are unable to provide parents with class lists. This includes requests for class lists for party invitations, Christmas Cards etc.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

You should have received a letter inviting you to make an appointment at our Parent / Teacher Interviews which will be held on Tuesday 8 and Thursday 10 November 2016. (NB: 2P will be Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 November 2016). Please ensure that the forms are returned to your child's class teacher by **Wednesday 19 October 2016**.

Woodfall Nursery Parent/Teacher Interviews will be each afternoon week commencing 7 November 2016.

Many thanks for your support.

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.

Thank you.

Woodfall's Parents' Association

We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to our dynamic and vibrant Parents' Association (PA). As a result of the events held and the money raised, Woodfall has been presented with a cheque for £9,000. We are now going to consult with the children on how they feel we should spend the money.

Recent purchases, as a direct result of the fabulous work of our PA have included:

- Outdoor play equipment for our Infant and Junior children
- Shade/canopy
- Two surround sound music systems in both our school halls.

A huge thanks to our PA not only for raising such an impressive amount of money, but a huge thanks also for organising such enjoyable events for all our families.

At their recent AGM the following members were elected:

Chair Person - Catherine Marsh

Vice Chairperson - Sue McCrone

Secretary - Sarah Carlin

Treasurer - Angela Moores/Jane Dermott

PA Dates for your diary:

Sunday 16 October - Family Walk

Tuesday 18th October - Christmas Card Workshop 3.20 - 4.45pm

(ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN ONLY)

Wednesday 26 October - Family Bingo

Friday 28 October - Infant Cake Sale

Saturday 10 December - Winter Fair

(Further details to follow)

Half Term Holiday

A reminder that school closes for the half term holiday on Friday 28 October and will re-open on Monday 7 November 2016.

Autumn Term Dates		
October		
Monday	10-13	Y6 to Winmarleigh
Tuesday	11	Mini Research Project - 6 x Y5 School Councillors to Brackenwood Juniors
Wednesday	12	8.00am KS2 Fencing Club (4 of 5) Rotary Club to plant Crocus Bulbs with Rota Kids
Thursday	13	Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	14	Y3 Swimming (am) 5 of 10
Saturday	15	Cross Country at Woodfall – Runners to arrive by 9.40am
Sunday	16	PA Walk in the Hills – email: woodfallpa@hotmail.com if interested
Tuesday	18	PA Christmas Card Workshop – 3.20 – 4.45pm Junior Hall (accompanied children only)
Wednesday	19	Y1, Y2 and Y3 Flu Immunisation 8.00am KS2 Fencing Club (5 of 5)
Thursday	20	Y4 Allotment Scheme 3.30pm Girls Football at Woodfall – details to follow from Neston Nomads
Friday	21	Y3 Swimming (am) 6 of 10
Monday	24	9.30am Y3 Harvest Assembly – Junior Hall
Tuesday	25	1.45pm Y1 Grandparents Toy Party – Junior Hall
Wednesday	26	5.00pm - PA Family Bingo
Thursday	27	Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	28	Y3 Swimming (am) 7 of 10 3.00pm – PA Infant Cake Sale 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
Wednesday	9	3.30 – 6.30pm Parent Teacher Interviews (2P Only)
Thursday	10	Open Day for Prospective Parents Y4 Allotment Scheme 3.30 – 6.30pm Parent Teacher Interviews (Not 2P)
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
Saturday	10	PA Christmas Fair
Monday	12	Music Lessons finish this week
Thursday	15	10.00am Nursery – Christmas Performance
Friday	16	10.00am Reception – Christmas Performance
Monday	19	2.00pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance (1 of 2) 6.30pm Y3/4 Christmas Performance
Tuesday	20	6.30pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance (2 of 2)
Wednesday	21	Christmas Lunch for pupils 6.30pm Y5/6 Christmas Performance
Thursday	22	School Closes for Christmas Holidays for pupils
January 2017		
Monday	9	School re-opens