



9 November 2016



Congratulations to Miss Perry who got married during the recent half-term and has now returned to school as Mrs Senior. We wish her and her husband all the best for their future life together.



Congratulations also go to Mr Webb and his wife on the birth of their son Arthur Paul who was born on 29 October 2016 and weighed in at 6lb 14oz.

### Clubs and Activities

Our Before and After School Clubs will finish for this term week commencing 21 November 2016, with the exception of Orchestra which will finish on Friday 16 December 2016. This programme of Before and After School Clubs will re-commence week beginning 16 January 2017.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank on your behalf all the staff involved in these clubs for giving up their time so generously to run them for your children.



### Cross Country - Next Race

The first race of the Cross Country season took place at Woodfall on 15 October. It was a great turnout and some very impressive running from our Woodfall Team.

The next race will be at Willaston Primary School 19 November 2016.

All runners are welcome to join us!



## Rotakids News Chester Mini Marathon



Thank you to parents, staff and pupils who helped the Rotakids raise £375 for the Babygrow Appeal by running in the Chester Mini Marathon on 2 October 2016.

The total raised for this worthy charity was in excess of £2500. Well done to all involved.

### Funky Frames Day



On Friday 16 December we are inviting children to come to school wearing 'funky frames' (glasses) for a donation to support our Rotakids raise money to purchase a 'Sight Box'. Sight Boxes are used to support visually impaired children during PE sessions and cost approximately £500. Neston Rotary Club is also supporting this charity this year. We have templates of frames that we will provide the children with nearer the time that they can decorate at home if they don't have any glasses. Thank you for your continued support.

### Non-Uniform

Thank you for helping us raise £197.21 on our non-uniform day on 28 October 2016. Some of our Rotakids will be delivering a cheque to the RNLI at Hoylake for £277.21 on 16 November. Thank you for your continued support.

Hayley Foster, Rotakids Leader

### Harvest Assembly

Thank you for all your kind donations for our Harvest Assembly which was impressively led by Year 3. The Charles Thompson Mission was extremely grateful.

### Y1 Grandparents' Toy Party

Y1 recently held a Grandparents' Toy Party where they entertained their Grandparents and played games with them. The Grandparents also enjoyed a cream tea. Thank you to all those who helped make this an enjoyable afternoon.

## School Councillors Event

On Tuesday 11 October 2016 six of us from Y5 visited Raeburn Primary and Brackenwood Junior School. We met with their School Councillors and shared ideas regarding School Council meetings, playtimes and behaviour issues. We enjoyed tours of both the schools and enjoyed a Harvest Assembly at Brackenwood. We felt we have a lot in common with both of these schools.

*Keira Dermott 5W & Kitty Clements 5B*



## Severe Weather



In the event of severe weather (usually snow) our school will endeavour to stay open. The necessary assessments of risks associated with both opening and closing the school focus on the Health and Safety of staff, pupils and visitors to our school site, the likelihood of staff being able to arrive safely from school and leave safely, as well as the likelihood of children being collected safely from school.

Whilst the severe weather hasn't started yet this academic year, please ensure that the necessary boots, wellies, hats and gloves are readily available and please ensure that there is a plan for childcare should the school need to close.

Many thanks.

## 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.

## Safeguarding



The school has a legal duty to report 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 signs or symptoms of abuse. Thank you for your help with this.

## Before and After School Club

Just to remind you that we will be holding informal meetings on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** from 7.15am (please come to our main school reception entrance) or in the afternoon at 2.30pm or in the evening from 5.30pm so that you can meet our team, gain an understanding of our ethos and find out about the types of activities and snacks the children will be offered during their time **Before and After School** with us. In addition this gives us the chance to explain about the online payment system, which, hopefully, will save time for everyone concerned.

We have arranged the meeting times to fit in with your busy work schedule and should these times be inconvenient, please do let us know so that we can arrange a mutually convenient time.

Can parents please return by **Friday 11 November 2016** their booking form to secure your child's place at our Before and/or After School Club for January 2017.

## 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.

## Woodfall's Parents' Association

### **WPA Autumn Ramble**

With an excellent turnout of parents and children and the weather staying dry, we had an enjoyable afternoon walking up and around Moel Arthur with a Treasure Hunt to entertain us all on the way round. With such good feedback watch this space for a Spring Walk.

### **WPA Bingo Evening**

With a 'Full House' again the evening was its usual hit with lots of families joining us for fun, food and games. With your help we raised £390.

### **WPA 100 Club**

We held our first 100 club draw at the Bingo Evening. Congratulations going to Rob Boote for 1st prize of £50 and to Ann Haworth for 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £25. We still have numbers available - remember you have to be in it to win it! Application forms are available from the School Office. Our next draw will be at the Christmas Fair.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Saturday 10 December 2016 - Christmas Fair 11.30am - 2.00pm.** The PA will be meeting regularly on the run up to the Christmas Fair. If you are able to help please let them know on: woodfallpa@hotmail.com

As we are a registered charity are there any parents who work for a company who would consider match funding one of our stalls at the Christmas Fair. In previous years we have had match funding from some of the High Street Banks. Please contact WPA at: woodfallpa@hotmail.com

### **Holiday Dates 2017**

	<b>DATE OF CLOSING</b>	<b>DATE OF RE-OPENING</b>
Christmas Break	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
<b>MAY BANK HOLIDAY 2017 - MONDAY 1 MAY 2017</b>		
Summer Half Term 2017	Friday 26 May 2017	Tuesday 6 June 2017
Summer 2017	Friday 21 July 2017	

### **INSET DAYS**

FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER 2016

MONDAY 5 JUNE 2017

MONDAY 24 JULY 2017

TUESDAY 25 JULY 2017

<b>Autumn Term Dates</b>		
<b>November</b>		
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)
Tuesday	15	Y5/6 Netball Tournament
Thursday	17	Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	18	Y3 Swimming (am) 8 of 10
Saturday	19	Cross Country – Willaston PS (First Race at 10.00am arrive from 9.40am)
Monday	21	Y4 Lantern Workshop 3.30pm Y4 Parents' Meeting re Colomendy residential visit in April 2017
Tuesday	22	KS2 – Anti Bullying workshop – UGLY – 1.45 – 2.45pm Junior Hall
Wednesday	23	Informal Meetings re Before and After School Provision 7.15am, 2.30pm & 5.30pm Y6 The Big Maths Quiz – Neston High School
Thursday	24	Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	25	Y3 Swimming (am) 9 of 10
Wednesday	30	KS2 Rotakids Cake Sale in aid of RNLI
<b>December</b>		
Thursday	1	Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	2	Choir to sing at Neston Parish Church Y3 Swimming (am) 10 of 10
Saturday	3	Cross Country – Elton PS (First Race at 10.00am arrive from 9.40am) pm Choir Singing at Neston Town Event
Monday	5	Y5 Experience Christmas – St Michaels Church Y3 to visit Neston Methodist Church – Meet the Christmas Characters
Saturday	10	PA Christmas Fair 11.30 – 2.00pm
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
<b>January 2017</b>		
Monday	9	School re-opens

*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.*