



Woodfall News

23 January 2017



Mobile Phones

A number of children have received mobile phones as Christmas presents and we recognise that many parents want their children to have their phones with them as they walk to and from school. Just a reminder that mobile phones are not to be used on our school premises and must be handed in to the class teacher at the start of the school day. They will be returned at the end of the school day. Please reinforce this expectation with your child. Many thanks.

Clubs and Activities

Can we please remind parents that if their child is unable to attend the extra-curricular club/activities there are enrolled on they must notify the school office so we can ensure school and parents are aware where the children are at the end of the day.



Woodfall's Website

www.woodfall.cheshire.sch.uk

Don't forget that if you miss a newsletter they can be found on our website. The message board is very useful for up-to-date information on whether clubs are running.



Cross Country



Well done to all those Cross Country runners who came to a very frosty/chilly race at St Bernards Primary School on Saturday. Everybody put in a great effort.

Next Race - Saturday 4 February at 10.00am

Woodlands PS, Ellesmere Port, CH66 2JT

All runners are welcome!



Mrs Hogg our School Business Manager will be leaving Woodfall at the end of this term. Amongst other things she will be taking part in a trek along the Great Wall of China as part of the Ovarian Cancer Action Team. If anyone wishes to donate to this worthy cause please follow the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Helen-Hogg1>

Rotakids



On Friday 17th February we are having a 'purple day' at Woodfall in aid of the RNLI at Hoylake. Children are welcome to dress in purple or non-uniform for a donation for the Rotakids charity. Thank you for your continued support.

Hayley Foster

Rotakids Leader

World Book Day



Children are invited to dress up as a book character of their choice for World Book Day on Thursday 2 March 2017.

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.



Homework Club

We welcome children and parents together to attend our Homework Club which is open from 8.10am every Monday. Whilst you are very welcome to join your child every Monday, you may also use our Homework Club as a 'drop in' to receive guidance for specific homework. You may also wish your child (on his/her own) to attend homework club on a Monday and should this be the case, please ensure that they have their homework with them when they attend.

Nut allergies

We currently have children in school with diagnosed nut allergies. Following guidance in managing this condition, we ask parents/carers to avoid providing snacks and packed lunches containing any nuts, including peanut butter and *Nutella* etc. We greatly appreciate your co-operation in this.

Thank you.

Vomiting / Diarrhoea

The Health Protection Agency guidance is that children with the above symptoms should be kept away from school / nursery for 48 hours from the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

Internet Safety



The internet offers an amazing environment for children to be creative, explore their interests, play with friends, learn or socialise, but there are risks every parent buying enabled devices should be aware of. Parents have a vital role to play in keeping children safe online and it doesn't have to be daunting. Just asking children what sites, apps and games they use could be a great way to start a conversation. And there is a wealth of advice on the NSPCC website below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/>



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.

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

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.

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.

Thank you

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.

Spring Term 2016

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| January | | |
| Monday | 23 | 8.10am Athletics Team – Training – Junior Hall |
| Tuesday | 24 | Y5 Music Workshop |
| Wednesday | 25 | pm 4H – Science - Rice Crispy Cakes – Parent Volunteers needed |
| Thursday | 26 | pm 4K – Science - Rice Crispy Cakes – Parent Volunteers needed Y5 Smokebusters Y4 allotment Scheme |
| Friday | 27 | Able Writers Day – Heygarth Primary – 4 x Y6 pupils attending 11.15am Y4 Swimming |
| Tuesday | 31 | Y5 Music Workshop Y2 Living History Day – Pupils to dress up as a significant/ordinary person from History |
| Thursday | 2 | Y4 allotment Scheme |
| Friday | 27 | 11.15am Y4 Swimming |
| February | | |
| Saturday | 4 | Cross Country – Woodlands PS |
| Tuesday | 7 | Y5 Music Workshop |
| Wednesday | 8 | Rotakids Cake Sale for Junior pupils |
| Thursday | 9 | Y4 allotment Scheme |
| Friday | 10 | 11.15am Y4 Swimming |
| Monday | 13 | Last week for clubs until after Easter (except Tennis and Orchestra) 5.00pm - Y6 SATs Meeting |
| Tuesday | 14 | Y5 Music Workshop |
| Thursday | 16 | Y5 Science G & T Event at Neston High (3 pupils to attend) Y4 allotment Scheme |
| Friday | 17 | Purple Day – Non Uniform Day (organised by Rotakids) 11.15am Y4 Swimming pm Y6 Maths Team to attend Inter Primary Maths Quiz at Neston High School closes for half-term |
| Half-term 20 – 24 February 2017 | | |
| Monday | 27 | School re-opens |
| Tuesday | 28 | Y5 Music Workshop |
| March | | |
| Wednesday | 1 | Parents are notified re High School Places 3.30pm - Computing event for parents/carers – details to follow |
| Thursday | 2 | World Book Day – Pupils can dress up a character from a book Y4 allotment Scheme |
| Friday | 3 | 11.15am Y4 Swimming |
| Tuesday | 7 | Y5 Music Workshop |
| Thursday | 9 | Y5 School Councillors - Debate between Raeburn, Brackenwood & Woodfall Y4 Allotment Scheme |
| Friday | 10 | 11.15am Y4 Swimming |
| Tuesday | 14 | Y5 Music Workshop |
| Wednesday | 15 | Open the Book Assembly – Ks2 |
| Thursday | 16 | Y4 Allotment Scheme |
| Friday | 17 | 11.15am Y4 Swimming |
| Saturday | 18 | Cross Country – Little Sutton PS |
| Tuesday | 21 | Y5 Music Workshop Parent Teacher Interviews |
| Thursday | 23 | Y4 Allotment Scheme Parent Teacher Interviews |
| Friday | 24 | Red Nose Day 11.15am Y4 Swimming |
| Monday | 27 | ECO Week |
| Tuesday | 28 | Y5 Music Workshop |
| Thursday | 30 | Y4 Allotment Scheme |
| Friday | 17 | 11.15am Y4 Swimming – Last session |
| Easter Holiday 3 – 17 April 2017 | | |
| Tuesday | 18 | School re-opens |

**Woodfall Primary School
Holiday Dates 2016 - 2017**

| | DATE OF CLOSING | DATE OF RE-OPENING |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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 JUNE 2017
MONDAY 24 JULY 2017
TUESDAY 25 JULY 2017

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Holiday Dates 2017 -2018

| | DATE OF CLOSING | DATE OF RE-OPENING |
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| SUMMER 2017 | FRIDAY 21 JULY 2017 | TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2017 |
| AUTUMN HALF TERM 2017 | FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2017 | MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2017 |
| CHRISTMAS 2017/18 | THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER 2017 | MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2018 |
| SPRING HALF TERM 2018 | FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2018 | MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2018 |
| SPRING/EASTER BREAK 2018 | THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2018 | MONDAY 16 APRIL 2018 |
| MAY BANK HOLIDAY 2018 - MONDAY 7 MAY 2018 | | |
| SUMMER HALF TERM 2018 | FRIDAY 25 MAY 2018 | MONDAY 4 JUNE 2018 |
| SUMMER 2018 | FRIDAY 20 JULY 2018 | |

INSET DAYS

MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017
FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER 2017
THURSDAY 7 JUNE 2018 (Neston Ladies Day)
MONDAY 23 JULY 2018
TUESDAY 24 JULY 2018

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. The LA may 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.

Message from Local Authority re admission arrangements:

We are consulting on changes to our school admission arrangements and co-ordinated admission scheme for September 2018/19 academic year.

The consultation will run from 16 December 2016 to 31 January 2017. This is in accordance with the timescale set in the School Admissions Code, to consult for a minimum of six weeks between 1 October 2016 and 31 January 2017.

The consultation is on our website at <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/object-to-school-admission-arr/determined-admission-arrangements.aspx>

Any comments regarding the proposed changes can be submitted on the attached response form and should arrive no later than 31 January 2017, please send your response to:

School Admissions, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Wyvern House, The Drummer, Winsford, CW7 1AH.

Or by email to: admissions@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk