

WOODFALL



NEWS

December 2017



Nursery

The new landscaped outdoor area at Woodfall Nursery was officially opened last week by Mrs Bramham, along with staff and children from the Nursery. The new garden provides a space where the children can be free to explore the natural world and to learn and play in a caring, sensory space. It includes exciting features such as a large seating area perfect for story time, sun shade sail, stage, and a sand pit area that was personally requested by the children themselves.

A HUGE thank you to our school governors for ensuring we had the funds to invest in our children's development.

Mrs Bramham said: "The children and their families are delighted with the garden. We are very grateful to all those involved in this fantastic project and BIG thank you to Mr Gordon and Mr Jeff from Garden Heritage Design."



FUNKY FRAMES



On Friday 15 December our Rotakids are having a 'Funky Frames day' to raise money towards a sight box.

All children in school are allowed to come to school wearing 'funky' glasses for a small donation to the charity.

We have templates available in the office if you want to design your own.

Thank you for your continued support.

Hayley Foster and the Rotakids

PA dates for your diary

Saturday 9 December Winter Fair 11.30am-2pm

Woodfall Parents' Association

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 over £500.

WPA 100 Club

We held our first 100 club draw at the Bingo Evening. Congratulations going to James Moores for 1st prize of £50 and to Sarah Baxendale for 2nd prize of £25. We still have numbers available, only £12 for the year - 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 9 December 2017 - 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 us 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

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.



Diarrhoea and/or Vomiting

Can we please remind parents / carers that the Health Protection Agency recommends that children with these symptoms should be kept away from school / nursery for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

Thank you for your support.

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.

Paths

May we please politely request that all parents use the designated paths and gates when entering and leaving school. We have planted some bushes on the grass outside our Junior car park. Anybody using this entrance and exit must keep to the defined paths and not cut across the grass. **Use of staff car parks as a route to or from school are forbidden.** Please also be mindful that the staff car park is for school staff use only, unless you have permission to use our disabled parking bays. Many thanks for your help on this.

Holidays During Term Time

We have notification from Cheshire West & Chester Council that they will be recommencing Fixed Penalty Notices from September 2017.

Please can we remind parents that all absences must be put in writing and handed into the office.

May we also remind parents that the Headteacher is not able to authorise holidays during term time.

Lunch/Snack Prices

Lunch Payments (Year 3 - Year 6) We have been informed by Catering Services that the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.25 from September 2017.

Spring Term 1 - 08/01/2018 to 16/02/2018

School meals should be paid for in advance, either weekly or half-termly as follows:

Cost per Meal	£ 2.25
Weekly	£11.25
Whole Term	£67.50

Our preferred method of payment is online via the School Gateway. We will also accept cash or cheques into the office. Cheques should be made payable to: Cheshire West and Chester Council

Morning Break Menu - Sept 2017 to July 2018

Slice of Toast	25p
Half a Bagel	25p
Half a Tea Cake	30p
Crumpet	30p
Cuplet / Drink	30p



Uniform

Please can you ensure that all uniform, PE kits and coats are labelled clearly with your child's name and class as this helps the children find their own possessions and helps cut down on lost property.



Dogs on School Premises



Just a reminder that dogs are not permitted on school premises. Many thanks.

Outstanding Payments

Please can you ensure that all of the children's accounts for Lunch, Nursery, Before and After School Club and trips are settled promptly.

Thank you.

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.



Parking



Parking around school continues to be a large problem. 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Holidays Thursday 20 December 2017 - Monday 8 January 2017

DECEMBER		
Friday	1	Non Uniform Day - PA Donation Tombola Items
Saturday	2	Cross Country - Bishop Wilson Choir - Neston Victorian Christmas Festival - be there by 12.50pm
Monday	4	Y3 - Meet The Characters Christmas Story - Little Neston Methodist Church
Friday	8	School Choir - Neston Parish Church
Saturday	9	Woodfall Christmas Fair 11.30am - 2pm
Monday	11	Y5 Experience Christmas - St Michael's Church
Tuesday	12	Flu Spray - Reception, Yr1, Yr2, Yr3 & Yr4
Wednesday	13	Nursery 1 - Christmas Craft Morning 10-11am
Thursday	14	Nursery 2 - Christmas Performance 10am
Friday	15	Funky Frames Day - In aid of Sight Boxes FS2 Christmas Performance - 10am Orchestra Concert - 4pm
Monday	18	Yr1&2 Christmas Performance 2pm Yr3&4 Christmas Performance 6.30pm
Tuesday	19	Rotakids Christmas Cake Sale - KS2 playtime Yr1&2 Christmas Performance 5.30pm
Wednesday	20	Christmas Lunch Yr5&6 Christmas Performance 6.30pm
Thursday	21	School Closes for Christmas PA Infant Cake Sale - 3pm
Friday	22	Inset Day
JANUARY		
Monday	8	School Opens
Friday	12	Rotakids to bag pack at Sainsbury's in Neston
Saturday	20	Cross Country - Little Sutton
Tuesday	23	Mrs Foster and KS2 Rotakids (with parents) to Rotary Club open evening
Thursday	25	Choir - Young Voices - Manchester
Tuesday	30	Y6 Cake Sale

INSET DAYS

FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER 2017
THURSDAY 7 JUNE 2018
MONDAY 23 JULY 2018
TUESDAY 24 JULY 2018