

WOODFALL NEWS



January 2018

Road Safety

Please may we remind you that it is illegal to drop off children on the yellow zig zag lines. Please be considerate of our neighbours' driveways, if you are dropping off children. Please consider parking further away from school and walk the rest of the way. This will help to reduce congestion and its great exercise.



It might seem like a convenient place to drop off the kids, but new figures show the number of tickets issued for stopping on the zig-zags outside schools have almost doubled in 2 years.

The number of fines issued rose from 14,564 in 2011 to 28,169 in 2013, freedom of information figures obtained by AXA Car Insurance show.

But it seems only 17% of people know stopping on zig-zags is banned at school-run times, their research says.

While it may be well known that you can't **park** on yellow zig-zag lines, you also can't **wait** or even **stop momentarily** to drop off or pick up passengers, according to the UK Highway Code.

The Local Government Association explains that this is because parking on yellow zig-zags outside schools puts children at risk, as outside school gates there are lots of children running around, buggy congestion and little ones on scooters and bikes.

Woodfall Spelling Bee

On Monday 22nd January, we held our first Woodfall Spelling Bee.

I am delighted with the hard work the children put in to their preparations and with the positive attitude they had to the format and competition. Thank you also, to all the teachers who made spelling classwork and homework such a fun part of the first weeks back at school. We are so proud of all the finalists who showed great spelling ability and nerves of steel.

Keep Spelling, Bees!

Mrs Hassall



Parent Teacher Meetings

Tuesday 20 March 2018

Thursday 22 March 2018

From 3.30pm

WORLD BOOK DAY World Book Day WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 1 March 2018

Children are invited to dress up as a book character of their choice.



Rotakids



On Friday 12 December our Rotakids went bag packing at Sainsbury's in Neston. They raised an amazing £287.92 for Northern Lights.

On Friday 16 February we are holding a Purple Day/or non-uniform day for the Northern Lights. Children are welcome to come to school dressed in something purple or non-uniform for a small donation. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Foster - Rotakids Leader



Rotakids



Our Rotakids are running a children's /adults tombola at the Parkgate Carnival. If anyone has any items they could donate to go on our stall we would be very grateful. We have put a box in the entrance to the PRB to collect them. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Foster - Rotakids Leader

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.

Clubs and Activities

Clubs and activities will finish at the end of this half term (16 February 2018) and commence after Easter (16 April 2018).

Can we please remind parents that if their child is unable to attend the extra-curricular club/activities they 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.

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

Residential Visits

Our Y2, Y4 and Y6 will have the opportunity to take part in residential activities during this year. As a reminder, the dates are as follows:

Y4 Colomendy - 23 - 25 April 2018

Y2 Delamere - 13 - 15 June 2018

Y6 Winmarleigh - 8 - 11 October 2018

Please note that the cost of the visits needs to be paid for before children can be expected to take part. If you have any queries or difficulties with any payments, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

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.

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.

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.*

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.



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.

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

Half Term Friday 16 February 2018 - Monday 26 February 2018

JANUARY		
Tuesday	30	Y6 Cake Sale
Tuesday	30	Mrs Foster and KS2 Rotakids (with parents) to Rotary Club open evening
FEBRUARY		
Saturday	10	Cross Country St Bernards
Wednesday	14	Open the book Assembly
Friday	16	Rotakids Purple Day (Non Uniform) in aid of local charity
Friday	16	School Closes - Half Term
Monday	26	School Opens
MARCH		
Friday	2	KS1 Panto Jack & The Beanstalk - Junior Hall
Tuesday	6	1.30pm - Y5 Liverpool Philharmonic & Museum
Wednesday	7	3.30-4.50pm English Curriculum Event for parents
Tuesday	13	Y5 Cake Sale
Tuesday	20	Parent Teacher Meetings from 3.30pm
Thursday	22	Parent Teacher Meetings from 3.30pm
Wednesday	21	Open the Book Assembly
Thursday	29	School Closes - Easter holidays
April		
Monday	16	School Opens
Thursday	19	Photographs - Class
Mon-Wed	23/24/25	Y4 Residential - Colomendy

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 Graham 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.

INSET DAYS

THURSDAY 7 JUNE 2018
MONDAY 23 JULY 2018
TUESDAY 24 JULY 2018