



12 November 2014



### Children in Need - Friday 14 November

For Children in Need we are going to hold a Super Heroes Day. So for a small donation the children can come to school dressed as a Super Hero or maybe just wear a cape!

### Thank You

Thank you for all the Harvest Gifts you sent into school which have been sent to the Charles Thompson Mission in Birkenhead. The items will be used in their daily soup kitchens and distributed to local elderly, homeless and needy people and families. Also, a special thank you to the pupils in Year 3 who led Woodfall's Harvest celebrations.



### Rota Kids



Woodfall Rotakids held a non-uniform day on Friday 24 October to raise money for their local charity, Ronald McDonald House at Arrowe Park Hospital. They raised over £230, some of which will be spent on gifts for the House and the rest in a cheque that will be delivered by the Rotakids on Wednesday 12 November 2014.

*Mrs Foster*

### School Contacting Parents

As our telephone system is part of Cheshire West and Cheshire Council's system, when we make external calls from school our telephone number shows up as 0845 148 0060. However, to contact us by telephone you will need to use 0151 338 2288.

### Orienteering Competition



On 7 October two teams from Years 3 and 4 took part in our annual Orienteering Competition at Neston Primary School. The children needed to work very hard as a team to not only find the clues using a map but to answer the calculation question too. The teams listened and talked to each other in such positive ways that other schools commented on how well they worked as a team. All of our children received some treasure for their hard work and they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to the parents who came to show their support and offer advice to our teams on the day.



### Football Tournament

Children from Years 5 and 6 attended a Football tournament at Neston High School recently. After strong wins in the group stages, the team progressed through to the semi-finals which they won after a nail biting 16 penalties each. Unfortunately they lost 3-0 in the final to Childer Thornton. It was a super, but very chilly afternoon of football and I am very proud of how the team played together showing excellent sportsmanship. I hope this continues throughout the year. A huge well done and thank you to the parents and siblings who came to support our team, we really appreciated the positive cheers from the sideline.

*Mrs Harvey*



### Cross Country

On Saturday 8 November the second race of the season took place at Elton Primary School. The children built on the success of their first race at Woodfall and gained top ten places in all races.

**The next race is Saturday 22 November 2014 at Willaston Primary School.** All children are welcome to come along to these races just see Mrs Bramham for information.

## **Workshop for Parents and Carers:**

**Thursday 27 November at 6pm**

### **SRE and Drugs Education**

We would very much like to invite parents from all year groups to join Mr Lowry (our PSHCE Co-ordinator) and Mrs Hough for a workshop on Sex and Relationship Education and Drugs Education. This is a chance to find out what is taught and when, and there will be the opportunity to look closely at the resources we use and to have your questions answered.

### **Reminder - 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.

## **Medical Needs**

Can we please remind parents the importance of keeping school informed of any changes to their child's medical conditions, ie changes to treatment for Asthma / allergies.

## **Community News**

Hello, I'm Carol Stott from Neston Parish Church Youth in the Community. We have obtained funding to continue the non-contact boxing club we run on a Thursday evening in the Youth Zone at the Community Centre on Burton Road. It's a free club which runs in term time for 7 - 14 year olds.

### **Become a Dementia Friend Today About Dementia Friends**

People with dementia get by with a little help from their friends. And anybody can become a Dementia Friend. It's just about understanding a bit more about dementia and the small things you can do to help people with the condition. There are now 500,000 Dementia Friends in the UK.

Dementia Friends learn a little bit about what it's like to live with dementia and turn that understanding into action. Every action counts.

There will be a Dementia Awareness Session in Sainsbury's Café from 7.30pm - 8.30pm on Tuesday 11 November.

This session is open to customers, colleagues and any local businesses.

Come along and learn a bit about Dementia and how you can help to make Neston a Dementia Friendly town.

## **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.

## Autumn Term Diary Dates 2014

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| <b>November</b> |    |   |
| Wednesday       | 12 | Y3 Swimming 1.00 - 2.00pm (8 of 10)   |
| Thursday        | 13 | Parent / Teacher Interviews 3.30 - 6.30pm - <b>No Clubs and Activities after school</b>   |
| Friday          | 14 | Children in Need - Super Heroes   |
| Tuesday         | 18 | Y4 Lantern Workshops  |
| Wednesday       | 19 | Y3 Swimming 1.00 - 2.00pm (9 of 10)<br>pm Y5/6 Tag Rugby Competition at Woodfall  |
| Saturday        | 22 | Cross Country at Willaston Primary - Arrive from 9.40am - 1 <sup>st</sup> race 10.00am  |
| Tuesday         | 25 | Open Day for Prospective Parents (September 2015) 9.30 - 11.00am & 1.30 - 2.30pm  |
| Wednesday       | 26 | Y3 Swimming 1.00 - 2.00pm (10 of 10)  |
| Thursday        | 27 | 6.00pm PSHCE & Drug Education Workshop for parents  |
| Saturday        | 29 | PA Winter Fair  |
| <b>December</b> |    |   |
| Monday          | 1  | am - Year 5 to St Michaels Church - Experience Christmas<br>10.15am Y3 to visit Little Neston Methodist Church - Christmas Characters<br>3.15pm Y5/6 High 5 Netball Comp - Neston High School |
| Wednesday       | 3  | Y2 Chester Cathedral - Sing the Christmas Story   |
| Friday          | 5  | Y1 Trip to Legoland & Build A Bear (Trafford Centre, Manchester)<br>10.40am Choir - Neston Parish Christmas Fair<br>7.00pm Choir - Lights 'n' Lanterns Festival                               |
| Monday          | 8  | Y5 World War 1 Workshop   |
| Tuesday         | 11 | 5.30pm PA Carol Singing   |
| Friday          | 12 | 10.00am Reception Christmas Performance   |
| Monday          | 15 | 1.45pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance (1 of 2)<br>6.30pm Y3/4 Christmas Performance   |
| Tuesday         | 16 | 6.30pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance (2 of 2)  |
| Wednesday       | 17 | Christmas Lunch for pupils<br>6.30pm Y5/6 Christmas Performance   |
| Friday          | 19 | am - The Night Before Christmas Performance - all pupils<br>School closes for Christmas - School re-opens on Monday 5 January 2015  |

***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.***

## Trips & Visits

We thank you for your ongoing support of the educational trips and activities which we organise for your children throughout the year. We believe such activities provide vital enrichment of the school curriculum and often the most memorable lessons the children learn. We try to keep costs to a minimum by subsidising to some extent from funds raised through sponsorship. However, we do rely on parental voluntary contributions to make these trips and activities possible. We look forward to your continued support.

Here are some of the thoughts of children from Year 6 following their recent visit to Winmarleigh.

Before I went I was scared of heights but after going on the Zip Wire I'm not.  
Jess B - 6S

I really enjoyed spending more time with the children from Class 6M.  
Joe J - 6S

After I did the first activity my confidence grew and I did all the other ones.  
Todd J - 6S

I really enjoyed the Vertical Challenge. After completing it I felt I could do anything!  
Laura M - 6M



My favourite activity was the Trapeze as I lost my fear of heights after going on it. Also it only took me 30 seconds to get to the top!  
Will J - 6M

I enjoyed the challenge of all the activities but my favourite was Jacobs Ladder because I got to the top.  
Fern B - 6M