



Woodfall News

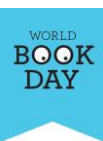
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Afri-twin visit to Zimbabwe

Next Tuesday Miss Muir and Mrs Sheehy travel to Zimbabwe to visit our partner school Warren Park 4. They will spend time working alongside the teachers and sharing ideas on our joint theme this year of 'Conflict and Resolution'. The children in reception are making a class book and the children in other year groups are writing postcards or letters for Miss Muir and Mrs Sheehy to take with them. Later in the year a teacher from Warren Park 4 will come to visit Woodfall.

We are very fortunate in having secured funding for this initiative from the British Council.



World Book Day
Thursday 5 March 2015



As we will be engaging in Literacy Activities involving Pirates on World Book Day the children are invited to attend school dressed as Pirates.

Curriculum Event for Parents / Carers
Wednesday 25 February 3.30 - 5.00pm

You and your child are welcome to join us after school to find out about the changes to the New Curriculum in English, Mathematics and Science which are taking place this year. There will be opportunities to see important skills being demonstrated and opportunities to get involved. Specific 25 minute workshops on the changes to the Mathematics, English and Science Curriculum will be offered at this event. We look forward to you joining us.



BBC - 500 Word Competition

We would like as many children as possible to take part in the 2015 BBC story writing competition.

Staff will talk to the children about the competition in school but entries must be completed at home. There is more information and inspiration on the internet at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>.

Please visit the website with your child and encourage them to take part. Feel free to send copies of entries into school too!

Thank you for your support. Remember the closing date is Wednesday 26 February 2014.

Mrs Hassall & Mrs Tobin
(Literacy subject leaders)

Clubs and Activities Programme

Reminder to parents that if your child is going to miss one of the sessions in the club they have registered for, you need to inform the club leader in writing or alternatively inform the school office. As our clubs / activities are very popular we will remove pupils from the register who have missed 2 sessions without an explanation.

Appointments

If your child is going to be late into school due to an appointment and they would like a school lunch, please inform the office in advance of their lunch choice.

Can we also remind parents / carers that they must notify school in advance if they need to collect their child early to attend an appointment.

Staff Car Parks

Can we please remind parents/carers that the staff car parks are for staff and Woodfall permit holders only. Priority must be given to vehicles used for dropping off / collecting children with disabilities.

Vacancies

Lunchtime Playleaders/Midday Assistants

We have a vacancy for a midday assistant/playleader to help supervise the junior children in the lunch hall and on the playground between 12.10 and 1.20 pm on a Monday and Friday. We also have vacancies for casual midday assistants to provide occasional cover from time to time. If you are interested in these vacancies please see Mrs Hogg in the School Office.



Athletics Competition

A team of 12 Y5/6 children attended an Athletics Competition at Neston High School on 22 January. The children competed in various events culminating once again in the team returning to Woodfall Primary School with the winner's trophy!

We will now compete in the Ellesmere Port and Neston final later in the month.

Well done to all who took part.



On Monday 26 January 2015 we held a Goalball Competition at Woodfall for our cluster Primary Schools. We entered 2 teams into the event which is a Paralympic sport. Both teams enjoyed the games and played well together.

Lunch Boxes



Can we please remind parents / carers, that as we have a number of pupils with nut allergies, all packed lunches must be nut free. This also applies to any snacks brought into school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

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.

Half Term Holiday

School closes for the half term holiday on Friday 13 February and will re-open on Monday 23 February 2014.

Community News

Girls Football Training

Year 5 and 6 Girls football training session on a Wednesday evening 6-7pm @ Neston Cricket Club, Astro pitches.

- Only £2 fee per session to cover Astro hire costs.
- we are sponsored for a full squad kit in the process of arranging a series of 'friendly' matches
- our aim is to encourage girls to play football, without pressure and not be "put off" by having to play in mixed teams as they progress through school
- long term with enough support we aim to join a local girls league

So, we are hoping to motivate some of your sporty girls to come along to training sessions.

I can be reached at s.flooks@icloud.com

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Siobhan @ Neston Nomads Girls

Neston Library - Friday 6th March 2015

7pm - 8pm

Suitable for ages 7 and up!

Tickets £3.00

John Kirk presents a reinterpretation of award winning author and former children's laureate Michael Morpurgo's acclaimed story, "Private Peaceful".

Join Private Thomas Peaceful as he remembers his life and times during World War 1, and his part in a war that would change his life forever.

This 35-40 minute storytelling event is presented to coincide with the commemoration of The Great War with the permission of Berlin Associates.

Spring Term 2015

February		
Monday	2	4H to Burwardsley
Tuesday	3	4H at Burwardsley
Wednesday	4	4S to Burwardsley 4.00pm 4H return from Burwardsley
Thursday	5	4S at Burwardsley Y4 allotment Scheme
Friday	6	4.00pm 4S return from Burwardsley
Monday	9	6.00pm Y6 SATs Meeting for Parents / Carers - Junior Hall
Tuesday	10	KS2 Church Assembly
Wednesday	11	Y4 Swimming (4 of 9)
Thursday	12	4 x Y6 Pupils to Robotics Workshop at Thornton Science Park
Friday	13	PA Infant Cake Sale School closes for half term
Monday	23	School re-open
Tuesday	24	Y5 - Visit to Museum of Liverpool Life and Liverpool Philharmonic
Wednesday	25	Y4 Swimming (5 of 9) KS2 'Open the Book' Assembly - Baptism 3.30 - 5.00pm Curriculum Event for Parents
Thursday	26	Y4 Allotment Scheme
Saturday	28	Cross Country Race - Woodlands Primary School, CH66 2JT
March		
Tuesday	3	Y4 PA Cake Sale KS2 Church Assembly
Wednesday	4	Y4 Swimming (6 of 9)
Thursday	5	World Book Day
Friday	6	PA Craft Fair - Infant Hall
Wednesday	11	Y4 Swimming (7 of 9)
Thursday	12	Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	13	Red Nose Day 2015
Monday	16	KS2 Judo Assembly
Tuesday	17	KS2 Church Assembly
Wednesday	18	Y4 Swimming (8 of 9)
Saturday	21	Cross Country Race - Final Race - Our Lady Star of the Sea PS, CH65 7AQ
Monday	23	Before / After School Clubs and Activities Programme finish this week
Wednesday	25	Y4 Swimming (Final Session)
Thursday	26	Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	27	Termly Reports to parents PA Race Night
Tuesday	31	KS2 Church Assembly 3.30 - 6.30pm Parent / Teacher Interviews
April		
Wednesday	1	KS2 'Open the Book' Assembly - Good Friday 3.30 - 6.30pm Parent / Teacher Interviews
Thursday	2	Non-Uniform Day - Purple Day in aid of Rota Kids - Voluntary donation Infant Cake Sale School Closes for Easter Holidays
Monday	20	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

School Attendance

Please note that the following represents our expectations of attendance at Woodfall Primary School

100%	=	Excellent Attendance - no sessions missed!
97 - 99%	=	Good attendance ie no more than 12 sessions missed in a school year (6 days)
91 - 95%	=	Concerning - Risk of underachievement
Below 90%	=	Highly concerning - Serious risk of underachievement

**At the end of a school year, if your child's attendance is
100% they have missed no sessions – well done!**

97.5% they have missed 10 sessions which is 5 days (1 week of school)
95% they have missed 19 sessions which is 9.5 days (nearly 2 weeks)
92.5% they have missed 28 sessions which is 14 days (nearly 3 weeks)
90% they have missed 38 sessions which is 19 days (nearly 4 weeks)
87.5% they have missed 48 sessions which is 24 days (nearly 5 weeks)
85% they have missed 57 sessions which is 28.5 days (nearly 6 weeks)
82.5% they have missed 66 sessions which is 33 days (nearly 7 weeks)
80% they have missed 76 sessions which is 38 days (nearly 8 weeks)

Lateness = Lost Learning

5 minutes late each day means they will have missed the equivalent of 3 days!

10 minutes late each day means they will have missed the equivalent of 6 days!

90% attendance over 5 years is the equivalent to missing half a year of school

15 minutes late each day means they will have missed the equivalent of 10 days!

30 minutes late each day means they will have missed the equivalent of 19 days!

20 minutes late each day means they will have missed the equivalent of 13 days!