



Woodfall News

18 July 2013



KS2 Results

Well done and thank you to all the children, parents and all staff for their hard work in achieving these excellent results.

Maths: 94% Level 4+
70% Level 5+
19% Level 6 (10 children!!!)

Reading: 100% Level 4+
61% Level 5

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar:
85% Level 4+
69% Level 5+
4% Level 6



Au revoir

Goodbye and Good Luck

Our Year 6 children leave us on Tuesday. We wish them all a very pleasant summer and a happy and successful time at their High Schools.



Well done to Year 6 for their fantastic performance of Grease on Wednesday evening. It was an ambitious show which involved all the children and many staff, parents and other helpers. The children rose to the occasion and delighted the audience with their acting and singing skills. A memorable night!

Staffing Matters



Mrs Lloyd, Miss Brinsley and Miss Davies will be leaving their teaching posts at Woodfall at the end of this term. We wish them best wishes in their future careers and thank them for all their hard work and commitment.

We are also saying farewell to Mr Jones, our Site Maintenance Officer, who is moving to a school on the Wirral and Mrs Cheryl Davies, our Catering Supervisor, who will be retiring after serving lunches at Woodfall for over 13 years. We wish them both best wishes for the future.

Welcome...

To Mrs Vicky Hassall and Mr Tom Webb, who will be joining the teaching staff at Woodfall in September and will be responsible for the Year 3 classes.



Wedding Day wishes...

To Miss Emma McConville who will be married during the summer holidays. In September she will return as Mrs Bailey.



Communicating to Parents

As you are aware we are now using email as our main form of communication. Therefore in order to avoid missing out on important information can we please remind parents to inform us of any changes to email addresses or mobile phone numbers. For those parents who do not have an email address, we will, of course continue to send hard copies.

Thank you for your support.



Cheerleading Competition

Miss Pulling was very proud of the two squads she took to the UKCA National Schools Cheerleading Competition in Manchester. They showed fantastic spirit throughout the long day, and were a credit to the school. Woodfall Warriors came 6th in the Level 1 Cheerleading division, and Woodfall Wildcats came 5th in the Level 2 Cheelerleading division.

The girls had trained incredibly hard all year; it was wonderful to see them perform, so fantastically, at such a big event.

Sainsbury's



Sainsburys Vouchers

Thanks to all your help we have been able to collect over 32,000 Sainsburys vouchers for our school which will be used to purchase new play equipment for the children to use at playtimes. A special thanks to Barbara Edwards (Nan of Abbie Leadbetter) for counting them on our behalf.



Photographs / Videos

Can we please remind parents and relatives of pupils that any photographs or videos they take at school events are likely to contain images of other children who may not have given permission to be filmed or photographed. Such images should not therefore be circulated more widely than the family; i.e. they should be for the family's use only and not uploaded onto social network sites.



Thank You

The Summer Fair was excellently organised by Woodfall PA and enjoyed by lots of families. Many thanks to all the committee members, volunteers and staff who gave up their time to help raise over £4000!

With your support this year we have been able to purchase the adventure playground in the junior area and the infant storytelling area.

Message from PA

We hope you all had a wonderful time at our Summer Fair on Saturday 29th June. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped out and to those who attended. With all your help the fair made a profit of just over £4,000.

A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped out with setting up, running the stalls & the kitchen and tidying away afterwards. An especially big "Thank You" must go to Bill Hatton for bringing along his traction engine, Cheshire Fire Brigade for the wonderful fire engine, The Briscoes for the bouncy castle and Park Gate Pony Sanctuary for their ponies.

Congratulations and well done to all the winners in the Grand Draw, Meat and Cake Raffle, and the Liverpool FC goods. We hope you enjoy your prizes!

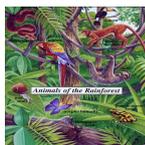
Thank you once again for your continued support.

The WPA Committee.



Music Lessons

Music Lessons will start in the week commencing 9 September 2013. All invoices must be paid by Friday 6 September 2013. Timetables will be circulated at the beginning of next term.



Rainforest Cafe

On 26 June Year 4 entertained their parents with dance, music and poetry from the Rainforest, serving homebaked biscuits and drinks. Thanks to the generosity of the parents they raised over £60.08 and are now going to sponsor two orang-utans. Our thanks to everyone concerned.



St Michaels Sunday Club

St Michael's Community Church, Marshlands Road, Little Neston has a Sunday Club every Sunday from 8th September. Starting at 9.30am to 10.15am.

If your child is up to 7 years old, they are welcome to be there without you, although you are welcome to join the Sunday Praise service.



Neston Library Reading Challenge

During the summer Neston Library will be organising the National Summer Reading Challenge 'Creepy House'. Please visit your local library for details.



We would like to thank Mr Brian Gordon granddad of Luca and Marco Monti, who has painted an exceptional mural to enhance our Infant ECO Area.

Parent / Carer Helpers

We would also like to thank all the parent / carers who give so generously of their time to help within our school in a number of roles including reading with the children, helping on school trips, baking and even washing fruit! It is really appreciated by us all.



Dinner Money

(4 September 2013 - 18 October 2013)

We have been informed by Catering Services that the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.15 from September 2013.

Reception - Year 2

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

Every Day	£70.95
Wednesday	£15.05
Friday	£15.05
Wednesday & Friday	£30.10
Weekly	£10.75

Cheques are the preferred form of payment and should be made payable to: **Cheshire West and Chester Council**

If your child is absent from school a refund for their school meal can be obtained by completing a refund slip available from the school office.

Infant children who normally have a packed lunch can opt to have a hot meal on an ad hoc basis but this must be paid prior to your child taking their meal.

To ensure that the cook prepares enough food, it will be necessary to send your child into school with an envelope clearly marked with their name, date the meal is required and correct money (**£2.15 per day**). We will then be able to provide the cook with a daily list of additional children who have paid for a school meal.

Free School Meals

Free school meals are available if your family are in receipt of certain benefits, please telephone 0300 123 7039 to check your eligibility. Please note if your child is eligible for a free school meal they could be entitled to a substantial reduction in the cost of residential school trips and music lessons.

Holidays during term time

Can we please remind parents that due to a change in government regulations we are no longer able to issue request of absence forms.

For any requests for leave of absence parents will need to write to Mrs Hough, providing details of the exceptional circumstances, and authorisation for the absence will then be considered.

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 I 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.

Thank you for your co-operation in these matters, by working together we can provide the best possible education for the children at this school.



Summer Holiday

School will close for the summer holiday on Tuesday 23 July and will re-open to pupils on Wednesday 4 September 2013. Please discourage your children (and their older brothers and sisters) from playing around the school premises during the school holidays.

We wish you all a happy and enjoyable Summer Holiday.

Your Feedback

If you have any queries or comments to make about any of the items in this newsletter, please contact Mrs Hough or Mrs Hogg in the School Office.

Holiday Dates 2013 - 2014

HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING	DATE OF RE-OPENING
SUMMER 2013	TUESDAY 23 JULY 2013	WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2013
AUTUMN HALF TERM 2013	FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2013	TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2013
CHRISTMAS 2013/14	THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER 2013	MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2014
SPRING HALF TERM 2014	FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2014	MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2014
EASTER 2014	FRIDAY 4 APRIL 2014	WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL 2014
MAY DAY 2014 - MONDAY 5 MAY 2014		
SUMMER HALF TERM 2014	FRIDAY 23 MAY 2014	MONDAY 2 JUNE 2014
SUMMER 2014	WEDNESDAY 23 JULY 2014	---

INSET DAYS

MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2013
TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2013
MONDAY 28 OCTOBER 2013
TUESDAY 22 APRIL 2014
THURSDAY 5 JUNE 2014