



9 October 2013



### Harvest Assemblies

Year 1 will be leading the Infant Harvest Assembly on Friday 11 October at 9.15am and Year 3 will be leading the Junior Harvest Assembly also on Friday 11 October at 10.00am. Parents of Year 1 and Year 3 children are welcome to join their child's harvest celebration. We would be grateful for any donations of tinned, dried and fresh produce. All the donations will go to the Charles Thompson Mission. The Mission provides 25,000 meals every year for under privileged people across Wirral. Without donations they would not be able to carry out this valuable work.



### European Day of Languages

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September was European Day of Languages. We celebrated this annual event with activities in many languages. Each class learnt simple phrases and facts about a country in Europe and tasted or cooked food from that country. 'Grazie' to Signor Monti who visited both Year 2 classes and taught them some Italian. Both key stages had assemblies in different languages and we enjoyed a special lunch with a European flavour.

*Mrs Bailey and Mrs Jones*



ECO News



Please send in any Morrison's Let's Grow vouchers you may have to us as we hope to supplement our gardening equipment for our pupils to use.

### Woodfall Sustainability in Action

Following our recent fresh fruit, vegetable and flower sale we raised a fantastic £120.41. Hannah Boote and Susie Stockton our Junior Environment Officers sold produce at competitive prices from both the Infant and Junior Eco allotments. A special mention goes to Mr Boote (Hannah's grandad) for generously donating beautiful chrysanthemums and a range of vegetables from his own garden. We would like to thank all the children who helped plant and harvest these crops as well as everyone who kindly purchased them. We have had some really positive feedback and trust you all enjoyed these tasty delights.

*Mr Lowry*

### Junior Environment Officers

CWAC have launched their new initiative, Junior Environment Officers. Hannah Boote and Susie Stockton from Year 6 are our representatives and their role is to 'think green' and give pupils and staff eco information.

### Junior Safety Officers

Marco Monti and India Hirst have been voted Junior Safety Officers for Woodfall Primary School. Their duties will include raising awareness of Road Safety and they will shortly be launching a competition to design a poster about safe parking.



### Healthy School Lunch Boxes

Can we please remind parents to make sure that the lunchbox their child brings to school provides a healthy, balanced lunch. This means plenty of foods that contain the nutrients that children need, and fewer foods that are high in sugar and saturated fat.

**Please remember no peanuts or chocolate bars to be in lunchboxes**

Check out the following website for healthy ideas:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/childhealth6-15/Pages/Lighterlunchboxes.aspx>

### Dinner Money

#### Reception - Year 2

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

Every day	£81.70
Weekly	£10.75
Wednesday only	£17.20
Friday only	£15.05
Wednesday & Friday	£32.25

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 now opt to have a hot meal on an ad hoc basis.

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

Did you know just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school receives extra money to help support your child and other children at school. It is most helpful if all who qualify for a free school meal register with the Area Education Office, even if you do not intend your child to take them (not everyone chooses to). Please note, if your child is eligible for a free school meal they could also be entitled to a substantial reduction in the cost of residential school trips and music lessons. Please telephone 03001237039 to check your eligibility.

### Parent / Teacher Interviews

You should have received a letter inviting you to make an appointment at our Parent / Teacher Interviews which will be held on Monday 4 and Thursday 7 2013 with the exception of 1H (Mrs Harrahill) who, due to prior commitments, will hold hers on Tuesday 5 and Thursday 7 November. Please ensure that the forms are returned to your child's class teacher by Thursday 17 October 2013.



### Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Congratulations to Mia Blakemore from Year 6 who raised £316.00 by organising a Macmillan Coffee afternoon for parents. Thank you also to all who made and donated their delicious cakes!

### Before School Activities

Can we please remind parents of children taking part in the before school activities not to drop them off before 8.10am as they will be unsupervised.

### **Woodfall's Parents' Association**

Our thanks are due to all the members of the Parents' Association, who have worked so hard to provide us with so many enjoyable activities. Last year they raised £10,000 to help provide valuable extra activities and resources for the children.

Mr Moss is standing down as chair of the PA this year and we would like to express our thanks for his leadership of the association.



### **School Photographs**

Thank you to all parents who have purchased their child's school photograph. The money raised by you purchasing these photographs goes towards additional resources for the children within the school.

### **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.



### **Suggestion Box**

We want to hear any suggestions/ideas you may have concerning any aspect of school life. There is now a suggestion box situated outside the school office. Please feel free to jot your suggestions/ideas down and post them. We will read them and give them due consideration.

### **Morning Procedure-Infant Department**

Can we please ask that parents wait around the back of the lines, giving all parents a clearer view of their children entering the school doors.

### **Junior Department**

Can we please ask parents to stand clear of the Junior exit at the end of the day in order for the children to have a clear view when exiting the building.

Thanks 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.

### **Half Term Holiday**

A reminder that school closes for the half term holiday on Friday 18 October and will re-open on Tuesday 29 October 2013.

*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*

### Autumn Term 2013

<b>October</b>		
Thursday	10	pm Orienteering Tournament @ Neston Primary School
Friday	11	9.15am Year 1 Harvest Celebration 10.00am Year 3 Harvest Celebration
Monday	14	8.00 - 8.45am Fencing Course Y3/4 (4 of 4) Y6 - Winmarleigh Hall
Tuesday	15	Y6 - Winmarleigh Hall
Wednesday	16	2.00pm Literacy and Numeracy Meeting for Reception Parents Y6 - Winmarleigh Hall
Thursday	17	Y6 - Winmarleigh Hall
Friday	18	8.00 - 8.45am Fencing Course Y3/4 (4 of 4) Close for Half term
21 - 25 October HALF - TERM		
Monday	28	Inset Day - School closed to parents
Tuesday	29	School re-opens
Wednesday	30	am - Dance Sessions 3W / 2KT PA - Ladies Fashion Evening
Thursday	31	3.30pm - 6.30pm Parents / Teacher Interviews
<b>November</b>		
Friday	1	Year 4 visit to Liverpool World Museum
Monday	4	Road Safety Assembly 3.30pm - 6.30pm Parents / Teacher Interviews (Except 1H)
Tuesday	5	1H only 3.30pm - 6.30pm Parents / Teacher Interviews
Wednesday	6	Year 6 - Cake Sale
Thursday	7	1.30 - 4.00pm Netball & Football Tournament at St Winefrides 3.30pm - 6.30pm Parents / Teacher Interviews
Saturday	9	9.40am Cross Country - Elton Primary School
Wednesday	13	9.45 - 10.45am Anti Bullying Production - Y5/6 - Junior Hall 1.45 - 2.45pm Anti Bullying Production - Y2/3/4 - Junior Hall Maths Calculation Event - Junior Hall
Friday	15	Children in Need
Wednesday	20	am - Dance Sessions 3W / 2KT Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday	21	1.30 - 4.00pm Tag Rugby Tournament at Woodfall Primary School
Saturday	30	PA Christmas Fair
<b>December</b>		
Monday	9	10.20 - 12.00 Year 3 to Methodist Church - Christmas Characters
Wednesday	11	PA Carol Singing
Friday	13	10.00am Reception Christmas Performance
Monday	16	1.45pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance (1 of 2) 6.30pm Y3/4 Performance
Tuesday	17	6.30pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance (2 of 2)
Wednesday	18	6.30pm Y5/6 Christmas Performance
Thursday	19	Close for Christmas
20 December - 5 January 2014 Christmas Holiday		