



**7 September 2015**



Autumn term is under way and the children are settling in with their new teachers. We particularly welcome Reception children and other newcomers to the school and wish them a happy and successful time at Woodfall.

We welcome Miss Beth Perry and Miss Emily Roberts who have joined us as Y4 and Y3 teachers.



### **School Uniform**

Thank you for your support of our school uniform policy. All the children look very smart for the beginning of term. Please remember to **clearly label** all articles of clothing and kit with your child's name, so that they can be easily identified if mislaid. At the end of last term we had to send a considerable number of unlabelled sweatshirts to a local charity shop as we were unable to reunite them with their owners!



### **Musical Notes**

Just a reminder that payments for music lessons were due on Friday 4 September. Once again many thanks to those parents who have paid promptly. Lessons commence week beginning 7 September 2015.

Orchestra will commence on 11<sup>h</sup> September at 3.20pm.

### **Absences**

If your child is going to be absent from school please let the school office know either by phone or email before 9.15am on the first day of absence.



### **PE Kit**

Your child will be made aware of which days their classes have PE. It is most important that they have a change of clothing, including footwear, for these activities, available on the right days.

We ask that Infant children leave their PE kits in school.

In the interests of Health and Safety, children should not wear jewellery and long hair should be securely tied back.



### **Water Bottles**

We expect children to bring in water bottles so they can have access to drinking water throughout the day. Please note all research indicates that water is best for hydrating our brains. No fruit juice please.



### **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 and 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.



## Reading



Please ensure your child is reading every day (and at weekends and during the school holidays). Whilst reading skills are being taught at school, all the extra practice is vital for children to be successful readers.



## Juniors



### Playtime Healthy Snacks

Just a reminder that we expect all snacks children bring to school for their playtime break from Monday - Thursday to be healthy snacks: fruit is perfect (no sweets or crisps please). Toast will continue to be sold at playtime. On Fridays children may bring in crisps, should they wish to.

Many thanks for your support.

Please note that Infant children will continue to be provided with fruit daily from the National Fruit Scheme.



## Homework Club

We welcome children and parents together to attend our Homework Club which is open from 8.20am every Monday from 14 September 2015. Whilst you are very welcome to join your child every Monday, you may also use our Homework Club as a 'drop in' to receive guidance for specific homework. You may also wish your child (on his/her own) to attend homework club every Monday and should this be the case, please contact our school office for a permission slip.



## Parking

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.

## Outside Play Equipment

Can we please remind parents / carers that the Outdoor Equipment in the Junior Department is for the use of school pupils under the supervision of their teachers and school staff only. We would be grateful if parents could refrain from letting their children use it before and after school.



## Woodfall Rota Kids

Woodfall Rotakids will be fundraising for the COCH Babygrow Appeal this year. Please join us on Saturday 19 September for their Annual Duck Race at the River Dee.



## Cross Country



The first race of the season will be at Woodfall Primary School on Saturday 3 October 2015. All Junior children are welcome to run in the races which start at 10.00am. There will be 4 races as usual:

Y3/4 Boys & Girls

Y5/6 Boys & Girls

## 'Assessment without Levels'

### Workshops for Parents

There will be workshops for parents/carers on **Thursday 1 October 2015 at 9.00am, 2.30pm and 6.00pm** at which we will be explaining our new assessment system.



## MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Tuesday 15 September 9.30 - 10.30am we will be holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning in our Infant Hall. Please feel free to join us and any offers to make cakes would be gratefully received!

## Parent Governor Nominations

You will shortly be receiving information about a Parent Governor vacancy we have at our school. Parents in the past have found this a very rewarding role.

## Autumn Clubs / Activities

You will have received our new programme of clubs and activities for the Autumn/Spring Term which is to be returned to the school office by **Monday 7 September 2015**. I would remind you that this important enrichment to your children's lives in school is dependant upon the voluntary good-will of the staff involved. I thank them all on your behalf and trust that your children will enjoy these additional opportunities.



### Woodfall's Website

[www.woodfall.cheshire.sch.uk](http://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.



### 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.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Chris Long for earning The Robinson Trophy as a result of his determination, resilience and perseverance with every challenge set. Chris is an inspiration to us all with his positive attitude to learning and as a result of receiving the trophy is a daily reminder of what a difference such a positive outlook can make to our lives.



### School Lunches

Can we please remind **Junior** parents that in line with our School Meals Protocol all lunches must be paid for in advance.

- Ideally using our online payment system: [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)
- Alternatively lunch money should be paid in advance on a Monday morning. If you wish your child to take a meal on an ad hoc basis we suggest you send in £11.00 which will be credited to their account and would enable them to take a lunch on 5 occasions. **Please avoid sending £2.20 in daily.**
- Cheques would be the preferred method of payment and should be made payable to **Cheshire West and Chester Council**. If the name on the cheque is different from the child's name then please put the child's name on the back of the cheque.
- Cash or cheques sent into school must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name and year group and the amount enclosed. If you require a supply of envelopes please ask at the school office.
- There is a **'posting box'** inside the main entrance for all dinner money payments. Payments can be sent in with your child via the classroom. The posting box offers a higher degree of security, particularly if you do send in cash. There will be no money left in this box overnight.

### 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.

## School Diary 2015 - 2016

<b>September</b>		
Monday	7	Music Lessons start Clubs and Activities to be returned to school office today
Friday	11	Orchestra Rehearsals start
Monday	14	Clubs and Activities commence this week
Tuesday	15	Woodfall Open Day for prospective new parents 9.00am MacMillian Coffee Morning (PA) for parents – Infant Hall
Wednesday	16	8.00am Fencing Club (1) – Infant Hall
Thursday	17	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	18	Y5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament @ Whitby High School (TW)
Saturday	19	Woodfall singers to perform at Duck Race in Chester. Rotakids to attend
Monday	21	Y3 to 2.00pm Little Neston Methodist Church – Harvest 3.30pm – Winmarleigh Talk for Y6 Parents
Wednesday	23	8.00am Fencing Club (2) – Infant Hall
Thursday	24	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	25	10.00 – 11.00am Y3 Swimming (1 of 10)
Tuesday	29	1.15 – 3.00pm Y5/6 Tag Rugby tournament at Woodfall
Wednesday	30	8.00am Fencing Club (3) – Infant Hall
<b>October</b>		
Thursday	1	9.00am Meeting for all parents: Assessment without Levels 1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme 2.30pm Meeting for all parents: Assessment without Levels 6.00pm Meeting for all parents: Assessment without Levels
Friday	2	10.00 – 11.00am Y3 Swimming (2 of 10)
Saturday	3	Cross Country – Woodfall Primary School (1 <sup>st</sup> Race at 10.00am)
Wednesday	7	8.00am Fencing Club (4) – Infant Hall
Thursday	8	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	9	am Y6 Cruical Crew – Child Safety Media Workshop – Fox Barracks, Chester 10.00 – 11.00am Y3 Swimming (3 of 10) Y5/6 Quick Sticks Tournament – Neston Cricket Club
Monday	12	Y6 to Winmarleigh
Tuesday	13	Y6 at Winmarleigh
Wednesday	14	Y6 at Winmarleigh 8.00am Fencing Club (4) – Infant Hall 1.15pm 'Open Book' - Junior Assembly
Thursday	15	Y6 return from Winmarleigh 1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme 1.30 – 3.20pm Y3/4 Let's Walk Training
Friday	16	1.30 – 3.20pm Y3/4 Let's Walk Training 10.00 – 11.00am Y3 Swimming (4 of 10)
Tuesday	20	9.15am Y3 Harvest Assembly 2.15pm Grandparents Toy Parents (Infant Hall)
Thursday	22	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	23	Non-Uniform Day – In aid of Baby Grow Appeal (Rotakids) 10.00 – 11.00am Y3 Swimming (5 of 10) School closes for half-term
<b>Half-term 26 – 30 October 2015</b>		
<b>November</b>		
Monday	2	Inset Day – School Closed to pupils
Thursday	5	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	6	Termly Reports to parents 10.00 – 11.00am Y3 Swimming (6 of 10)
Saturday	7	Cross Country – Willaston Primary School (1 <sup>st</sup> Race at 10.00am)

<b>November</b>		
Monday	9	3.30 – 6.30pm Parent / Teacher Interviews
Thursday	12	Woodfall Open Day prospective new parents 3.30 – 6.30pm Parent / Teacher Interviews
Friday	13	10.00 – 11.00am Y3 Swimming (7 of 10)
Wednesday	18	1.15pm 'Open Book' - Junior Assembly
Thursday	19	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	20	10.00 – 11.00am Y3 Swimming (8 of 10)
Saturday	21	Cross Country – Elton Primary School (1 <sup>st</sup> Race at 10.00am)
Friday	27	10.00 – 11.00am Y3 Swimming (9 of 10)
<b>December</b>		
Friday	4	10.00 – 11.00am Y3 Swimming (10 of 10)
Saturday	5	PA Winter Fair
Monday	7	Y3 to Neston Methodist Church – Meet the Christmas Characters
Friday	18	School Closes for Christmas Holidays
<b>Christmas Holidays 21 December 2015 – 4 January 2016</b>		
<b>January</b>		
Monday	4	Inset Day
Thursday	7	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	8	10.00 – 11.00am Y4 Swimming (1 of 9)
Friday	15	10.00 – 11.00am Y4 Swimming (2 of 9)
Thursday	21	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	22	10.00 – 11.00am Y4 Swimming (3 of 9)
Saturday	23	Cross Country – St Bernards Primary School (1 <sup>st</sup> Race at 10.00am)
Friday	29	10.00 – 11.00am Y4 Swimming (4 of 9)
<b>February</b>		
Monday	1	Y4 to Burwardsley (one class)
Tuesday	2	Y4 at Burwardsley (one Class) Young Voices Choir to Manchester
Wednesday	3	Y4 at Burwardsley (both classes)
Thursday	4	Y4 at Burwardsley (one Class) 1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Saturday	6	Cross Country – Woodlands PS Primary School (1 <sup>st</sup> Race at 10.00am)
Friday	5	Y4 home from Burwardsley (one Class)
Friday	12	10.00 – 11.00am Y4 Swimming (5 of 9) School closes for half-term
<b>Half-term 15 – 19 February 2016</b>		
Monday	22	School re-opens
Thursday	25	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	26	10.00 – 11.00am Y4 Swimming (6 of 9)
<b>March</b>		
Friday	4	10.00 – 11.00am Y4 Swimming (7 of 9)
Thursday	10	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	11	10.00 – 11.00am Y4 Swimming (8 of 9)
Friday	18	10.00 – 11.00am Y4 Swimming (9 of 9)
Thursday	24	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
<b>Friday 25 March - Good Friday – School Closed</b>		
<b>Monday 28 March - Easter Monday – School Closed</b>		
Tuesday	29	School re-opens after Easter Weekend Break

<b>April</b>		
Friday	1	Non-Uniform Day - Purple Day Rotakids School Closes for Spring Break
<b>Spring Break - 4 April – 15 April 2016</b>		
Monday	18	School re-opens
Thursday	21	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Saturday	23	Cross Country – Our Lady’s Primary School (1 <sup>st</sup> Race at 10.00am)
Thursday	28	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
<b>May</b>		
<b>Bank Holiday - Monday 2 May – School Closed</b>		
Thursday	5	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Thursday	12	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Thursday	19	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Thursday	26	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	27	School closes for half-term
<b>Half-term 30 May – 2 June 2016 2016</b>		
<b>June</b>		
Monday	6	Inset Day
Thursday	9	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	10	10.00 – 11.00am Y2 Swimming (1 of 4)
Wednesday	15	Y2 to Delamere (one Class)
Thursday	16	Y2 at Delamere (both classes) 1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	17	Y2 at Delamere (one Class)
Thursday	23	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Wednesday	24	10.00 – 11.00am Y2 Swimming (2 of 4)
Thursday	30	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
<b>July</b>		
Friday	1	10.00 – 11.00am Y2 Swimming (3 of 4)
Thursday	7	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	8	10.00 – 11.00am Y2 Swimming (4 of 4)
Thursday	14	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Wednesday	20	School closes for pupils
Thursday	21	Inset Day

### Reminder

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.

## Holiday Dates 2015 – 2016

HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING	DATE OF RE-OPENING
SUMMER 2015		WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2015
AUTUMN HALF TERM 2015	FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2015	TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2015
CHRISTMAS 2015/16	FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER 2015	TUESDAY 5 JANUARY 2016
SPRING HALF TERM 2016	FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2016	MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2016
EASTER BANK HOLIDAY 2016	THURSDAY 24 MARCH 2016	TUESDAY 29 MARCH 2016
SPRING BREAK 2016	FRIDAY 1 APRIL 2016	MONDAY 18 APRIL 2016
<b>MAY BANK HOLIDAY 2015 - MONDAY 2 MAY 2015</b>		
SUMMER HALF TERM 2016	FRIDAY 27 MAY 2016	TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2016
SUMMER 2016	WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2016	

### INSET DAYS

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2015  
 MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2015  
 MONDAY 4 JANUARY 2016  
 MONDAY 6 JUNE 2016  
 THURSDAY 21 JULY 2016

**Please note that in line with the standardised school year the Easter Bank Holiday Weekend 2016 does not form part of the two week Spring Break at the beginning of April 2016**

#### School Attendance Regulations

Please note that the LA may issue fixed penalty fines to families on return from unauthorised holidays during term time.

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 we 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.