



Woodfall News

6 October 2015



Harvest Assemblies

Year 3 will be leading a Harvest Assembly on Tuesday 20 October at 9.15am in the Junior Hall. Parents of 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 the Wirral. Without donations they would not be able to carry out this valuable work.



Woodfall Sustainability in Action

Following our recent fresh vegetable sale we raised a fantastic £47.50. Thank you to all who helped us sell the produce from both the Infant and Junior Eco allotments. 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



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all parents who made and donated delicious cakes! Also thanks must go once again to the PA for serving coffee and cakes on the day. With your help we raised £142.58 for this worthy charity.

Attention Year 6 Parents/Carers

From 01 September, parents and carers could apply for secondary school places for their children for September 2016. The closing date for applications is **31 October 2015**.

Late applications are dealt with after all on-time applications and therefore children can be disadvantaged and have a lower chance of receiving a place at their preferred school. This can also cause distress to Year 6 children when they are unsure which school they will be attending at a late stage.

Parents can apply on-line through the Cheshire West website at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk or can telephone the contact centre on 0300 123 7039.

Woodfall's Parents' Association

We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to our dynamic and vibrant Parents' Association (PA). As a result of the events held and the money raised, Woodfall has been presented with a cheque for £10,000. This means that we are now able to purchase our outdoor adventure play apparatus for our Infant children.

Recent purchases, as a direct result of the fabulous work of our PA have included:

- Outdoor play equipment for our Junior aged children
- Shade/canopy
- Two surround sound music systems in both our school halls.

A huge thanks to our PA not only for raising such an impressive amount of money, but a huge thanks also for organising such enjoyable events for all our families.

Woodfall's Parents' Association (cont'd)

At their recent AGM the following members were elected:

Chair Person - Catherine Marsh

Vice Chairperson - Sue McCrone

Secretary - Claire Morgan

Treasurer - Angela Moores

PA Dates for your diary:

Sunday 18 October - Family Walk

Wednesday 21 October - Family Bingo

Friday 23 October - Infant Cake Sale

Saturday 5 December - Winter Fair

(Further details to follow)



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.

Did you know?

From 1 October 2015 it will be illegal to smoke in vehicles with someone under 18 present.

The new law helps protect children from the dangers of secondhand smoke. Both the driver and the smoker can be fined £50 if anyone smokes in the vehicle. Both the driver and the smoker could be fined £50. The law applies to every driver in England and Wales, including those aged 17 and those with a provisional driving licence. The law does not apply if the driver is 17 years old and is on their own in the car. For more information about the new legislation visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/smoking-in-vehicles>. For more information, see the [guidance on new rules about tobacco, e-cigarettes and smoking](#)

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. 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.

Holidays in Term Time

Can I please remind all parents that national regulations state: "**Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time**". The Department for Education requirement states "**current law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time**".



Rotakids News



Thank you so much for supporting us with the sale of the ducks for the babygrow appeal. We raised £200! We have many exciting adventures planned this year and we are very grateful to you all for your support.

Thank you for your support at our Rotakids cake sale. We managed to raise £75 for the babygrow appeal.

On 23 October we will be having a non-uniform day. Children are able to come to school in non-uniform for a small donation (suggestion £1). All money raised will support the Rotakids local charity 'The babygrow appeal' at the Countess of Chester Hospital.

Hayley Foster, Rotakids Leader



Tag Rugby Tournament

Well done to both teams that represented Woodfall in our annual cluster tag rugby tournament! Both teams played brilliantly and you all played with such good sportsmanship. One of our teams got through to the semi-finals but unfortunately lost by one try. It was a great afternoon with some great rugby. Well done to all.

Mrs Harvey and Mr Webb



Cross Country

The first race of the season took place at Woodfall Primary School on Saturday 3 October 2015. It was a great success and all who took part enjoyed their running and are looking forward to personal bests at the next race.

Next Race

Willaston Primary School 7 November 2015.
All runners are welcome!



Reaccreditation of the International School Award 2015-2018

We are delighted to inform you that Woodfall Primary School has been successful in being re-accredited for the International School Award and is accredited for three years from 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2018.

Our school, under Mrs Gleave's leadership in this area, completed an impact evaluation and the accredited assessor noted the following: 'This is an outstanding and well-presented Impact Evaluation, which clearly outlines your ISA journey, and the progress you have made

towards embedding the global dimension into your curriculum in a sustained way.'

'The work you have conducted and delivered with your South African and Zimbabwean partner schools is impressive.'

Feedback to Mrs Gleave:

'Congratulations on working so hard to co-ordinate such an impressive range of work as the International Co-ordinator. You are a credit to the school and the wider community.'



Parking

Parking around school continues to be a cause for concern. 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.

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

A reminder that school closes for the half term holiday on Friday 23 October and will re-open on Tuesday 3 November 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.

School Diary 2015 - 2016

October		
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 Winmarleigh
Wednesday	14	Y6 Winmarleigh 8.00am Fencing Club (4) – Infant Hall 1.15pm 'Open Book' - Junior Assembly
Thursday	15	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme 1.30 – 3.20pm Y3/4 Let's Walk Training Y6 return from Winmarleigh (approx 3.00pm) 3.15pm Y3/4 Football Tournament – Neston High School
Friday	16	1.30 – 3.20pm Y3/4 Let's Walk Training 10.00 – 11.00am Y3 Swimming (4 of 10)
Sunday	18	PA Family Walk
Tuesday	20	9.15am Y3 Harvest Assembly 2.15pm Y1 Grandparents Toy Party (Infant Hall)
Wednesday	21	PA Family Bingo
Thursday	22	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	23	Non-Uniform Day – In aid of Babygrow Appeal (Rotakids) 10.00 – 11.00am Y3 Swimming (5 of 10) 3.15pm PA Infant Cake Sale School closes for half-term
Half-term 26 – 30 October 2015		
November		
Monday	2	Inset Day – School Closed to pupils
Tuesday	3	School re-opens for 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 st Race at 10.00am)
Monday	9	3.30 – 6.30pm Parent / Teacher Interviews
Tuesday	10	3.15pm Y5/6 Football & Netball Tournament – Neston High School
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 st Race at 10.00am)
Friday	27	10.00 – 11.00am Y3 Swimming (9 of 10) Y5 to St Michaels Church – Experience Christmas
December		
Tuesday	1	9.45am Year 5 – Musical Concert for KS2 pupils and Year 5 Parents
Friday	4	10.00 – 11.00am Y3 Swimming (10 of 10) 1.30 – 2.30pm Y2 to Chester Cathedral 'Sing the Christmas Story'
Saturday	5	PA Winter Fair Neston Lights and Lanterns Christmas Festival
Monday	7	Y3 to Neston Methodist Church – Meet the Christmas Characters
Friday	11	10.00am Reception Christmas Performance
Monday	14	2.00pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance (1 of 2) 6.30pm Y3/4 Christmas Performance
Tuesday	15	6.30pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance (2 of 2)
Wednesday	16	6.30pm Y5/6 Christmas Performance
Friday	18	School Closes for Christmas Holidays
Christmas Holidays 21 December 2015 – 4 January 2016		
January	5	School re-opens for pupils

