



Woodfall News

5 November 2015



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.



Harvest Assembly

Thank you for all your kind donations for our Harvest Assembly which was impressively led by Year 3. Charles Thompson Mission were extremely grateful.



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.

Parents / Carers of Year 1 and Year 2

May we please remind parents/carers of Year 1 and 2 children that when collecting your child at the end of the day, please move forward and clearly identify yourself (maybe wave) so the teacher can be confident that your child (at the front of the line) is going to the correct parent.

In the mornings teachers are available from 8.40am should you wish to speak with them regarding an urgent issue - please do make an appointment to meet with them via the office. At 8.50am when teachers are collecting the children from their morning line, the teachers' priority is to ensure all the children enter school ready to learn. Please send any other messages into school via the school office.



Rotakids News



Thank you for supporting our non-uniform day. We raised £214.59 for the Babygrow Appeal. Our next adventure is to bag pack at Tesco in Heswall on 19 November. We hope to see some of you there.

During morning break on Wednesday 2 December, our Rotakids are holding a cake sale for KS2 children in aid of the Rotary Club's international charity 'End Polio Now'. All money raised will be trebled by a grant from Bill Gates. If you are able to donate any cakes for the sale we would really appreciate it. Rotakids will be selling any cakes that are left over after school on the Wednesday. Thank you for your continued support.

Hayley Foster, Rotakids Leader



Cross Country - Next Race

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

Woodfall's Parents' Association Corner

WPA Autumn Ramble

With an excellent turnout of parents and children and the weather staying dry, we had an enjoyable afternoon walking up and around Moel Arthur with a Treasure Hunt to entertain us all on the way round. With such good feedback watch this space for a Spring Walk.

WPA Bingo Evening

With a 'Full House' again the evening was its usual hit with lots of families joining us for fun, food and games. With your help we raised £200.

WPA 100 Club

We held our first 100 club draw at the Bingo Evening. Congratulations going to Mike Moss for 1st prize of £50 and 2nd prize of £25 going to Nicki Lycett. We still have numbers available - remember you have to be in it to win it! Application forms are available from the School Office. Our next draw will be at the Christmas Fair.

WPA Infant Cake Sale 23 October 2015

This was our best ever cake sale raising £132! Many thanks to all who donated cakes.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 5 December 2015 - Christmas Fair
11.30 - 2.00pm.

Tuesday 8 December 2015 - Charity Carol Concert 6.00pm (hot drinks and mince pies available).

This year we will be selling tea towels instead of calendars (order forms to follow shortly).

As we are a registered charity are there any parents who work for a company who would consider match funding one of our stalls at the Christmas Fair. In previous years we have had match funding from some of the High Street Banks. Please contact WPA at: woodfallpa@hotmail.com



Eco Schools

For many years Woodfall has been a champion of sustainability and children have participated in enriching activities, enabling them to foster a caring attitude towards their locality and wider world around them. This year we will be re-applying for the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award which recognises schools that meet specific targets. Children from different classes will form an Eco Squad and be known as our Green Ambassadors. They will review what the school currently does well and agree an action plan for the year ahead to enable us to meet these targets.

Bulb Planting

Our first Eco Schools project is to develop the school grounds and bio-diversity. Every child has planted some spring flowering bulbs in Year group beds at the front of the school. Thank you to Craig from CVM Services who has planned this project and led the planting sessions. We hope the additional splash of colour will attract wildlife and enhance the overall sense of welcome to our school community.

Mr Lowry

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.

Trips & Visits

We thank you for your ongoing support of the educational trips and activities which we organise for your children throughout the year. We believe such activities provide vital enrichment of the school curriculum and often the most memorable lessons the children learn. We try to keep costs to a minimum by subsidising to some extent from funds raised through sponsorship. However, we do rely on parental voluntary contributions to make these trips and activities possible. We look forward to your continued support.

Here are some of the thoughts of children from Year 6 following their recent visit to
Winmarleigh

On a bright and early morning we strolled into the school hall, where we placed our bags waiting for the coach's arrival. Eventually, when the coach arrived we piled our bags aboard the bottom compartment. After that we got on the coach.

When we arrived we had lunch. Soon after we did team building activities that included a lot of thought. After we had tea we went to have a fabulous campfire and sang lots of songs.

In the morning we did archery and James got a bulls eye, it was great fun. Soon it was time for orienteering James and Jack won the race.

By James and Jack

After our parents waved us off, we were on our way to Winmarleigh PGL! The fun was about to begin!!! It was a long journey, an hour and a half to be exact. It felt like a lot longer.

We did some really fun activities and then started to make our dorms more like home. Now it was time for the campfire. We all learnt new songs. By the time we got back it was time for bed.

The next day we had a fantastic English breakfast. The giant swing was amazing. Eliza went on it with Molly to the very top and so did Sophie and Natasha. After the giant swing we had a fantastic lunch and then back for more activities.

By Eliza and Sophie

Day 3

After breakfast our first activity was the sensory trail, where you had to wear a blindfold and walk around a trail only using your senses to guide you. It was quite hard although we got the hang of it. Our second activity was the giant swing, which was Kitty and Maddy's favourite because it was really fun and brilliant. We were hoisted up by our team then Kitty pulled the rope because Maddy didn't want to and it dropped us all the way down then you swung up and down, which was the best part! Afterwards it was lunch of pasta in tomato sauce with chicken on top YUM!!!

By Maddy and Kitty

We put our bags on the coach with excitement we waved goodbye to our parents. Setting off the coach started to move slowly out of the school it took roughly 1 hour and 30 minutes to get to Winmarleigh Hall. Firstly when we arrived, we had our packed lunch in the dinner hall. We did some team work activities including turning a tarp over whilst standing on it, getting a ball through gutters into a cone and trying to get by only stepping on bin bags.

The next day we had a cooked breakfast. Our 1st activity was archery followed by orienteering and after lunch the sensory trail.

By Chris and Nathan

School Diary 2015 - 2016

November		
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
Wednesday	11	3W only - 3.30 – 6.30pm Parent / Teacher Interviews
Thursday	12	Woodfall Open Day prospective new parents 3.30 – 6.30pm Parent / Teacher Interviews (except 3W)
Friday	13	10.00 – 11.00am Y3 Swimming (7 of 10) am Reception Walk
Monday	16	Y5 Disability Week
Tuesday	17	Y1 Trip to Legoland and Trafford Centre Rotakids to Countess of Chester Hospital – Babygrow Appeal
Wednesday	18	1.15pm 'Open Book' - Junior Assembly
Thursday	19	9.30 – 2.20pm Rotakids to Tesco Bag Packing with Rotary Club 1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	20	10.00 – 11.00am Y3 Swimming (8 of 10) Y1 & Y2 Flu Vaccinations
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
Wednesday	2	Rotakids Cake Sale in aid of Polio
Thursday	3	5.00 – 7.00pm Choir – Neston Town Hall – Lights and Lanterns Rehearsal
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	WPA Winter Fair Neston Lights and Lanterns Christmas Festival
Monday	7	Y3 to Neston Methodist Church – Meet the Christmas Characters
Tuesday	8	6.00pm WPA Carol Singing (Hot drinks and mince pies available)
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		
Monday	4	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday	5	School re-opens for pupils

*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.*