



Woodfall News

5 December 2013



Winter Fair

The Winter 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 £2000.



Christmas Performances

The Christmas Performances will begin next week. This year for the Reception, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Performances we will be issuing all families with 2 tickets. We are asking parents if they could return any unwanted tickets to the School Office so we can re-issue them to parents / carers requesting additional tickets.

Due to the Infant Hall capacity there will be 2 performances of the Y1/2 production, parents will shortly receive a letter concerning these tickets. Can we please remind parents and carers that admittance will be by ticket only in order to comply with Fire Regulations.

Many thanks for your support with this matter.



Christmas Lunch

Your child will shortly be receiving an invitation to our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 18 December 2013.

The children are allowed to wear their own clothes on that day. Please ensure that clothes are suitable to take part in normal classroom activities (no high heels or jewellery) and warm enough to play outside at break time.

Clubs/Activities

Before and After School Clubs/Activities, will recommence week beginning Monday 20 January 2014.



Children in Need

Thanks to all your generosity we raised an amazing £404.14 for Children in Need. A special thank you goes to the children who organised cake sales and competitions.



Arrive on Time - Ready to Learn

During a recent visit by the Education Welfare Officer it was highlighted that a number of children are arriving at school late. Persistent lateness may result in the Local Authority issuing a fixed penalty notice. Late arrivals at school result in children missing the introduction to their first lesson, cause disruption to the rest of the class and can result in those children feeling unsettled for the rest of the day. All children are expected to arrive in school ready for registration by 8.55am as lessons start promptly at 9.00am. If arriving after the doors are closed all children must report to the school office, failure to do so could result in your child being recorded as absent.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Starting School September 2014

Can we please remind parents / carers that if they have a child born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010 and you are a Cheshire West and Chester resident you need to apply for a school place before **15 January 2014**. You can apply online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions or telephone the authority on 0300 123 7039 to request a 'Starting School 2014-2015' booklet which contains an application form.



Lights and Lanterns Christmas Festival

Recently CAN Group members visited school to work with our Y4 children to make Christmas Lanterns out of willow and tissue paper which the children will use as part of the Lantern Parade in Neston on Friday 6 December. Also thanks to Paula Prytherch who worked with our choir preparing them for the performance at the Lantern and Lights Festival.



Cross Country

On Saturday 30 November the Cross Country Team attended Willaston Primary School. The children built on their successes once again and gained many top ten places in all of the races. Thank you to all the parents and carers for their continued support at these races.

The next race is:

Saturday 25 January 2014 at St Bernards Primary School, Ellesmere Port.

All children are welcome to come along to these races - just see Mrs Bramham or Mrs Mills for information.

School Information

Can we please remind parents / carers that our main form of communication is by email. However parents can always keep up with events by checking out the calendar on our website www.woodfall.cheshire.sch.uk

Language Enrichment Event

On the 4th and 5th November I went to Sutton Green Primary to their Languages days with Teo (5N) and Lucy (5M). We learnt greetings in different languages and learnt some Italian and made pizzas. On the second day we learnt some Spanish, sign language and Mandarin. It was loads of fun!

Written By Daniel Clark 5N



Can we please remind parents / carers that dogs are not permitted onto the school grounds.



We would like to thank the Rotary Club of Neston who came into school to launch our Crocus Project.

We are currently selling crocus pins, in reception area, for £1 to raise money for Polio Research on behalf of the Rotary charities



Accelerate Learning Challenge 2013

On Wednesday 27 November, 8 Year 6 mathematicians participated in a Maths Challenge in Heswall. Throughout the day the teams went through 5 rounds: Speed, Relay, Logic, Cross number and group.

The children were split into two groups: boys and girls. For the first two rounds the boys' team were in the lead and the girls' team were in 3rd place. However, after the Logic round the girls shot to the lead, whereas the boys sank to last place. These positions were held for the rest of the experience and the girls won the beautiful trophy! A big 'well done' to Milly Andrews, Jessica King, Emma Fewtrell, Olivia McCrave, Danyl Wells, Marco Monti, Daniel Brazier and Caleb Myers-Shone.

Written by Olivia, Milly, Emma and Jessica



Many thanks for taking the time to complete our whole school questionnaire - it is vital we know your views of our school and I am delighted to report that of the 116 questionnaires every single one stated that they would recommend the school to another parent.

Thank you for your positive comments and thank you also for your specific views.

Just to remind you all that we really do welcome your feedback at any time - please feel free to contact us to make an appointment, or please use our suggestion box. It is always helpful if you do include your name on your suggestions and questionnaires, so that we follow up any concerns.



Christmas Holiday

School closes for the Christmas holiday on Thursday 19 December and will re-open on Monday 6 January 2014.



Police Update re Parking

Over the past year the Cheshire Police and Police Community Support Officers with the help of the Community Safety Wardens have tried different methods hoping to educate parents who drive their children to school in the right and safe way to park or drop off their child.

Together we have left police advisory notices on vehicles badly and illegally parked, spoken to parents and sent letters out to the offenders. Unfortunately the message just does not appear to be getting through to the minority whom still insist on:

- Parking inconsiderately over residents driveways
- Parking on pavements making it difficult for "YOUR" child to get by
- Parking on or very close to junctions making it difficult for people to see oncoming traffic.
- Stopping on the yellow Zig-Zag area outside the school.

On Tuesday 19th November 2013 The Community Safety Wardens deployed the CCTV vehicle resulting in two tickets being issued at a cost to the offending owners of the vehicles of £70

each. The CCTV vehicle will be deployed again in the very near future so "THINK".

The Police have set a competition for your children to create a picture of the do's and don'ts of how to park safely. The winning design will be made into small parking tickets for the children to give to their parents.

The Royal Oak:

The Police have spoken to the owner of The Royal Oak Little Neston who has given permission for parents to be able to park their vehicles in his car park for a short period of time in the morning and afternoon this would result in a 5 minute walk to school.

Please be advised that the Police will be monitoring the parking over the coming weeks and months for improvement and enforcement will be considered where appropriate.

Thank You.

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.

Santa's journey competition



Entries to be returned to school by
Wednesday 18th December 2013

Winners will be announced in the New Year.

Good luck!

Miss Nuttall & Mrs Harrahill

Write about Santa's journey.

Think about:

Where does his journey begin?

Where does it end?

What does he see as he travels?

Does he meet anybody on his journey?

Does anything interesting happen along the way?

- Winning entries will be:
- Original and entertaining
- Infants – no longer than 1 A4 page
- Lower Juniors (Y3&4) – no longer than 2 A4 sides
- Upper Juniors (Y5&6) – no longer than 3 A4 sides

Please ask your teacher for paper if you need some.

Autumn Term / Spring Term 2013/14

December		
Thursday	4	Y6 Big Maths Quiz - Neston High School
Friday	6	10.30am - Choir performing at Neston Parish Church - Christmas Festival Evening - Neston Christmas Lights switch on - Choir singing / Lantern Parade
Monday	9	10.20 - 12.00 Year 3 to Methodist Church - Christmas Characters
Wednesday	11	Reception children - Vision Screening PA Carol Singing - Food 5.30pm Singing 6.00pm
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	Neston Parish Church Assembly - Juniors 6.30pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance (2 of 2)
Wednesday	18	Christmas Lunch 6.30pm Y5/6 Christmas Performance
Thursday	19	Close for Christmas
20 December - 5 January 2014 Christmas Holiday		
January		
Monday	6	School re-opens
Tuesday	14	Y3 Swimming (1)
Wednesday	15	Y5 Cake Sale
Tuesday	21	Y3 Swimming (2)
Saturday	25	Cross Country - St Bernards Primary School, Ellesmere Port
Tuesday	28	Y3 Swimming (3)
February		
Monday	3	4G to Burwardsley
Tuesday	4	4G at Burwardsley Y3 Swimming (4)
Wednesday	5	4G home from Burwardsley 4P to Burwardsley
Thursday	6	4P at Burwardsley
Friday	7	4P home from Burwardsley
Saturday	8	Cross Country - Woodlands Primary School, Ellesmere Port
Tuesday	11	Y3 Swimming (5)
Friday	14	School closes for half term
Monday	24	School re-opens

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