



1 December 2015



Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 16 December 2015

Christmas Lunch for the pupils will be on Wednesday 16 December 2015. All children will be given the opportunity of having Christmas Lunch, but lunches must be booked in advance so that we can arrange numbers with the kitchen so that they can order supplies. If your child wishes to book a lunch (regardless of whether they pay or not) please complete and return the slip, at the bottom of the invite they received last week, **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER 2015**. No lunches will be booked after this date.

We are sure you understand the need for this as no-one would expect to cater for unexpected guests at a Christmas Lunch!



Christmas Performances

Reception	Friday 11 December 2015 at 10.00am
Y1/2	Monday 14 December 2015 at 2.00pm
	Tuesday 15 December 2015 at 6.30pm
Y3/4	Monday 14 December 2015 at 6.30pm
Y5/6	Wednesday 16 December 2015 at 6.30pm

Due to health & safety reasons we are only able to allocate 2 tickets per family for these performances, and admission will be by ticket only. **No pre-school children will be allowed into the performances.** Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Tickets are free, however, there will be an opportunity to make a donation to the TSA Charity after the performances.

TSA Charity

This year all the donations from our Christmas Performances will go to the Tuberous Sclerosis Charity which supports one our past pupils Esme Cotton. Here is some information about the charity from her parents.

Every month around 10 babies are born in the UK with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC), a tumour causing genetic condition. In September 2003 our daughter Esme Cotton was one of those 10 and we began to find out what having TSC means. It has meant lots of appointments to check growths in her brain, kidneys and heart, appointments with Speech Therapists, Community Paediatricians and Educational Psychologists for assessments. These are all things we never expected to have to do but through it all we have been supported by the fantastic charity the Tuberous Sclerosis Association. No family sets out to have a child with special needs or to need the support of a charity like the TSA but it can happen to anyone. Esme and our whole family have been supported by the SEN team and all the staff at Woodfall School. Esme loved her time at Woodfall and achieved so much whilst there, we are really grateful that the School and the PTA have offered to fundraise for the TSA or what we at home call "Esme's Charity". All the money raised will go to support families and move closer to a cure. Many thanks.

The Cotton Family

Dinner Money Junior Pupils

As you are aware you are now able to pay online for your child's school lunch. If you wish to pay in advance for the forthcoming half term (5 January - 12 February 2016) the cost will £63.80.



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 supporting us with this.

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



Water in School

Thirsty children don't work as well as well-hydrated children. All children are therefore encouraged to bring a bottle of water to school each day, which is readily available to them throughout the day. This should be taken home each evening to be washed and refilled. It is also very important that the bottle is labelled with your child's name. The children must, of course, only bring still water in the bottles as juice can damage teeth.



Arrive on Time - Ready to Learn

We have noticed that a number of children continue to arrive late in the mornings. Late arrivals at school result in children missing the introduction to their first lesson, cause disruption to the rest of the class and can feel 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.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Clubs/Activities

Before and After School Clubs/Activities, have now finished for the Autumn Term with the exception of Orchestra which will finish on Friday 4 December 2016. Our Clubs/Activities will re-commence the week beginning Monday 11 January 2016.

Starting School September 2016

Can we please remind parents / carers that if they have a child born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 and you are a Cheshire West and Chester resident you need to apply for a school place before **15 January 2016**. You can apply online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions or telephone the authority on 0300 123 7039 to request a 'Starting School 2015-2016' booklet which contains an application form.



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.



Music Lessons

Music Lessons in the Spring Term will start week commencing Tuesday 5 January 2016. All music invoices must be paid by Friday 8 January 2016. Thank you for your support



Rotakids

On Tuesday 17 November Woodfall Rotakids visited the Babygrow Appeal offices at the Countess of Chester Hospital. They gave a cheque from our non uniform day. They were then shown around the children's ward and had a chance to go in the play area and sensory garden. They also saw the special care unit where the babies are taken care of. We had an enjoyable and very rewarding day.

On Thursday 19 November our Rotakids went bag packing at Tesco's in Heswall. They raised £345 which is amazing. This was shared between the Babygrow Appeal and End Polio. Hayley Foster, Rotakids Leader

School Policies

Please note that several School Policies have been reviewed recently. All our current policies are available on our school website under the Virtual Office tab:

www.woodfall.cheshire.sch.uk

Your Feedback

If you have any queries or comments to make about any of the items in this newsletter, please contact Mrs Hough, Mrs Bramham or Mrs Hogg in the School Office.



Christmas Holiday

School closes for the Christmas holiday on Friday 18 December and will re-open on Tuesday 5 January 2016.

Community News

A Celebration of Our Youth

Sunday 13th December - 6pm @ Neston Civic Hall

Tickets £5 - £3 (U 12's)

A Showcase of our Drama, Music & Dance projects that run weekly in Neston.

If you would like your child to get involved, this will be a perfect opportunity to come and see for yourself exactly what Hip & Harmony offers.

Paula Prytherch

Creative Director

www.hipandharmonic.co.uk

'A Celebration of our Youth' will be a wonderful family show, a chance for the Neston Community to see the positive activities that are on offer for young people!

PA News

Woodfall School Christmas Fair

It is Woodfall School's Christmas Fair this coming Saturday 5 December 11.30-2.00pm. Come along and meet Santa in his grotto, have fun in the games room and make Christmas crafts. Enjoy a festive lunch whilst listening to the Woodfall Choir. Grab a bargain from the second hand toys and books stall plus lots more festive fun things to do.

Tombola Prizes

Please can the Infant children return their filled cones as soon as possible and may we remind the Junior children that they can now bring tombola prizes into the school office. We are really grateful for anything you can donate.

Raffle Tickets

Please return your raffle ticket stubs into the office as soon as possible for chance to win some fabulous prizes. The draw will take place 1.30pm at the Fair.

Toys and Books

Don't forget to have a clear out before Christmas and bring any toys and books to the office on Thursday and Friday for the second hand stall at the fair.

Cake Sale

Please can you donate cakes and biscuits either homemade or shop bought for the cake stall at the fair, all items will be much appreciated. Bring them along any time after 9.30am on Saturday.

School Tea Towels

Our fabulous school tea towels covered in self portraits done by the children have been selling like hot cakes, grab yours at the Christmas Fair. We will also be selling them in the office on the lead up to Christmas.

"A Plea for Help"

We need your help at the fair, whether it's just setting up, tidying away or helping to run a stall for a while. We can't do it without you. So either pass on your details to the school office or email us at 'woodfallpa@hotmail.com' Any help is much appreciated!

Charity Carol Concert

Finally on Tuesday 8th December we are holding a Charity Carol Concert in school at 6pm where hot drinks and mince pies will be available too.

December		Woodfall Diary Dates
Tuesday	1	9.45am Year 5 – Musical Concert for KS2 pupils and Year 5 Parents
Wednesday	2	Rotakids Cake sale for KS2 pupils
Thursday	3	Choir - Neston Town Hall 5.00 – 7.00pm – Lights and Lanterns Rehearsal
Friday	4	10.00 – 11.00am Y3 Swimming (10 of 10) 10.45am Choir to Neston Parish Church – Christmas Fair 1.30 – 2.30pm Y2 to Chester Cathedral 'Sing the Christmas Story'
Saturday	5	PA Winter Fair 11.30 – 2.00pm Choir - Neston Lights and Lanterns Christmas Festival meet at 7.20pm
Monday	7	Y3 to Neston Methodist Church – Meet the Christmas Characters
Tuesday	8	PA Carol Singing – 6.00pm
Thursday	10	6.30pm Music Concert for parents of junior pupils who receive Music Tuition in school
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	Christmas Lunch for Pupils 6.30pm Y5/6 Christmas Performance
Friday	18	School Closes for Christmas Holidays
January	5	School re-opens for pupils