



## Woodfall News

7 January 2016

### Congratulations

In the Queen's New Year Honours our Chair of Governors Mr Duncan Haworth has received an MBE for his services to education. Duncan has been a governor at Woodfall for nearly 20 years and his dedication and commitment to his role is unfaltering: his knowledge, experience and skills are most impressive.

Mr Haworth said of his honour: "In total there are more than 300,000 voluntary school governors in England. Through my association with Woodfall Primary School, Neston High School, Ysgol Sandycroft Primary School, the National Governors Association and others I have been privileged to work with many governors who all deserve the award I have been given."

I am sure you will all join me in passing on our congratulations to Duncan in receiving such recognition.



### Mobile Phones

A number of children have received mobile phones as Christmas presents and we recognise that many parents want their children to have their phones with them as they walk to and from school. Just a reminder that mobile phones are not to be used on our school premises and must be handed in to the class teacher at the start of the school day. They will be returned at the end of the school day. Please reinforce this expectation with your child. Many thanks.

### Clubs and Activities

The Autumn / Spring Term Clubs and Activities programme re-commences week beginning Monday 11 January 2016.

**Please note there will be no Tag Rugby Club until further notice due to Mr Webb's recuperation.**



### 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.

### Cross Country - Next Race

St Bernards Primary School 23 January 2016.



All runners are welcome!

### 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](http://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.

### 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.



### **Homework Club**

We welcome children and parents together to attend our Homework Club which is open from 8.20am every Monday. 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 on a Monday and should this be the case, please ensure that they have their homework with them when they attend.

### **Dinner Money**

As you are aware you are now able to pay online for your child's school lunch. Can we please remind junior parents / carers that their child's account **must** be in credit in order for them to have a school lunch.

### **Nut allergies**

We currently have children in school with diagnosed nut allergies. Following guidance in managing this condition, we ask parents/carers to avoid providing snacks and packed lunches containing any nuts, including peanut butter and *Nutella* etc. We greatly appreciate your co-operation in this.

*Thank you.*

### **Vomiting / Diarrhoea**

The Health Protection Agency guidance is that children with the above symptoms should be kept away from school / nursery for 48 hours from the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

*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.*

### **Are you aged between 18 - 29?**

Mrs Bramham's daughter is in her final year of a degree in psychology at Bangor University. She is looking for parents to take part in an online parenting research project. If you are aged 18 - 29 and have children aged 2 - 6 and would like to help please call into the office to collect contact details or see Mrs Bramham. Thank you to those parents who have already signed up.



### **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.

### **Home / School Communication**

Can we please remind parents / carers of the importance of sharing with school key information to support your child's development eg Home learning, Medical Matters, Safeguarding, Court Orders, named person for collecting children.

Parents /carers have a responsibility to provide school with copies of any court orders that impact on the relationship between the family and the school. *Many thanks*

### **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.

*Thank you*

## Spring Term 2016

<b>January</b>		
Thursday	7	8.00am Y5/6 Athletics Team Training 1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	8	10.00 – 11.00am Y4 Swimming (1 of 9)
Monday	11	Autumn/Spring Term Clubs and Activities re-commence this week (except Tag Rugby)
Tuesday	12	8.00am Y5/6 Athletics Team Training
Thursday	14	3.15 – 5.15pm Y5/6 Indoor Athletics @ NHS
Friday	15	10.00 – 11.00am Y4 Swimming (2 of 9)
Monday	18	Science Workshop 5J
Tuesday	19	Science Workshop 5B
Thursday	21	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	22	10.00 – 11.00am Y4 Swimming (3 of 9)
Saturday	23	Cross Country at St Bernards PS
Wednesday	27	1.15pm Open the Book Assembly KS2
Friday	29	10.00 – 11.00am Y4 Swimming (4 of 9) pm Y5/6 5 a-side at Neston PS
<b>February</b>		
Thursday	4	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Saturday	6	Cross Country at Woodlands PS
Thursday	11	Reception – Wirral Way Walk
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
Tuesday	23	1.30 – 2.30pm Pack Up your troubles' e-safety & Cyber bullying performance
Wednesday	24	KS2 Goalball Tournament – Woodfall
Thursday	25	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	26	10.00 – 11.00am Y4 Swimming (6 of 9)
<b>March</b>		
Tuesday	1	Choir - Young Voices – Manchester 1.15pm Y3/4 Netball High 5
Wednesday	2	1.15pm Open the Book Assembly KS2
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)
Monday	14	Y5 Liverpool Philharmonic and Museum Visit
Tuesday	15	Y3 Art Project
Wednesday	16	1.15 – 3.00pm Y3/4 Orienteering @ Neston Primary School
Friday	18	10.00 – 11.00am Y4 Swimming (9 of 9)
Monday	21	Autumn/Spring Term Clubs and Activities finish this week
Tuesday	22	Y3 Art Project
Thursday	24	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme Termly Reports to Parents
<b>Friday 25 March - Good Friday – School Closed</b>		
<b>Monday 28 March - Easter Monday – School Closed</b>		
Tuesday	29	3.30 – 6.30pm Parent / Teacher Interviews
Thursday	31	3.30 – 6.30pm Parent / Teacher Interviews
<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

## Holiday Dates 2015 - 2016

HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING	DATE OF RE-OPENING
SPRING HALF TERM 2016	FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2016	MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2016
<b>EASTER BANK HOLIDAY- FRIDAY 25 &amp; MONDAY 28 MARCH 2016</b>		
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	THURSDAY 21 JULY 2016	

### INSET DAYS

MONDAY 6 JUNE 2016

FRIDAY 22 JULY 2016

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### School Attendance Regulations

Can we please remind parents / carers that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Please note that the LA will 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.

### Community News

#### **Consultation for Neston High's Admissions arrangements for 2017 - 18**

Please see link below for Neston High's Admissions arrangements for 2017 - 18:

<http://www.nestonhigh.cheshire.sch.uk/Consultation-Admissions-Arrangements-2017-18>

Please send any observations or comments for our consideration to Diane Edwards [edwardsd@nestonhigh.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:edwardsd@nestonhigh.cheshire.sch.uk) or in writing to Mr Dool Headteacher Neston High School, Raby Park Road, Neston, Cheshire, CH64 9NH by **26<sup>th</sup> January 2016**.