



Woodfall News

1 February 2016



Rotakids

Purple / non-uniform day will now be held on 12 February (re-scheduled from 1 April 2016). In return for wearing non-uniform, all donations will be forwarded to our Rotakids local charity 'The Babygrow Appeal'. In addition Junior children will be able to buy 'purple' treats at playtime if they wish (prices will range from 20p - 50p). Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Hayley Foster
Rotakids Leader

Year 2

Year 2 had a very successful multi-media Art Day on Tuesday 12th January. Mrs Kirkbright and Mr Lowry would like to extend their thanks to all the helpers who gave up their time to help. It was very much appreciated.



Y2 Living History Day

The pupils in Year 2 enjoyed a Living History Day on Tuesday 26 January 2016. There were some amazing outfits ranging from Boudicca to Marie Curie! As part of the day the children took part in numerous activities including an archaeological dig and examined artefacts. They each gave a presentation to the rest of Y2 about who they were dressed as. Well done and thank you to all their parents / carers for supporting this with some amazing costumes!



Clubs and Activities

Can we please remind parents / carers that outside sports based clubs will run even during bad weather (indoor associated activities will be provided). It is imperative therefore, that the adults leading the clubs are informed if your child is unable to attend a club for a particular reason.



Cross Country - Next Race

Woodlands Primary School, CH66 2JT on Saturday 6 February 2016.

All runners are welcome!

World Book Day - Thursday 3 March 2016

Pupils can come into school dressed up as their favourite Book Characters.



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.



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.

Cakes and Sweets

Just a reminder that class teachers cannot give out sweets and cakes which are brought into school by children to be distributed to pupils (for example when celebrating a birthday). Thank you for your understanding on this matter.



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.

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.

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.

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

Internet Safety



The internet offers an amazing environment for children to be creative, explore their interests, play with friends, learn or socialise, but there are risks every parent buying enabled devices should be aware of. Parents have a vital role to play in keeping children safe online and it doesn't have to be daunting. Just asking children what sites, apps and games they use could be a great way to start a conversation. And there is a wealth of advice on the NSPCC website below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

PA News

The PA will be holding a 5p race in March rather than the usual copper race run in the past. Each class will try and collect the most and the winning class will get to spend the amount they've raised. Everyone start saving your 5ps.

Forthcoming Events:

PA Meetings - Don't forget we meet the first Monday of each month at the Royal Oak in Little Neston at 7.30pm.

- Wednesday 10 February - 9.00am PA Coffee Morning at Woodfall (Staff Room)
- Friday 12 February - Infant Cake Sale
- Monday 7 March - PA Meeting at Royal Oak, Little Neston at 7.30pm
- Thursday 10 March - Curry and Quiz Night (Adults only)
- Tuesday 15 March - Y5 Cake Sale
- Wednesday 30 March - After school 'cinema' event (Infant / Junior Hall)
- Friday 1 April - Infant Cake Sale

Half-term Holiday

School closes for the half-term holiday on Friday 12 February 2016 and will re-open on Monday 22 February 2016.

Operation Encompass

Having been part of the Operation Encompass Pilot Scheme, this scheme has now been launched across the whole of Cheshire and neighbouring authorities too.

Operation Encompass is an initiative to safeguard and support children in education where domestic violence occurs or has occurred in their home.

This is a Police-led scheme. Children and young people who have experienced domestic violence can face both long and short-term cognitive, behavioural and emotional effects and having a trusted adult to turn to for support, away from the family setting, can play a key support role.

By informing schools of any incidents that Police officers are called to, Operation Encompass ensures that should a child come to school and for example not want to let go of his teddy bear, or arrive without the appropriate uniform or books, that there is a level of understanding and support already in place.

Following a domestic incident, the police make contact with the relevant school via telephone and communicate necessary information to nominated, fully-trained school staff.

This knowledge will ensure that schools are made aware early enough to support children and young people in a way that means they feel safe, supported and listened to.

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.

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
EASTER BANK HOLIDAY- FRIDAY 25 & MONDAY 28 MARCH 2016		
SPRING BREAK 2016	FRIDAY 1 APRIL 2016	MONDAY 18 APRIL 2016
MAY BANK HOLIDAY 2015 - MONDAY 2 MAY 2015		
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

Community News

Please use the links below for information re Holiday Clubs at Neston Recreation Centre

<http://www.brioleisure.org/at-brio/juniors/holiday-fun>

http://www.brioleisure.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/HF-Spring_NRC-6PP-Web.pdf

Diary - Spring Term 2016

February		
Thursday	4	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	5	Y6 Maths Team – Maths Quiz at Neston High School
Saturday	6	Cross Country at Woodlands PS
Monday	8	5B Science Workshop 5.00pm Y4 Meeting for parents / carers re Colomendy Residential
Tuesday	9	Y6 Robotics Workshop (4 pupils)
Wednesday	10	PA 9.00am PA Coffee Morning (Staff Room)
Thursday	11	Reception – Wirral Way Walk
Friday	12	10.00 – 11.00am Y4 Swimming (5 of 9) Pupil / Non- Uniform Day – Donations for Rotakids - Babygrow Appeal PA Infant Cake Sale School closes for half-term
Half-term 15 – 19 February 2016		
Monday	22	School re-opens
Tuesday	23	am – Y2 Local History Walk 1.30 – 2.30pm Pack Up your troubles' e-safety & Cyber bullying performance
Thursday	25	1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme
Friday	26	10.00 – 11.00am Y4 Swimming (6 of 9)
Monday	29	Fairtrade Fortnight
March		
Tuesday	1	Choir - Young Voices – Manchester 1.15pm Y3/4 Netball High 5
Thursday	3	World Book Day – Pupils to dress up as their favourite book character
Friday	4	10.00 – 11.00am Y4 Swimming (7 of 9)
Monday	7	PA Meeting – Royal Oak at 7.30pm
Tuesday	8	pm Y4 Fairtrade Cafe
Thursday	10	KS2 Big Fairtrade Breakfast 1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme PA Curry and Quiz Evening (Adults only)
Friday	11	KS1 Big Fairtrade Breakfast 10.00 – 11.00am Y4 Swimming (8 of 9)
Monday	14	Y5 Liverpool Philharmonic and Museum Visit
Tuesday	15	Y3 Art Project Y5 Cake Sale
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	ECO Week Autumn/Spring Term Clubs and Activities finish this week Pupils to dress in green or as Superheroes as part of ECO Week
Tuesday	22	Y3 Art Project Y5 Smoke Busters
Thursday	24	Wateraid Day 1.15pm Y4 Allotment Scheme Termly Reports to Parents
Friday 25 March - Good Friday – School Closed		
Monday 28 March - Easter Monday – School Closed		
Tuesday	29	3.30 – 6.30pm Parent / Teacher Interviews
Wednesday	30	PA 'Cinema' Event (3.15pm)
Thursday	31	3.30 – 6.30pm Parent / Teacher Interviews KS2 Judo Assembly
April		
Friday	1	School Closes for Spring Break
Spring Break - 4 April – 15 April 2016		
Monday	18	School re-opens