

9th September 2016

Welcome back to school for the Autumn Term!

We extend a special welcome to our new pupils, and their families throughout the school. We are delighted with how well our reception children are settling into their new routine. I hope that those parents and relatives that were able to join our Reception class for lunch yesterday enjoyed the experience.

If any parents of children in Reception class have any comments about the way we introduce new pupils to school i.e. *new intake afternoons, parents meetings, half-days etc.*, please would you let Mrs Strand know, so we are aware for next year.

Reception Class 2017 – If you or your friends have children starting school in September 2017 – **PLEASE do not forget to apply for a place in our reception class** as soon as possible. Don't leave it until the last minute, as you may not get a place. Thank you

Staff News: Congratulations to Miss S Jones who was married during the Summer holidays and is now Mrs S Hopkinson-Jones. I'm sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Hopkinson-Jones and her partner every happiness for the future. Welcome to Miss E Ebbrell who has joined us as class teacher in Year 5. Welcome back to Miss C Jones who has returned after maternity leave and will be working in Year 1.

School timings: School starts at 8.50am and ends at 3.15pm. Please ensure children are in school on time and are collected on time. **Unaccompanied children MUST NOT be on the yard before 8.40am each day and especially when the weather is poor. If it is raining, please DO NOT use the front/main doors to enter school at the start of the day. Please go around to the back of the school and enter the school through the Junior's door. PLEASE ONLY USE THE FRONT DOOR IF YOU ARE LATE.**

Uniform: We are delighted to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms. Thank you to parents for your support in maintaining this. **Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name – we already have items that have gone missing.** Our uniform is available from School Trends (Order forms

available from the office) and also the ToBe Uniform shop in Neston.

OPEN AFTERNOON: We are holding our open afternoon on Thursday 13th October, 2.00-3.00 p.m. & 4.30 – 6.30 p.m. Prospective parents and pupils, current parents and pupils, relatives and interested members of the community are all welcome to come along.


Attendance: Attendance for this week:
Year 6: 100% **Year 3: 99%**
Year 5: 96.1% **Year 2: 92.1%**
Year 4: 97.8% **Year 1: 98%**
Reception: 94%

Our target is to get attendance figures of 96% (or better) each week. The winning class is presented with a certificate and small trophy.
This week's winners – Year 6 with 100%

LAST YEAR, THE CLASS WHO WON THE ATTENDANCE AWARD MOST FREQUENTLY WERE: Year 6, closely followed by Year 3

Champions of the Week: During our Friday assembly each week Class Champions are chosen to celebrate their children's achievements in school.
Friday 9th Sept: the following children were **CLASS CHAMPIONS:** Mollie Peers - Y1, Alicia Mc Donough – Y3, Robyn Eltringham - Y4, Evie Shuker – Y5 and Zach Pearson – Y6 - Congratulations to them all

Information Booklet Reminder: If you haven't already done so please return the information sheet - (Contact details, Educational visits, Parents & Friends Association (PFA) Medical Information & Permission to use photographs). The sheets were sent home with the children this week. Spare copies are available from the school office.

 **Dinner Money, School Trips, Swimming etc.:** Please could we ask that you bring the **CORRECT** money into school for dinner money, trips etc. as we do not have the facility to give change at the office.

Water Bottles: To encourage children to drink water, the children should all have a water bottle, which can be brought into school (filled) each day and returned home in the evening for washing and refilling. No other drinks please - only water. Replacement water bottles are available from the school office (**£1.50**). Remember to write your child's name on the bottle clearly, please.

Clubs: Begin w.c. 19.9.16 – a full list of activities available for the year groups will be sent out next week. My sincere thanks to members of staff, and friends of the school, for organising the wide and exciting range of clubs. Thanks also to Mrs S Hopkinson-Jones, Mrs Muskett, Mrs Cottrell & Mrs Radcliff for co-ordinating this mammoth task.

Music Tuition commences with Mrs Lea next week on Thursday 15th & Friday 16th Sept. Mr Jolliffe (Guitar teacher) will commence music lessons on Friday 23rd Sept.

If your child doesn't have a place in the club that they have requested, they will be notified by the class teacher. Due to the number of clubs involved we can't send out slips to every child saying "Yes, you have a place atclub". Often there is a waiting list for clubs, so if a child no longer wants to attend a club they must let staff know as soon as possible

Dates for Your Diary:

September 2016:

Mon 12th: Y6 Super Hero day
Tuesday 13th: Y3 swimming commences
Tues 13th: Y1 walk to Neston park
Tues 13th: Y3 visit to Neston Library - (Roald Dahl)
Thurs 15th/Fri 16th: Music Tuition commences With Mrs Lea
Mon 26th: European language day
Wed 27th: Y5/Y6 Rugby tournament

October 2016:

Mon 3rd: Y2 Delamere residential (1 night)
Thurs 6th: National poetry day
Fri 7th: Y5/Y6 Quick Sticks competition at Neston Cricket Club
Thurs 13th **OPEN AFTERNOON** – 2.00 – 3pm and 4.30 – 6.30pm
Wed 19th: Harvest festival at Little Neston Methodist Church
Thurs 20th: School photographs
Thurs 20th: 3.30-5 p.m. Y5/Y6 Football NCC
Tues 20st: 3.30-5.30 Parents Evening
Fri 28th: School Closes, 3.15 p.m.
Mon 7th November INSET DAY
Tues 8th: School re-opens

If you want, or need, to contact members of the Governing Body you can either drop a letter/note into the school office or contact the chair of Governors via our e-mail address admin@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk

Currently, our Parent Governors and Community Governors are: Mrs Kate Davies (Mum of Hollie Davies Y4), Mr Richard Shuker (Dad of Evie Shuker Y5 & Joseph Shuker Y1) & Ms Metcalf (Mum of Emma Fletcher Y6)

A quick way to keep up with news and photos from school is to join our **Facebook Page** – search for '**Friends of Neston Primary School**' or **follow us on Twitter** - @Neston_Primary_ We also upload images and news to our website www.nestonprimaryschool.co.uk

If you have asked to join our Facebook group and have not been added, it may be that I don't recognise your name or photo – please let me know and I will add you to the group.

Over the summer a new school website was launched. PLEASE look at our website – especially if you are looking for information.



If you have any issues to discuss regarding your child/children please feel free to come into school to make an appointment with the class teacher or myself.

R Golding (Headteacher)

We have also sent home a list of dates for the coming term – please keep the sheet safe

REMINDER – SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO PUPILS ON: Friday 28th October and re-opens on Tuesday 8th November

Monday 7th November – STAFF INSET DAY