



## 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Staff News:** Welcome to our new Teaching Assistant Ms Olivia Noonan (Reception class). I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Ms Noonan to Neston Primary School.

**Y2 Delamere Residential:** Our Year 2 children spent 2 days at the Delamere Outdoor Education Centre recently. They had a superb time. I am sure that the children have returned with many happy memories. My thanks to Mrs Robinson, Mrs Pino and Mr Wall, who accompanied the children during the visit. Photos can be seen on our Facebook page.

### **Whole School Homework: 'Our Area'**

Each term the children are given a topic to interpret in whatever way they want to. This term the children were asked to turn their talents to interpreting the local area of Neston and surrounding villages. The standard of the work and creativity has delighted us all. The exhibition was opened by the Mayor of Neston, Cllr Mike Shipman and his wife. The work is on display in the school entrance hall and will also be on display at Neston Market on a date to be confirmed.

**Quicksticks:** On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October children from Y5/Y6 took part in an inter Schools Hockey tournament at Neston Cricket Club. Thanks to Mrs Hopkinson-Jones and Mrs Brookes who accompanied the children to this event. As always the pupils performed really well and were a credit to the school.

**NPS Dancers:** Y5/Y6 pupils took part in a dynamic 'Pop Up' dance performance at Neston market on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October. It was organised as part of the Dance across the North scheme, currently blasting its way across the North of England. At Friday's market the 'mob' certainly surprised and delighted shoppers and stallholders alike. All of the children were given a T-shirt to keep.

**Rotakids – End Polio Now:** The Rotakids along with Mrs Muskett and parent helpers made cakes to sell after school on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Total raised £91. This fantastic amount will be trebled by Bill & Melinda Gates bringing the total to £273. The Rotakids have also been invited to attend the Annual District Conference at Thornton Hall on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

**School Photographs:** The school photographs were sent home last week. If you would like to order a photograph please return your proof photograph by **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at the latest.**

**Pantomime Visit – 'Cinderella'** Some parents have decided to keep their child/children off on the last day of school because they don't want their child to go to the Panto, as they are going as a family later in December. However, it will be recorded as an 'unauthorised' absence as school will still be open.

**Attendance figures –** Earlier this week we sent home the children's attendance figure for the first half-term. School was open for 39 days during the half-term. That is 78 sessions. Each session represents 1.3%. So, if a child was absent for one day, their figure would drop to 97.4%. If a child missed 5 days due to illness, or a holiday, the figure will drop to 93.5%. Our aim is to keep all of our attendance figures over 95%.

**Poppy Appeal:** Year 6 children will be selling poppies from Tuesday 25 October before school, and lunchtime. We would ask for a minimum donation of **20p**.

**Football Tournament:** Mrs Muskett and Mr Hartley accompanied a group of Y5/6 pupils to a football tournament at Neston Cricket Club. The children played exceptionally well and won the majority of their games. Behaviour was excellent and once again the children were a credit to the school. Thanks to parents/carers relatives who came along to support the team. After a tense final our team won the competition after a penalty shoot-out. Well done to both teams!

**Apple Juice:** Mr Robert Perry from Lees Lane Ponds came into school at the end of term to make apple juice with Year 5 pupils using some of the apples from our tree. It was a very successful venture enjoyed by the children and myself.

**OPEN AFTERNOON/EVENING: Thank you to those parents who came to look around during our open afternoon/evening. I hope you enjoyed seeing the children at work and the fantastic displays. The raffle winner was Mrs Roberts**

**Attendance:** Attendance for 28.10.16  
**YEAR 3 were the winners this week.**

**Champions of the Week:** During our Friday assembly each week Class Champions are chosen to celebrate their children's achievements in school.

Congratulations to them all

**School Champion: D.J. O'Connor – Y1**

**Friday 21st Oct:** the following children were

**CLASS CHAMPIONS:**– Sienna Jones - Y1, Abbey Smith - Y2, Alaw Culshaw - Y3, Cameron Keir - Y4, Alex Leadbitter - Y5 and Kaden Porter - Y6  
Congratulations to them all

**Friday 28th Oct:** the following children were

**CLASS CHAMPIONS:- Jack Spence – Reception,** Joseph Shuker – Y1, Liam Barclay – Y2, Kailum Boyd – Y3, Daniel Soroka – Y4 & Zac Iddon – Y6  
Congratulations to them all

**If it is raining at the start of the school day – PLEASE bring children to the back doors. Do not use the front door** as the amount of people trying to get into school via the front doors causes congestion. Only use the front doors if you are late or if you need to visit the office.

**Governor News:** My thanks to Mrs Linda Pritchard for her help and support as our Vic-chair of Governors. At a recent meeting Mrs Pritchard stepped down from this role at the end of her 'term of office'. Mr Simon Wilson will be our new Vice-chair of governors.

## Community News

**Ness Botanic Gardens: FREE Half –Term event for the Family 'Lees Lane Pond Dipping' on Thursday 3rd November, 11am – 1 pm.** , head for the car park off Lees Lane where it crosses the Wirral Way. Nets and buckets available or bring your own

See how many beasties you can find in the muddy depths of the ponds.

**Help Plant a Windfalls Orchard - (National Tree Week) 26th November-4th December.** All the family can get involved to plant an apple tree there are 22 apple trees to plant and also help plan where they are to go. Head for the car park off Lees Lane where it crosses the Wirral Way if you want to help.

## Diary Dates:

### October 2016:

Friday 28th: 2.30 p.m. Y2 parents

Meeting re: Delamere

Saturday 29th: 9.00 a.m. 'Rotakids' Rotary Club Annual District Conference, Thornton Hall

**Fri 28th: School Closes, 3.15 p.m.**

**Mon 7th November INSET DAY**

**Tues 8th: School re-opens**

### November 2016:

**November 7th: Staff Inset Day**

**Tuesday 8th: School re-opens**

**Thursday 10th: 2.00 p.m. Y5 'Smokebusters'**

**Thursday 10th:** 3.30-5.30 p.m. Y3/4 Football Neston Cricket Club

**Friday 11th:** 1.30-2.30 intra school Cross Country

**Saturday 12th:** Rotakids Car Wash

**Tuesday 15th:** Parents Evening

**Thursday 17th:** Parents Evening

**Thursday 17th:** Anti-Bullying Day

**Friday 25th:** 10.00-12.00 p.m. Y3/4/5/6 Cinema trip to New Brighton

### December 2016:

**Friday 2nd:** Choir singing at Christmas Fair – Neston Parish Church

**Friday 2nd:** 3.30-5.00 p.m. Winter Fair

**Monday 5th:** 1.30 p.m. Y4 "Meet the Characters" (Christmas Story), Little Neston Methodist Church

**Wednesday 7th:** Choir singing at Neston Library

**Friday 9th:** Carol service rehearsal

**Tuesday 13th:** 9.30 a.m. KS1 Nativity

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**Thursday 15th:** Carol Service rehearsal

**Friday 16th:** a.m. KS2 Carol Service

**Thursday 22nd:** Whole school pantomime "Cinderella" at Floral Pavillion, New Brighton

**Thursday 22nd:** School Closes for Christmas

**Friday 23rd:** INSET day for staff

**Monday 9th January 2017: School re-opens**

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](http://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.



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)

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](mailto: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)