

## January 2017

On behalf of all the staff and Governors, may I wish you all a very "Happy New Year!"



We extend a warm welcome to Mrs Jayne Shakespeare (School Cook), who joined us during the first week of this term "Welcome to NPS!"

**Contact Details:** Did Santa bring you a new phone? **Please could we ask you to check your mobile phone contact details are up to date and inform the school office of any changes.**



Also any changes to e-mail addresses, home addresses, emergency contacts, medical conditions etc. This will enable us to keep our records up to date.



**Swimming:** Swimming will recommence on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January** for Year 3 class.

**After School Clubs:** Will start again from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. All after school clubs will finish at **4 p.m.**

**After School Clubs:** Sorry if you were unhappy at the length of the queue early this week, when children were 'signing up' for clubs. We have always been very proud of the number, and range, of FREE clubs we offer at NPS. Co-ordinating the clubs is a massive task and we can't accommodate every child in every club. It is vital that, if a child signs up to a club, they attend the club or let the member of staff who organise the club, they no longer want to attend the club. We can then fill the space with children from the waiting list.

**Parents should presume their child has a place in a club - UNLESS THEY WERE TOLD AS THEY QUEUED THAT THEIR CHILD WILL BE ADDED TO THE LIST**

**Y4 Burwardsley Residential:** Year 4 children enjoyed a 3 day residential at Burwardsley taking part in a number of activities including: Willow weaving and an Archaeological dig. Thank you to all the children for their good behaviour, great team work, polite manners and contributing to the great fun during their

stay. Thanks also to Mrs Elliott, Mrs O'Hara, Mrs Tedford and Mrs Amato who accompanied the children on this visit.

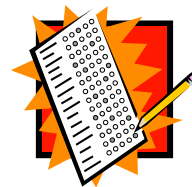
**Football Tournament:** A group of Y5 & Y6 boys were chosen to represent NPS in an inter-schools football tournament on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January at Frodsham Leisure Centre. The boys played exceptionally well and came 4<sup>th</sup>. Behaviour was excellent and once again the children were a credit to the school. Thanks to staff and Mrs Pearson (parent of Zach' (Y6) for her help on the day.

**Inter-House Dodgeball:** Despite the miserable weather we held a very successful inter-house dodgeball competition last night. congratulations to Hydra who were the overall winners. Well done to Phoenix, Griffin and Pegasus too. Thanks to Mr Grooms, and Mrs Muskett for organising the event.

**Chinese New Year (Year of the Rooster):** The children enjoyed a Chinese New Year meal prepared by Mrs Shakespeare (**School cook**) and her team yesterday. The food was delicious and thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

**DVD's:** Mrs Holland our senior midday assistant has asked if any parents have any suitable, old DVD's they no longer want that they would donate to school for wet play days. Please ensure the DVD's have a '**U**' Certificate and not '**PG**'. Thank you.

**National Curriculum Tests:** A reminder that **Year 6 SATs** will take place during the week of **8<sup>th</sup> May 2017**. It is essential that all Y6 children are in school that week as



these tests cannot be taken at any other time. **Year 2 SATs** will take place throughout the month of May. **Please do not book holidays during the school terms as we are unable to authorise holidays in term time.**

**Famous Britons dress up day, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan – see previous letters and ideas sheets.**

**Music Exams:** Congratulations to all children who took part in music exams before Christmas. Mrs Lea was delighted with the high standards children achieved.

**TESCO:** Vote for Neston Primary School **PLEASE!** Pop the blue tokens in the box at a local **TESCO** store when you shop. Tokens are available until **28<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. We are hoping to build an outdoor classroom and we are hopeful that Tesco will contribute towards the cost of the structure.

**Attendance:** Attendance for 13.01.17:  
**Year 6: 86.7%**                      **Year 2: 99.7%**  
**Year 5: 86.7%**                      **Year 1: 83.2%**  
**Year 4: 91.3**                         **Reception: 93.6%**  
**Year 3: 92.3%**

Our target is to get attendance figures of 96% (or better) each week. The winning class is presented with a certificate and small trophy.

**The winners – Year 2 with 99.7%**

**Attendance:** Attendance for 20.01.17:  
**Year 6: 93.6%**                      **Year 2: 92.7%**  
**Year 5: 88.9%**                      **Year 1: 94.4%**  
**Year 4: 98.3%**                      **Reception: 93.6%**  
**Year 3: 100%**

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**The winners – Year 3 with 100%**

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

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January:** the following children were **CLASS CHAMPIONS:** Evie Westwood – Reception, Sophie Crane - Y1, Layla Ghosheh – Y2, Lewis Bridgwater – Y3, Ewan Evans – Y5 and Jay Meadows – Y6

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January:** the following children were **CLASS CHAMPIONS:** Oliver Bridgwater – Reception, Eleni Malekaki – Y1, Zach Bentley – Y2, Hugo Ly – Y3, Daniel Soroka & The Whole Class – Y4, Josh Mahoney – Y5, Brooke Jellicoe and Sophie Jones – Y6  
Congratulations to them all

#### Diary Dates:

**January 2017:**  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup>: Y3 Swimming  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>: Y5/Y6 Art Day  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>: Y5/Y6 Indoor Athletics – Neston Recreation Centre  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>: Famous Britons in History Dressing up Day – whole school**  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup>: Y5 2.00 p.m. 'Smokebusters'  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>: Y4 a.m. Roberts Bakery Session

#### February 2017:

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>: Safer Internet Day  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>: 3.30-5.30 p.m. Y5/6 Basketball Neston Recreation Centre  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>: 'Red Disco' – details to follow  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup>: More able Week – Neston High School Y4/Y5 pupils  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>: Y6 Conway residential (3 days)  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>: 9.30-11.30 a.m. Group of Y1/Y2, Gym Festival, Childer Thornton  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>: School Closes 3.15 p.m.**  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>: School Opens 8.50 a.m.**

#### March 2017:

##### **All diary dates in March are to be confirmed**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>: World Book Day  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup>: Y5/Y6 'Bikeability'  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>: Parents Evening  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>: Parents Evening  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>: Y2 & Y5 trip to Liverpool - tbc  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>: p.m. Y4 Liverpool Phil' visit  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup>: Inter-house orienteering  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup>: Red Nose Day  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>: p.m. Image Musical Theatre Production "The Selfish Giant"  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup>: School closes 3.15 p.m.**

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 are:**  
Mrs Kate Davies (*Mum of Hollie Y4*)  
Mr Richard Shuker (*Dad of Evie Y5 & Joseph Yr1*)  
Ms Alison Metcalf (*Mum of Emma Fletcher in Year 6*) is also a Governor  
**Our Chair of Governors** is Mr Ian Trotman and our **Vice-Chair of Governors** is Mr Simon Wilson