



31 March 2017

Parent/Pupil Questionnaires: Many thanks to everyone who took the time to complete and return our questionnaires. The lucky winner of the parent questionnaire draw was Radostina Velkova who received £20. The analysis of the questionnaires will be added to our website and Facebook page during the Spring break.

School Dog: Matt and his dog "Woody" (a golden Labrador from Dee Banks School) visited the children in their classes last week. "Woody" is a trained Guide dog/buddy dog. The four legged friend helps children who have a range of additional needs in school.

Intra-School Orienteering: We held a very successful intra-school orienteering competition this week. Local schools took part in an afternoon of outdoor activities. Thanks to Mrs Muskett for organising this event and to parents/carers who came along to support the children.

Y3 Greek Food Tasting: Y3 visited Kri-Kri earlier in the week to taste a variety of Greek food as part of their topic work. Thank you to Kri-Kri for their kindness and generous hospitality.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers: Once again our school is taking part in collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. We have a collection box in the entrance hall. You can collect vouchers at any Sainsbury's store and online up to **Friday 30th June**. Please ask your friends and relatives to collect vouchers for us. Many thanks, in advance, for your help.

Image Musical Theatre: The whole school watched a performance of "**The Selfish Giant**" performed by Image Musical Theatre. The performance was, as usual, of a very high standard and very enjoyable. This performance was **FREE** to the children. The cost of the performance was paid for using school funds. With financial cuts, we may not be able to continue to provide so many free activities in the future.

Red Nose Day Friday 24th March – This year the children and staff dressed up in something red for fun. Money raised for comic relief is £170.

After School Clubs: Our after school clubs will commence on **Monday 24th April**. More details to follow after the Easter holiday.

Whole School Homework: Thank you for the excellent standard of work produced by the children and their families. A display of the Easter creations can be seen in the school entrance hall.

BIG BUS – Thank you to those parents and friends of the school, who have donated money towards our fund to buy and convert a bus into a library and outdoor classroom. If you know of any individuals or businesses that may be willing to help, please let a member of staff know. So far we have raised £400

Tree House – Mr Rudd has been busy creating a tree house in our grounds. We hope that it will be ready to use after Easter. My thanks to Mr Rudd for his time and skill. Thanks also to URENCO for kindly donating the necessary funds.

Great Fire of London – Thank you to those parents who were able to come in to school to help build model Tudor buildings. We had a great time burning them on Wednesday!

EFC Raffle - Thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for the Everton shirt and ball. We raised £310 😊 We will post the name of the winner on our Facebook page once the draw has been held.

Work on our new Parent Shelter will begin in the Sumer term. This will be paid for by Tesco's Groundworks Fund.

Rotakids – Our Rotakids Group collected a hamper of goodies for the residents and staff at Hallwood Court. The children delivered the items earlier this week. WELL DONE ROTAKIDS!

"DIY SOS" Thank you to those parents who have offered to help tidy the school grounds next week. We will be on the field from noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Thank you to those parents, governors and members of staff, who took part in the protest against the proposed cuts to schools funding last weekend. These changes will have a massive impact on ALL schools and I would urge you to oppose the changes.

Attendance: Attendance for w.e. 31.03.17:

Year 6: 99%	Year 2: 97.3%
Year 5: 94%	Year 1: 95%
Year 4: 95.4%	Reception: 93.2%
Year 3: 96.2%	

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 6 with 99%

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

Friday 24th March: the following children were **CLASS CHAMPIONS:** Faye Barratt – Reception, Josh Ellis - Y1, Samuel Corker – Y2, Kacey-Lee Gardiner – Y3, Erin Cooke – Y4, Caitlin Mansell & Keira Scarratt Oswald – Y5, Ethan Alexander – Y6 Congratulations to them all.

Friday 31st March: the following children were **CLASS CHAMPIONS** Freya Diggins – Y1, Chloe Wood – Y2, Joseph Power – Y3, Heather Babbs – Y4, Alaisha Porter – Y5 & Connor Royle Y6 Congratulations to them all.

Diary Dates:

March 2017:

Friday 31st: School closes 3.15 p.m.

April 2017:

Tuesday 18th: School re-opens at 8.50 a.m.

Friday 28th: Local charity day (cakes, raffle)

Thursday 20th 3.15-4-15 Y3/4/5/6 Inter-house cross country

Friday 21st: Y3 swimming (week 1)

Monday 24th: p.m. Y5 Easter Experience

May 2017:

Monday 1st: Bank Holiday

Thursday 4th: PFA Bingo - tbc

w.c. Monday 8th: KS2 SATs week

Friday 12th: Y6 SATs party

Tuesday 23rd: 1.00-3.00 p.m. (Y5/6) Kwik Cricket (Neston Cricket Club)

Friday 26th: School closes at 3.15 p.m.

June 2017:

Tuesday 13th 9.30 a.m. KS2 Sports Day

Wednesday 14th: 9.30 a.m. KS1 Sports Day

Tuesday 20th: Reserve date for KS2 Sports Day

Wednesday 21st: Reserve date for KS1 Sports Day

Friday 23rd: Reception class visit to Ness Gardens – to be confirmed

Wednesday 28th: Y1/2 Mini Olympics at Woodfall Primary School

Wednesday 28th: Y5/Y6 swimming gala @ Neston Recreation Centre

Thursday 29th: 6.00 p.m. Music Concert – GO

Friday 30th: Y5/Y6 CH64 Games @ NHS

Community News:

Easter Bunny's Eggs-ellent Adventure show: Neston Civic Hall, Thursday 6th April 2017. For further information Tele 0151 336 1077 or visit www.brioleisure.org/centres

Swimming Crash Course: Swim 25 metres unaided Monday-Thursday 10th to 13th April 9.00-9.30 or 9.30-10.00 a.m. at Neston Recreation Centre details on above Brio Leisure website

Family Food & Fun! Come along for a bite to eat and activities for the whole family during Easter School holiday break! On Friday 7th April 2017 11 am – 2 pm at Churchill Way, Churchill Court, (Town Centre) Neston, CH64 3TY. This is a **FREE** event – Everyone is welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 0151 355 0205 or e-mail info@healthboxcic.com

Neston's Egcellent Easter Market: Friday 17th April Easter Bonnet competition 12 p.m. Market Square Dee 106.3 Radio live broadcasts from the Market Square, Free Face Painting, Prizes and Giveaways

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 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

Our Vice-Chair of Governors is Mr Simon Wilson

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 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)