

## June/July 2017

We extend a warm welcome to all new pupils, and their families, who joined us recently. "Welcome to NPS"



**Goodbye:** We are really sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Millington (Teaching Assistant) and Ms Noonan (Teaching Assistant) who are leaving Neston Primary School at the end of this week. I am sure you will join me in thanking them both for their support and wish them every success in the future.

**PFA Summer Fair:** We were extremely lucky with the weather for our Summer Fair this year. We raised a magnificent sum of £1043.29. Many thanks to our hard working PFA and members of staff for their help, also thanks to parents and friends of the school for their continued support.



**RotaKids Car Wash:** Saturday 17th June Thank you to everyone involved in our car wash. A superb total of £425 was raised plus £62.70 cake sale. The proceeds have been donated to Northern Lights charity and school fund.

**Sports Week:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, started with the special launch of Sports Week performed by the former Great Britain Rugby league captain Paul Sculthorpe. He was also the St Helens Captain and won the challenge cup 5 times. This was a great opportunity for the pupils to meet a professional sports person.

**Sports Days:** The Infant and Junior Sports days went ahead as planned, the weather was kind to us and the sun shone. Griffin were the overall winners in the Infants and Pegasus were the winners in the Juniors. Thanks to all parents and friends who came along to support the children.

**A Parent Parking Charter:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June saw the launch of the Parents' Safer Parking Charter. Our Junior Safety Officers, local PCSO, locality officer, road safety officer and school have designed Neston Primary School's Safe Parking Charter.

**'The Beach':** Y6 were lucky enough to enjoy a trip to Talacre beach with myself, Mrs O'Hara and, Mrs Brookes. The children had fun on the beach taking photographs, producing art work. Thank you also to the parents who came along to help.

**Y1 Pond Dipping:** Mrs Rebbeck organised for the class to go pond dipping at Lees Lane Ponds. The children enjoyed a fun day out in the sunshine. Thanks to TA's and parent helpers for accompanying the children.

**Reception & Y3 Visit:** Ness Gardens was the destination for the recent Reception & Y3 trips. The children enjoyed a wonderful day out. Mrs Strand and Mrs Whitley commented on how well behaved the children were. Thanks to Mrs Strand and Mrs Whitley for organising the trip and to TA's and parent helpers for accompanying the children.

**Y1 Trip "Oh I do like to be beside the seaside"!** New Brighton was the destination for the recent Y1 trip. The children all enjoyed a wonderful day out on the beach digging for treasure, visiting the pirate ship and lunch in the park. Thanks to Mrs Rebbeck for organising the trip and to Miss Jones, TA's and parent helpers for accompanying the children.

**Swimming Gala:** A group of eight Y5/Y6 children represented NPS an inter school swimming gala at Neston Recreation Centre. The children swam brilliantly, their behaviour and team spirit was outstanding as ever. Thanks to Mrs Hopkinson Jones, Mrs Brookes and Mrs Pearson (Parent) for accompanying the children to this event.

**Music Concert:** A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the music concert. It was absolutely amazing. All the children performed brilliantly, every instrumentalist and the Music Workshop children – the School Band and the choir were also terrific! Thanks to Mrs O'Hara and Mrs Lea for giving up their time to co-ordinate this musical extravaganza. The choir also sang at Neston Village Fair on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Mrs O'Hara received a very complementary letter from the organisers of the Village Fair thanking the Choir for taking part.

**Music Tuition:** Due to an increase in charges we are putting the cost of Music Tuition up from £4 to £5 from September 2017. The price has remained the same for the past 5 years.

**School Meals:** From September school meals will increase to **£2.25**. The price has remained the same for the past 5 years, but the catering team have had to make a small increase in price this year.

**"IOU"** – If you have any outstanding money owed to school **PLEASE** pay it as soon as possible. We have money owing for dinner money, breakfast or after school club, music tuition, residential trip money.....

**After School Clubs:** All clubs have finished until the Autumn Term. Mrs Hopkins-Jones and Mrs Whitley are busy compiling a new list of after school clubs. We will notify you in September of all the clubs that will be on offer during the Autumn Term. Most clubs will begin during the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> September. My thanks to the school staff and friends of the school who have organised 30+ different clubs and activities during the past year.

**Welly Club Sleepover:** Members of the welly club had a fantastic evening with a BBQ and sleepover. Mrs Rudd, Mr Rudd, Mrs Elliott, Mrs Tedford and Miss Ebbrell, helped the children set up camp in the school hall.

**Y6 Production 'Oliver':** Parents, relatives and friends enjoyed a wonderful performance by our Y6 pupils last week. Thank you to everyone who came along to watch the show. A team of staff, parents and friends of school worked extremely hard to produce a fantastic performance this year. The lucky raffle winner was: Mr Meadows. There is still time to get a copy of the DVD just call into the school office for an order form. As a treat the Y6 children went to Parkgate for an ice cream the day after the final performance of Oliver. [Oliver! article](#)

**Fixed Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Holidays:** Reminder that from September 2017, unless there are any exceptional circumstances, the Local Authority will be resuming the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notice's (FPN's) for any unauthorised absence of 5 consecutive school days (10 sessions) or more during term time. The law stipulates that the current penalty payable by parents/carers are £60 when the penalty is paid within 21 days, increasing to £120 when the penalty is paid within the next 7 days (giving a total of 28 days to pay). This penalty is per parent/carer per child for the duration of the absence. Should you have any questions or queries, please contact Debbie Ward – Fixed Penalty Notice Officer on 01244 976175 or by email FNPPayments@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

| <b>Holiday Dates 2017/2018:</b>    | <b>Open</b>                                                                          | <b>Close</b>  |
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| Autumn 2017                        | Tues 5 Sept                                                                          | Fri 27 Oct    |
| <b>Autumn half term holiday</b>    | <b>Sat 28 Oct – Tues 7 Nov</b>                                                       |               |
| Autumn 2017                        | Tues 7 Nov                                                                           | Fri 22 Dec    |
| <b>Christmas Holiday</b>           | <b>Fri 22 Dec – Tues 9 Jan 2018</b>                                                  |               |
| Spring 2018                        | Tues 9 Jan                                                                           | Fri 16 Feb    |
| <b>Spring half term holiday</b>    | <b>Sat 17 Feb – Mon 26 Feb</b>                                                       |               |
| Spring 2017                        | Mon 26 Feb                                                                           | Thur 29 March |
| <b>Spring break/Easter holiday</b> | <b>Sat 2 April – Mon 16 April</b>                                                    |               |
| Summer 2018                        | Tues 16 April                                                                        | Fri 5 May     |
| <b>Summer half term holiday</b>    | <b>Fri 25 May – Mon 4 June</b>                                                       |               |
| Summer 2017                        | Mon 4 June                                                                           | Fri 20 July   |
| <b>Summer holidays</b>             | <b>21 July – 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>                                            |               |
| <b>Year 6 SATS:</b>                | <b>Week beginning Mon 14 May 2017</b>                                                |               |
| <b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>        | <b>Mon 7 May 2018</b>                                                                |               |
| <b>INSET Days</b>                  | <b>Mon 4 Sept, Mon 6 Nov, Friday, Mon 8 Jan 2018, Mon 23 July &amp; Tues 24 July</b> |               |

SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON **TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** for pupils at 8.50am

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 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](http://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.

**I would like to thank everyone connected to NPS for their help in making the 2016-17 school year the great success it was.**

**Thank you to the pupils, parents/carers, teachers, TAs, Admin staff, SMO, cleaners, MDAs, governors, canteen staff, PFA... We couldn't have done it without you all working together so well.**

**I want to wish everyone who is leaving our school this year, the very best wishes for the future. I hope that you will take many happy memories with you and that you will look back on your time at NPS very fondly.**

**To you all, I send you my best wishes for the holidays and my sincere thanks for your support. I hope you all have a safe, happy and memorable summer.**



R Golding (Headteacher)