

3rd May 2018

Staff News: During the Easter holidays Mrs Rebbeck (Year 1 class teacher) was married and her new name is Mrs Swainson. Our congratulations to her and her new husband on their wedding and their other good news – Mrs Swainson is pregnant. It is Mrs Swainson's intention to continue teaching Year 1 until the end of the school year.

Whole School Homework: "Puppets"

We have a fantastic display of children's work in school. Children and parents have worked very hard to produce a high standard of work and creativity. It was never our intention for these tasks to become 'a competition' and I am sorry that some parents feel that is what these tasks have become. It was always our intention for these tasks to create opportunities for parents and children to work together to produce work they are proud of. I would argue that the process is more important than the end product.

Y1 Trip: Lady Lever Art Gallery: Recently, the children had a wonderful day out. The children thoroughly enjoyed this interesting and exciting visit and they were also extremely well behaved. Thanks to Mrs Swainson, the TAs & adult helpers for accompanying the children.

Y4 Burwardsley: Our Year 4 children enjoyed a very successful residential visit to Burwardsley Outdoor Education Centre last week. Thank you to all the children for their good behaviour, great team work, polite manners and contributing to great fun during their stay. A big thank you to Mrs Elliott & Mrs O'Hara for organising this visit and to Mrs Rudd, Mrs Tedford and Mrs Furlong for their help during the visit. My thanks also to Mrs Cottrell, Mrs Radcliff and Mrs Vanden for their help in organising the trip.

Y2 Tree Planting: As part of the Mersey Forest Project our Y2 class were invited to help plant a hedge at Neston Community Youth Centre on Thursday 18th April. We hope the Forest Project will also be planting trees in our grounds soon.

Y5/Y6 Inter School Orienteering: The competition was held at NPS on Wednesday 25th April for the Neston cluster schools. Each school brought a Y5 & Y6 mixed team for a girls team and a boys team. Well done to Woodfall girls and boys who won the competition. Thank you to Mrs Whitley for organising this event and to Mrs Pino, Mrs Muskett and Mrs Beddoes for their help.

After School Clubs: All after school clubs are up and running. After school clubs now **finish at 4.15 p.m.** Please ensure you are on time to collect your child/children at the end of the club. Thank you to the members of staff for offering such a wide range and high number of clubs.

Parent/Pupil Questionnaires: Many thanks to everyone who have taken the time to complete and return our questionnaires. There is still time to return the questionnaires and be in with a chance of winning £20 Sainsbury's vouchers.

House of Dance: Children throughout the school have been taking part in taster dance sessions during the school day. We have been fortunate enough for some of our children from Y2-Y6 to be selected to perform at the The Echo Arena (auditorium), Liverpool in July - more information will follow on this event.



Dinner Money, School Trips, Swimming, Breakfast/After School Clubs etc.:

A small number of children have been coming to school without dinner money. It is now our policy to contact parents informing them that their child/children didn't have dinner money.

Please ensure you provide your child with the correct dinner money **£2.25 per day** if they are taking a school meal or provide them with a packed lunch. We cannot allow people to build up dinner money bills.

Attendance: Attendance for last week:

Year 6 98.3%	Year 5 99.3%
Year 4 94.8%	Year 3 99.1%
Year 2 94.3%	Year 1 97.8%

Reception 95.4%

Our target is to get attendance figures of 96% (or better) each week. The winning class is presented with a certificate and small trophy. Last week's winners are – Y5 class

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

Friday 20 April the following children were **CLASS CHAMPIONS:** Tyler Corben Reception, Jack Spence – Y1, Jasmine Meadows – Y2, Cindy Cullen – Y4, Millie Williams – Y5, Evie Shuker & Caitlin Mansell - Y6.

Friday 27 April the following children were **CLASS CHAMPIONS:** Elizabeth May Wardle Reception, - Faye Barratt - Y1, Freya Diggins – Y2, - Zach Bentley &

Cody Brooke – Y3, - Whole class – Y4, Ryan Mathie, - Y5, Cassie Wilkie & Ewan Evans – Y6.

Congratulations to them all

Note from the kitchen:

Tuesday the 8th May the menu will be changed to meatballs for this day only normal menu's will continue to run after this day.

Thursday 17th May: We will be celebrating the royal wedding with a special picnic lunch further details will follow on this shortly.

National Curriculum Tests: A reminder that **Year 6 SATs** will take place during the week of **14th May 2018**. 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.

Illness – Please ring or e-mail school to inform us if your child will be absent from school due to illness. Please don't inform us via Facebook.

LADIES' DAY – **School is open on Ladies' day.** If girls want to take part in this event then parents/carers should complete a 'leave of absence form (i.e. a Holiday form) to request the time off.

'The Honey-Bus' – Our bus was scheduled to have the engine and fittings removed this week. Fingers crossed it will be delivered soon ☺

Diary Dates:

May 2018

Monday 7th: Bank Holiday – School closed

Tuesday 8th: KS2 visiting author – Natasha Farrant

Friday 11th: 2.30 p.m. Y4 parents re: Burwardsley residential

w.c. 14th: 8.15 a.m. Y6 SATS breakfast club in hall

Thursday 17th: **New Intake Meeting for parents**

Wednesday 23rd: Y4/Y5 trip to Liverpool – Old Hebrew Synagogue

Friday 25th: Felix, Drummer with R/Y1 & Y2

Friday 25th: **School closes for half term holiday**

June 2018

Monday 4th: **School re-opens**

Thursday 7th: Neston Ladies' Day

Friday 8th: Y6 Catalyst Museum trip – further information to follow

Wednesday 13th: Reception Church Farm, Thurstaston trip –further information to follow

Friday 15th: PFA Summer Fair – tbc

Thursday 21st: Music Concert in school - tbc

Community News:

Neston Nomads need your help !!!!!

The local children's football club need your help to secure funding from the FA for a new 4G pitch with lights and perimeter fencing this will bring much needed facilities for children in the area.

"All we are asking is for people to email Keith Penny at Kpenny@THE-PRIORY.co.uk stating that you support our bid for funding and why, then we can pass it on to the F.A. - Thank you!"

Why not visit The Craft Shack – Paint your own pottery studio, 51 West Vale, Little Neston, Tele: 07716072 804 for more information

Communication with School:

Please speak to a member of staff face-to face.

Please ring school and speak to a member of staff.

Please ring or talk to the ladies in the office – Mrs

Carole Cottrell, Mrs Grace Radcliff or

Mrs Natalie Vanden. Please leave a message on our

answer phone 0151 338 2500

Please e-mail school –

admin@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk

If you ask a question via our Facebook page, you

may not get a reply straight away, as we don't

monitor Facebook 24/7.

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.

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

Currently, our Parent Governors and Community Governors

are: Mrs Kate Davies (Mum of Hollie Davies Y5), Mr Richard Shuker (Dad of Evie Shuker Y6 & Joseph Shuker Y1)

School closed on Monday 7th May for the Bank Holiday and re-opens on Tuesday 8th May 2018

A list of holiday dates can be found on our website too.