

June 2018



Goodbye: We were really sad to be saying goodbye to Mr Wall (Year 1 teaching assistant) who left Neston Primary School at the end at the start of June. Mr Wall has returned to work in a design company. I am sure you will join me in thanking him for his support and wish him every success in the future.

Musician: Felix 'African Drummer': An afternoon of fun at end of last term with a "Drumming Session" with Felix Ngindu Kasanganayi the African Drummer was enjoyed by all children. Children were able to perform on the drums and learned a host of new musical skills.

Infant & Junior Sports Days: Infant & Junior Sports Days went ahead as planned. Well done and congratulations to all the children who took part. Thanks to all parents and friends who came along to support the children.

Y5/Y6 Trip: Recently, the children had a wonderful day out when they visited The Catalyst Museum, Widnes. The children thoroughly enjoyed this interesting and exciting visit and they were also extremely well behaved. Thanks to Mrs Hopkinson-Jones & Miss Ebbrell, the TAs & adult helpers for accompanying the children.

Reception Trip: Church Farm, Thurstaston was the destination for the recent Reception trip. The children all enjoyed a wonderful day out at the farm which included a tractor ride, feeding the animals and a life cycle workshop as an extra treat. Mrs Strand commented on how well behaved the children were. Thanks to Mrs Strand for organising the trip and to TA's and parent helpers for accompanying the children.

RotaKids Car Wash: Thank you to everyone involved in our car wash. A superb total of £250 was raised. All proceeds have been donated to Cancer Research.



PFA Summer Fair: Thank you to our hard working PFA for organising the Summer Fair held last Friday and to staff members for manning stalls. Another well supported event with £1,081 being raised.

School Comms: On line payments are now being accepted for Lunches/Breakfast club/After school club and the Conway 2019 trip(current Y5) please

register for this service and if you have any issues doing so contact Natalie Vanden in the school office.

For any lunch payments made in this way please select school meals/make a booking and select the day's that a dinner will be taken to allow us to manage daily numbers(the actual meal selection i.e. hot/jacket, sandwich can be changed on the day if any child changes their mind).

Wirral grammar school band: Came into school to perform for the whole school on Wednesday 20th June the performance was of a very high standard and extremely enjoyable.

Food bank donations: Rotakids and the School Council have been collecting items for the local Food Bank. Many thanks to those of you who were able to donate food items to this worthy cause.



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.

Heatwave – Stay Safe in the Sun: During this heatwave please may I remind parents/carers of the importance of providing their children with sun cream, sunhats and plenty of water. We have been keeping children as cool as possible during the school day and also bringing them in earlier from lunchtime play.

Holidays in Term Time: If you decide to take children out of school in term time, it will be recorded as 'unauthorised' and your children's education will suffer as they will miss direct teaching time. **In line with Cheshire West and Chester Council guidelines – if you do choose to take children out of school in term time your request may be refused and you may be issued a Fixed Penalty Notice. The cost of which is £60 – PER PARENT – if paid within 21 days and £120 if it is paid after 28 days. If the fixed penalty notice is not paid legal action will be taken by the Local Authority.**

School Meals: From September school meals will increased to **£2.30**. The price has remained the same for the past 2 years, but the catering team have had to make a small increase in price this year.

Bus – Thank you to the group of parents who helped on the day the bus was delivered. It was a very stressful day and your support was welcomed. Thanks also to parents and relatives who have made positive comments about the bus and those who helped to clean the interior last Wednesday evening. We plan to begin to transform the bus over the coming weeks and months. My sincere thanks to STAGECOACH and Recovery North-West for their help in getting the bus to school.

Attendance: Attendance for w.c. 11.6.18:

Year 6 95.8%	Year 5 98.3%
Year 4 94.5%	Year 3 89.1%
Year 2 94.3%	Year 1 91.7%
Reception 99.6%	

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 – Reception class

Attendance: Attendance for w.c. 18.6.18:

Year 6 94.2%	Year 5 99.3%
Year 4 91.7 %	Year 3 91.1%
Year 2 93%	Year 1 91.8%
Reception 96.7%	

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 15 June the following children were **CLASS CHAMPIONS:** - **Reception**, Jay Collins , **Y1**, Abbie Philips & Evie Westwood, **Y2**, Cofi Wilkie & Kayleigh Leach **Y3**, Jack Roberts & Fraser Keir **Y4**, Ben Parker & Cindy Cullen **Y5**, Erin Cook, **Y6**, Grace Jones & Abby Barnes.

Friday 22nd June

Reception, Neilas Barcinkas, **Y1**, Imogen Gooding , **Y2**, Faith Thompson, **Y4**, Stephen Smalls , **Y5**, Riya Ghosheh.

Congratulations to you all.

Diary Dates:

June 2018

Saturday 30th June: Neston Village Fair

July 2018

Sunday 1st July: Street Dance Team at Echo Arena
Monday 2nd: Y6 Neston High School watching 'Grease' Performance

Thursday 5th: Y6 Induction Day – Neston High School

Thursday 5th: Transition morning – new classes

Tuesday 10th: Y1 – St Winefride's Sing Along

Tuesday 10th: Y6 Play 'There's No Place Like Home'

Wed. 11th: Y6 Play 'There's No Place Like Home'

Thursday 12th: Roberts Bakery with Y4

Thursday 19th: Y6 Leavers Service – details to follow

Friday 20th: School Closes at 3.15 p.m. for the Summer

Community News: Summer Reading Challenge 2018 –

Neston Library: This year the Summer Reading Challenge theme is 'Mischief Makers'. The challenge starts on Saturday 14th July and continues until early September. All children can take part as long as they are library members. Children are challenged to read 6 books (or more) over the holidays. This year's challenge takes place in Beanotown, where Dennis, Gnasher and their buddies are on an adventure to discover hidden treasure. Children will receive a foldup map of Beanotown when they register and a set of clues to follow throughout the challenge. As they read books they will collect stickers to add to the map (some are a bit smelly!), each with a different Beano character of item to help them find the treasure. There are also lots of goodies to collect along the way including a foldup game, glasses and wrist band. Children who complete the challenge will be awarded with a medal and certificate in September. It's Fun! It's Free! It's Local!

Foodbank: West Cheshire Foodbank is a local charity which supports parents/carers who find it difficult to feed their families during challenging times (e.g. summer holidays). Foodbank vouchers can be obtained to provide enough food for 3 days from the local foodbank centres. Places in Neston where you can request a voucher: Age UK, Citizens Advice Bureau, Neston Community & Youth Centre & Neston Library

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*)

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