



July 2018

House of Dance: A number of our KS2 children recently took part in the House of Dance production at the Liverpool Echo Arena. The pupils have loved working with and learning from HOD and they were very keen to be involved in the show. Jules and Chloe's energy and enthusiasm is infectious and the children have thoroughly enjoyed every dance session. I am certain that the memories created will stay with the children for many, many years. Our sincere thanks to House of Dance for creating this fabulous opportunity. Thanks also to staff – Miss Ebbrell, Mrs Whitley, Mrs Tedford, Mrs Pino & Mrs Muskett giving up their weekend to help out during the day and evening.

Neston Village Fair: Once again the choir, led by Mrs O'Hara sang beautifully at the village fair and were a credit to the school. Thanks to Mrs Muskett for her help in organising the choir too. The Rose Queen was Cassie Wilkie Y6 with attendants Grace Jones and Mya Bridgwater representing Neston Primary School.

Outdoor Learning with Parents – Our Reception children and their families had a fantastic range of outdoor activities to take part in which included making dream catchers, building a tent and even a ride on the Barrel Buggy pulled by Mr G himself. Thank you to Mrs Strand & Mrs Hully for such a wonderful event that was enjoyed by all.

Y6 Production 'There's No Place Like Home':

Parents, relatives and friends enjoyed a wonderful performance by our U6 pupils last week. Thank you to everyone who came along to watch the show. A team of staff, parents and friends of the school worked extremely hard to produce a fantastic performance this year. The lucky raffle winner was Alex Leadbitter (Y6 pupil). There is still time to get a copy of the DVD just call into the school office for an order form (£5 per copy).

Y1 St Winefride's Sing a Long: The children took part in a Sing a Long at St Winefride's last week. They had a wonderful morning and even managed a visit to the park for good behaviour.

Y4 Roberts Bakery Visit: Paul Graves from Roberts Bakery visited school last week to work with Y4 children. The children were taught about the history of baking. Each child baked a loaf of their own which they were able to take home – very tasty it was too.

"IOU": If you have any outstanding money owed to school **PLEASE** pay it as soon as possible.

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 Mrs 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).

School Meals: From September school meals will increase 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.

Holiday Dates 2018/2019: Holiday dates are listed on our school website. At the beginning of the Autumn term your child/children will bring home a printed holiday card.

Extra-curricular Clubs: We are very proud of the range and number of 'clubs' we offer during the school year. In 2016-2017 we offered 33 clubs before, during or after school. 31 of the 33 clubs were **FREE** to take part in. For the third year in a row we gained the Schools Games GOLD Award which recognises the quality of the PE, sporting competitions and sports clubs we provide. Clubs will commence during the third week of the Autumn term.

Attendance: Attendance for w.c. 16.7.18:

Year 6 96.7%	Year 5 89.3%
Year 4 92.4 %	Year 3 87.9%
Year 2 90.7%	Year 1 90%
Reception 99.3%	

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

Diary Dates:

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Thursday 19th: Y6 Leavers Service – details to follow
Friday 20th: School Closes at 3.15 p.m. for the Summer Holiday

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Monday 3rd: INSET day for staff
Tuesday 4th: School re-opens at 8.50 a.m. for the Autumn Term
Wednesday 5th: Y4 Swimming (week 1)
Tuesday 11th: Y2 Delamere meeting for parents

Community News: Summer Reading Challenge 2018 –

Neston Library: This year the Summer Reading Challenge theme is 'Mischievous 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

Neston Library: A morning with Bob the Builder designer and author Curtis Jobling – Neston Library Monday 30.7.18 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. £5 per child

Cycle Experience: 6-8 August 2018 Neston Community Youth Centre – Learn to Balance & Ride (Ages 5 & above) Level 1 Bikeability Training (7 – 9 year olds) Book online at www.cycleexperience.com £5 admin fee per booking is payable on-line or call Cycle Experience on 0330 024 1783

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.