



## September 2018

Although we have been back for a few weeks - We extend a warm welcome to all of our new pupils, and their families, who have joined us recently. "Welcome to NPS"

**Staff News:** Congratulations to Mrs Rebbeck (Year 1 class teacher) who gave birth to a baby girl last week. Congratulations to her and her new family.

**New Cook** - We have also appointed a new school cook Mrs Lisa McCann who joined us at the beginning of this term. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Mrs McCann to Neston Primary School.

**New Intake:** Thank you to all those Reception parents/carers who joined us for lunch at the start of the Autumn term. It was great to meet both you and our new Reception class. The new weekly menus for 2018/19 are on the school website. **Can I also remind parents that if your child has any special dietary needs or food intolerances that you inform the school office**, as there are certain procedures we have to follow. A school lunch now costs **£2.30**. Please ensure dinner money is paid on time. Cash to the school office or on-line using Schoolcomms. If you need any help registering with SchoolComms - -- please speak to Mrs Vanden in the office

**Circus:** Year 3 took part in a Circus Day (organised by Splats Circus Skills) linked to their literacy lesson - Leon & the Place Between.

**School Bus:** We now have electricity on the school bus. The children are now able to use the new downstairs section of school bus for group work. If anyone has time to help clean the upstairs -please let me know.

**Uniform:** The children have returned to school looking very smart in their uniforms. **Please could I remind you to label the children's school uniform.** Don't forget to take a look at our re-cycle rail in the school entrance hall if you require spare uniform. The new P.E. T-shirts also look very smart. My thanks to the PFA for sorting out the Recycle Rail and PFA store

**Year 1 Visit:** The children visited Lees Lane Ponds - linked to their book 'The Bog Baby'. The school mini bus was used to transport the children to and from the ponds. A very enjoyable morning was had by for everyone.

**Yellow Forms:** Please can I remind you to return the yellow form that was sent out at the beginning of this term if you haven't already done so. **We need this information to keep our school records up to date.** Thank you.

**Clubs:** All of our clubs are now up and running. All after school clubs finish at **4 p.m. prompt.**

**School Grounds:** During the Summer holidays you will probably have noticed that we had part of the school playground re-surfaced. We plan to have new marking added sometime during this school year.

**"Be in your line at ten-to-nine"** Please make sure that the children are in school promptly every day. **The bell is rung at 8.50 a.m.** We are not responsible for pupils until 8.40 a.m. Please ensure unaccompanied children are not left on the yard before 8.40 a.m.

**Open day:** We are planning to hold our annual open day for parents of children, looking to start in Reception 2019, on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** - more details to follow.

**'Holidays during Term Time':** Term dates are available on our website, on our Facebook page and on the blue postcards we sent home at the beginning of term. Please do all you can to ensure that family holidays are not taken during term time. **It is highly likely that parents, who do take children out of school during term time will be fined.** I would ask that parents do not inform school that their children are 'ill' when, in fact, they have been on holiday.

**Parents and Friends Association (PFA):** Thank you to those parents/carers who came along to the meeting of the PFA. If you were unable to attend, but would like to help, please let Mrs Nuttall, Mrs Gardiner, or the ladies in the school office, know. Thank you.

**Rotakids Cake Sale: On Thursday 27 September Mrs Musket and Mrs Vanden will holding a cake sale after school in aid of the charity MacMillan Cancer care. Cakes will be on sale after school in the playground (weather permitting).**

**HARVEST** - Year 6 are collecting items for the local Methodist Church to distribute. If you would like to donate items please pass them to a year 6 child or drop them off at the school office. Thank you

**Attendance:** Attendance for last week:

**Year 6 96.1%**                      **Year 5 99.7%**

**Year 4 99.1%**                      **Year 3 95.7%**

**Year 2 97.7%**                      **Year 1 98%**

**Reception 100%**

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

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

**Friday 21 Sept** the following children were **CLASS CHAMPIONS:** Charlie Battram-Round – Y1, Kaitlyn Smalls – Y2, Melissa Woodhouse & Rory Lee – Y3, Ellie Lewis & Tom Rumble – Y4, Brooke Dring & James McEvoy – Y5, Annabelle Davies – Y6

**Congratulations to you all.**

**Diary Dates:**

**September 2018**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>:** Rotakids MacMillan Cake Sale after school at 3.15 p.m.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>:** Open Evening at **Neston High School** 5.00 – 8.30 p.m.

**October 2018**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>:** Y2 Delamere Residential

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>:** Parents Evening – details to follow

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>:** Parents Evening – details to follow

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Open Day 2-4 p.m. & 4.30-6.30 p.m.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>:** School photographs

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>:** Halloween Disco – details to follow

**Community News:** *FREE non-contact boxing and fitness programme has re started at Neston Community Youth Centre on Thursday evenings 6-7 p.m. for 6-10 year olds as well as a separate fitness class for parents at the same time. With a class for 11-16 year olds from 7-8 p.m. and a class at the same time for adults.*

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:admin@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk)

**Currently, our Parent Governors and Community Governors are:** Mrs Kate Davies (Mum of Hollie Davies Y6), Mr Richard Shuker (Dad of Joseph Shuker Y3)

If you allow your children to walk to and from school, PLEASE remind them to use zebra crossing and pelican crossings to cross the road. Also remind them to not walk across the road as they are using their phones! "BEE SAFE!"