

12TH FEBRUARY 2025

# NESTON PRIMARY NEWS



## MESSAGE FROM MRS ELLIOTT

As we approach the mid-point in the year I would like to thank all the staff for the hard work and dedication they put in to ensuring that the children have a positive experience at school. This is summed up with the KS2 residential that are happening this week and involving 12 members of staff on the actual residential but also staff remaining at school who have also contributed to the organisation. We will keep you updated of events on each of the stays however phone signal is not always successful at Conway. I will be attending the Barnstondale trip but Ms Thompson is at school if anything urgent needs attention.

Congratulations to all the children who won Champion of the Week certificates and School Values Awards this half term. We have all been really impressed with all our winners and those children who represented school at different sporting events.

## ATTENDANCE

As mentioned at the start of the year, attendance is high on our agenda. If children are not in school, they cannot make progress. We shared our Attendance guidance information sheet in the Autumn term and this can be located on the website. We share your child's attendance with you at least 6 times throughout the year - at parents evenings and termly report cards. Mrs Furlong and myself meet fortnightly to discuss individual's attendance and whole school attendance is analysed termly. We send letters out when we are concerned about a child's attendance, meet with parents and set action plans to improve. After all this, if there is no improvement we then refer to the local authority. Despite all this, our attendance figures are significantly lower than I, the governors or the DfE would like. I am asking as we move into the second half of the year, do not keep your child off unnecessarily - if a child is too ill to be in school, we will not let them suffer and we will call you. The National expectation for attendance is at least 95%.

Whole School Attendance last week: 93%

Ash	96 %	Chestnut	95%
Maple	92%	Willow	92%
Oak	89%	Sycamore	92%

Please help us to improve attendance by bringing your children in and on time.



## VISITS AND VISITORS

The Y5 children had an amazing time performing at the Floral Pavilion. It was such a wonderful experience for them. Our thanks go to the High School staff for inviting us and rehearsing with the children. We are looking forward to next year's performance and hope that more children will want to be involved.



Oak Class have had some mysterious visitors laying strange coloured eggs in their room! Dragons have visited and been a fabulous stimulus for their writing this half term.

## BOOK WEEK

The children had great fun during book week: buddying up with other classes to share books and creating and performing class poems based on our chosen text 'The Black book of Colours'.

Thank you so much to the PFA who presented the classes with books following the class book corner competition. The children loved adding the new books to their class libraries.



Dates	EVENTS - SPRING TERM 2
12-14th February	Y5 and Y6 Residential to Conway
13-14th February	Y3 and Y4 Residential to Barnstondale
14th February	School Closes for half term
24th February	School Re-opens for Spring 2
24-26th February	Y5 Bikeability sessions
25th + 27th February	Parents Evenings
27th February	Safety Seymour CO workshops for Willow and Sycamore Classes
Week beginning 24th March	Big Walk and Wheel Campaign - encouraging families to walk or cycle at least part of the way to school
28th March	PFA Easter Crafternoon
2nd April	Easter Bingo after school - details to follow
4th April	Rotakids - Bunny, Hop, Skip - details to follow
4th April	School Closes for Easter holiday
23rd April	School Re-opens for the Summer term



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## **CLASS EMAIL ADDRESSES**

If you wish to get in touch with the class teacher, the best way to do this is to speak to them on the playground at the end of the day. You can also ring the school office on 0151 832 6251 to arrange for the teacher to contact you.

We also have class email addresses which have been updated with the new names:

ash@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk  
pine@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk  
maple@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk  
oak@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk  
chestnut@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk  
willow@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk  
sycamore@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk

The staff will answer at their earliest convenience but for a healthy work-life balance, during out of school hours, this will only be when they are completing school work.