

02 February 2018

Indoor Athletics Competition: A group of Y5/Y6 children were selected to take part in the Indoor Athletics competition on Monday 22nd January at NHS. The children competed exceptionally well. Behaviour was excellent and once again the children were a credit to the school. Thanks to staff for their help on the day.

Basketball Competition: A group of Year 5 pupils took part in the Basketball competition held on Thursday 1st February at St Winefride's Primary School. Despite the bitterly cold weather the children performed remarkably well and were a credit to the school.

Advance Notice - World Book Day – Thursday 1st March: This year we are celebrating World Book Day with a focus on animal books in our English lessons. Therefore, your child may wish to dress as an animal related to their class book, or as an animal from another book. Children may also choose to wear school uniform as normal. Mrs Shakespeare our school cook will be serving a themed lunch on this day at a cost of £2.25.

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| Reception | Billy Goat Gruff |
| Year 1 | The Lion Inside |
| Year 2 | The Dragon Machine |
| Year 3 | The Seal Surfer |
| Year 4 | Gorilla |
| Year 5 | The Hunter |
| Year 6 | Can We Save The Tiger |

PFA Coffee Afternoon: Thank you to our hardworking PFA for organising the coffee and cake afternoon after school a week last Friday.

Chinese New Year (Year of the Dog): Mrs Shakespeare (School Cook) and her team will be preparing a Chinese themed lunch on **Thursday 15th February** to celebrate Chinese New Year. The cost of the meal will be £2.25.

Outstanding Payments: Please can you ensure that all of the children's accounts for Lunch, Before and After School Club and trips are settled promptly. Thank you.

STEM – We were invited to present the work we had produced in school at national conference in late January. This was a 'big deal' for our school. First of all we were lucky enough to be invited to take part in the Polar Explorer Programme, but then we were invited to give a

presentation at the National STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Centre at York University. My thanks to the 5 children who represented our school – Alaisha, Ben, Erin, Lily and Cameron and also to Miss Ebbrell and Mrs O'Hara for their hard-work and energy invested in the whole Polar Explorer programme. Coverage of the work we produced across the school can be seen on the aboutmyarea website and in this week's edition of The Standard

PE Kit/games kit – Please make sure children have the kit in school every day. Can you also ensure that they have a sweatshirt and jogging bottoms too, so if the children do go outside they will be warm enough.



PLEASE don't leave children on the yard before 8.40am. We are not responsible for children before 8.40am. Children in Years 5/6, who walk to school alone, should also not be on the yard before 8.40am

'Rock Your Socks' for Down Syndrome Day: On Wednesday 21st March the children will be able to wear fun socks, odd socks, brightly coloured socks for Down Syndrome Day (school uniform to be worn as normal). We will also be selling gingerbread socks on the day on behalf of the Cheshire Downs Syndrome Society.



Attendance: Attendance for last week:
Year 6 91.7% **Year 5 98.6%**
Year 4 96.6% **Year 3 94.7%**
Year 2 94.5% **Year 1 94.1%**
Reception 96.4 %
 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 were – Year 5 class

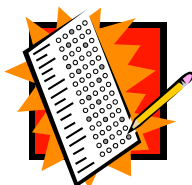
Attendance: Attendance for this week:
Year 6 94% **Year 5 94%**
Year 4 97% **Year 3 96%**
Year 93 % **Year 1 96%**
Reception 92%

Our target is to get attendance figures of 96% (or better) each week. The winning class is presented with a certificate and small trophy. This week's winners are – Y4 class

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

Friday 02 February the following children were **CLASS CHAMPIONS:** Jessica Sutherland Reception, Joe Owens & John Harris – Y1, Louis Davies – Y2, Jay Owens – Y3, Lola Rose Stockwell – Y4, Cleo Wilkie – Y5, Morgan Cooper – Y6.

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.



Holidays During Term Time: Last September we received notification from Cheshire West & Chester Council that they will be recommencing Fixed Penalty notices. Please can I remind parents that all absences must be put in writing and handed into the School Office. May I also remind parents that I will be unable to authorise holidays during term time.

Just a quick 'heads up' Parent's evenings will be on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th March – details to follow.

Diary Dates:

February 2018

Monday 5th: Y5 Smokebusters
Tuesday 6th: Y6 Conway residential (3 days)
Tuesday 14th: Roberts Baker visiting Y4
Thursday 15th: Chinese New Year Lunch
Friday 16th: School closes for half term holiday
Monday 26th: School re-opens

Diary Dates:

March 2018

Thursday 1st: World Book Day
Thursday 1st: Y4 Parents Meeting re: Burwardsley
Friday 2nd: Y2 visit to World Museum Liverpool
Friday 2nd: PFA coffee afternoon
Tuesday 6th: Parents Evening – details to follow
Thursday 8th: Parents Evening – details to follow
Friday 9th: Y4 visit to Liverpool Philharmonic Hall
Monday 12th: Y5 Bikeability (4 days)
Thursday 15th: PFA Disco (St Patricks Day)
Wednesday 21st: Wear fun sock for Down Syndrome Day
Wednesday 21st: Rotakids charity biscuit sale after school (World Down Syndrome Day)
Thursday 29th: Image Musical Theatre Production for the whole school 'Robin Hood'
Thursday 29th March – school closes for Easter holidays

April 2018

Monday 16th: School re-opens

Tuesday 24th: Y4 Burwardsley residential (3 days)

Community News:

Half Term Fun at Gordale: Activities take place at 11 a.m. (approx. duration 1 hour) from **Monday 19th February until Friday 23rd February**. Booking is essential. Tele: 0151 336 2116. Gordale Garden Centre, Chester High Road, Burton, CH64 8TF

Snowdrop Weeks & Half Term Crafts at Ness Gardens Wrap up, slip on your wellies and pop down to Ness Gardens over the February half term break, for lots of seasonal family fun. **Sunday 10th February – Sunday 25th February**. No need to book just turn up. Ness Gardens, Neston Road, Ness, CH64 4AY

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)