



**22nd March 2018.**

**'Rock Your Socks' for Down Syndrome Day:**

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March the children and staff wore fun socks, odd socks, brightly coloured socks for Down Syndrome Day. We sold gingerbread socks and gingerbread men on behalf of the Cheshire Downs Syndrome Support Group. We raised **£263.50**. Thanks to Mrs Strand, Mrs Muskett, Mrs Hulley, our Rotakids and our school council members

**Visiting Author:** Lucy Letherland (Award winning illustrator) visited school at the end of February. Lucy was the illustrator of the book ATLAS of ADVENTURES – the book we used when we won the UKLA award last year. Lucy inspired the pupils during the workshops she delivered. The children were taught how to draw their own animals and had the opportunity to ask Lucy about her work, how she became an illustrator and her favourite types of illustrations.

**World Book Day – Animal Books:** As part of our on-going effort to encourage children to read more and develop a love of reading we took part in World Book Day recently. There were a number of animal themed activities organised during the day by Mrs Hopkinson-Jones. Photos from the day are on display in the entrance hall.

**Art Day:** Our thanks to Mrs Emma Cawley who recently led an Art workshop for pupils. The children produced some impressive work. The work is on display in our school entrance hall.

**R-Y3 House of Dance Sessions:** Jules and her team from House of Dance came in to deliver dance taster sessions for Reception to Year 3 classes. The session was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Jules will be back in the Summer term to deliver further dance sessions for the whole school.

**Y2/Y5 Liverpool Museum Trip:** On Friday 2nd March Y2 & Y5 classes visited the Liverpool Museum. The children took part in a number of activities during the day including visits to the Planetarium and the Aquarium. As always the children were very well behaved and a credit to the school. Thanks to Mrs Robinson and Miss Ebbrell for organising this visit.

**Y4 Liverpool Philharmonic Visit:** Recently the Y4 children had the opportunity to visit the Theatre to listen to a children's concert entitled "Come

to your Senses" featuring music from the film 'The Incredibles'. Thanks to Mrs O'Hara for organising this musical event.

**Parents Evening:** It was wonderful to see so many of you during Parents' Evenings and I am sure you all found it useful to have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the class teachers. If you were unable to attend the Parents' Evenings please speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to arrange a mutually convenient time and date for you to meet and discuss your child's work and progress.

**Y5 Bikeability:** A number of children in Y5 took part in Bikeability training last week. The children who passed the test will be presented with a certificate and badge in the coming weeks.

**Easter Eggs:** We are collecting Easter Eggs for homeless children in the Chester area. If you would like to donate an Easter Egg please bring it to the school office. So far we have collected **over 50 eggs**. Thank you if you have donated an egg or eggs.

**Football Kit:** One of our parents is collecting unwanted football kits for an orphanage in Malawi. If you have any unwanted shirts, sock, shorts... please donate via school office.

**PFA Disco:** Thank you to our hard working PFA for organising the discos last week. Another well supported event thoroughly enjoyed by the children. Money raised will be put towards items for school.

**PFA – Recycling Day:** Recycling day on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. Fill any plastic bag with clothes, shoes, belts and soft toys. All items must be in reusable condition; no rips or stains. We will receive £500 per ton collected. Please drop bags off at top of the school driveway on the morning of **28<sup>th</sup> March – PLEASE DO NOT BRING BAGS IN BEFOREHAND – bags cannot be left overnight**. Roberts will collect at approx. 9 a.m. Thanks in anticipation.

**Attendance:** Attendance for last week:

<b>Year 6</b>	<b>92.1%</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>96.6%</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>93.1%</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>94.4%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>90.3%</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>97.4%</b>
<b>Reception 97.1%</b>			

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 –Y1 class

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

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March** the following children were **CLASS CHAMPIONS:** Charlie Battram-Round – Reception, Isla Newman and Ethan Goddard – Y1, Daniel Harris and Sophie Crane – Y2, Cordelia Wills and Ethan Taylor, - Y3, Hugo Ly – Y4, Fraser Cook – Y5 and Jody Jones – Y6

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March :** Harry Blessington – Reception  
Melissa Woodhouse & Daniel Harris – Y2 , Lucas Gardiner – Y3 , Evie Goddard – Y4, Cameron Bentley – Y5, Maisie Beard – Y6.

**Congratulations to them all.**

**National Curriculum Tests:** A reminder that **Year 6 SATs** will take place during the week of **14<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Diary Dates:

##### March 2018

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>:** Easter Lunch (£2.25 per child)

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>:** PFA Recycling Day

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>:** Image Musical Theatre Production for the whole school 'Robin Hood' Donations requested towards the cost of this show.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – school closes for Easter holidays**

##### April 2018

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>:** School re-opens

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>:** Y1 trip – Lady Lever Art Gallery

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>:** Y4 Burwardsley residential (3 days)

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>:** p.m. Y5/Y6 Inter schools orienteering competition @ NPS

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>:** 9.30-11.30 a.m. First Aid Workshop with parents – ICT Suite

##### May 2018

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>:** Bank Holiday – School closed

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Y4/Y5 trip to Liverpool – Old Hebrew Synagogue

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>:** Felix, Drummer with R/Y1 & Y2

#### Community News:

##### Neston Nomads need your help !!!!!

The local children's football club need your help to secure funding from the FA for a new 4G pitch with lights and perimeter fencing this will bring much needed facilities for children in the area.

"All we are asking is for people to email Keith Penny at [Kpenny@THE-PRIORY.co.uk](mailto:Kpenny@THE-PRIORY.co.uk) stating that you support our bid for funding and why, then we can pass it on to the F.A. - Thank you!"

**Gordale Nurseries: Family Fun Spring trail 31<sup>st</sup> March 11 am – 5 p.m. £2.50 per child also running from 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Why not visit The Craft Shack – Paint your own pottery studio, 51 West Vale, Little Neston, Tele: 07716072 804 for more information**

#### 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 Y5), Mr Richard Shuker (Dad of Evie Shuker Y6 & Joseph Shuker Y1)

### School Closes for Easter on THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March and re-opens on MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> April.

All holiday dates are on our website, in the yellow booklet we sent out at the start of the year and on the yellow cards we sent out at the start of the year.

Please don't take family holidays during term times as missing school has a negative impact on pupil's education