

January 2019

Welcome: We extend a warm welcome to a new pupil, and family, who have joined us recently. "Welcome to NPS!"

Staff News: We have appointed a new member of staff, Mrs Kirsty O'Connor who joined the ladies in the school office this week. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Mrs O'Connor to Neston Primary School.

Library Club: Mrs Cross Menzies is running a Library club after school every Monday from 3.15 – 4.00 p.m. Children are welcome to come along to the library to borrow a book to take home. Children need to be accompanied by an adult.



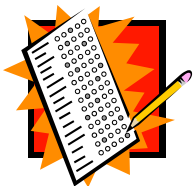
Healthy Snack: We would like to remind parents/carers to send their child/children to school with a healthy snack for break time. Please do not send chocolate or cereal bars which contain large amounts

of sugar for break time. Fruit is the ideal healthy snack.

Holidays: If you wish to take your child on holiday in term time it is likely that you will receive a fine. A holiday is not considered to be an "exceptional reason" for your child to be absent from school.

National Curriculum Tests:

A reminder that **Year 6 SATs** will take place during the week of **13th May 2019**. 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. **Please do not book holidays during the school terms as we are unable to authorise holidays in term time.**



PFA Film Night: The KS1 children enjoyed watching 'Incredibles 2' last week. A huge success, thank you to the PFA for organising this event and for all staff who stayed to help out. Next film night is for KS2 children on **Wednesday 13th February**.

Birthday Celebrations: I don't want to be a 'kill-joy', but I am asking parents/carers **not to bring birthday cakes into school** to share with their child's class-mates. The reason I have made this decision is because we have children who are allergic to nuts, dairy, wheat, gluten, egg or they are diabetic. It is a lovely idea that parents want to share their child's birthday celebrations with their child's class-mates, but in truth a growing number of children can't share the birthday celebrations due to health reasons. If your child wants to bring a small gift to celebrate their birthday could I suggest you speak to your child's class teacher and ask what would be suitable.

Attendance: Attendance for w.c. 21.01.19

Year 6 96.6%	Year 5 99%
Year 4 95.6%	Year 3 98%
Year 2 98.5%	Year 1 96.7%

Reception 99.5%

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

Attendance: Attendance for w.c. 28.01.19

Year 6 95.2%	Year 5 96.6%
Year 4 95.3%	Year 3 92.3%
Year 2 91.5%	Year 1 95%

Reception 94.7%

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There are still a high number of children arriving late each morning – **May I remind parents and carers that children should be on the yard at 8.50am each day when the bell is rung.**

Champions of the Week: During our Friday assembly each week Class Champions are
Friday 25th January: Marcy Newman – Reception, Jawad Muhammad – Y1, Ethan Goddard – Y2, Evie McNally – Y3, Finley O'Connor – Y4, Francesca Bayani – Y5, Cleo Wilkie & Ben Rumble – Y6.

Champions of the Week: During our Friday assembly each week Class Champions are
Friday 01 February: - Sophie Evans - Y1, Joe Owens - Y2, Maisie Ryan - Y3, Alfie O'Gorman - Y4, Stephen Smalls - Y5, Callum Bush - Y6
Congratulations to you all.

Diary Dates:

February 2019:

Tuesday 5th: Y6 Conway residential (3 days)
Thursday 7th: Chinese New Year lunch (£2.30)
Wednesday 13th: KS2 PFA Film Night – The Greatest Showman Sing-a-long
Friday 15th: School Closes 3.15 p.m.
Monday 25th: School Opens 8.50 a.m.

March 2019:

All diary dates in March are to be confirmed

Tuesday 5th: Parents Evening
Thursday 7th: World Book Day
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Friday 8th: Tree Planting – School grounds
Monday 11th: Y5 Bikeability
Thursday 21st: PFA Easter Disco
Thursday 28th: Image Musical Theatre Whole School Performance of 'Pinocchio'
Friday 29th: School closes 3.15 p.m.

Community News: Gordale Garden Centre

February Half Term Fun including Nature Creator and Dinosaur Day 18 February 2019 – 02 March 2019 for more information and to book a session
Tele: 0151 336 2116

Brio Leisure is offering 'Half Term Holiday' fun programme of events for children of all ages at Neston Recreation Centre. Further information can be found on the Brio Leisure website www.brioleisure.or

Communication with School:

Please speak to a member of staff face-to face or
Please ring school and speak to a member of staff
or Please ring or talk to the ladies in the office –
Mrs Natalie Vanden, Mrs Carole Cottrell, Mrs
Grace Radcliff or Mrs Kirsty O'Connor. 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.nestonprimarieschool.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 Y6),
Mr Richard Shuker
(Dad of Joseph Shuker Y3)

If you allow your children to cycle to school please MAKE THEM WEAR A HELMET!