

March 2019

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to two new pupils, and their families, who have

joined us recently. **"Welcome to NPS!"**

Parents' Evenings: 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 teacher. 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.

Rotakids Cake Sale: Our Rotakids group held a cake sale after school on Monday 4th March. Thank you to those of you who bought cakes and those who also donated cakes. A fantastic **£128** was raised and sent to Wirral & Chester Riding for the Disabled.

World Book Day: Thursday 7th March

To celebrate World Book Day and encourage children to read more and develop a love of reading the children chose to dress up, wear pyjamas, wear school uniform and bring in their favourite book. Each child received a book token. The school Librarians organised activities for each class to take part in during the day.



Holidays in term time - Please do not book holidays during the school terms as we are unable to authorise holidays in term time. **I have mentioned, several times, that parents/carers will be fined if they decided to take children on holiday during term time. Please**

do not be shocked, or surprised, when a fine arrives.

Tree Planting: Friday 8th March – Reception, Y1, Y2 & Y3 children took part in a Tree Planting Day. Children were supervised by staff from The Mersey Forest Team. The trees were provided as part of the Mersey Forest Project.



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

Revolution". Thanks to Mrs O'Hara for organising this musical event. The children said that the experience was "brilliant!"

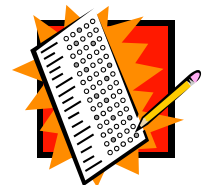
Book Swap Shop: Every Friday, before school, weather permitting, our Book Swap Shop is open. There are boxes of books aimed at Reception, Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2, girls, boys, information, picture books etc. Each child chooses a book to borrow for a week. If they lose the book, they can either bring in an alternative book of their own (in excellent condition) or pay 50p to re-join the scheme.

Thanks to Amy Cross-Menzies (a parent of a pupil) for helping to re-organise our library, supporting our librarians and 'manning' the library on Monday afternoons when it is open after school for pupils.

Y1 Great Fire of London – Thank you to those parents who were able to come in to school to help build model Tudor buildings. Pupils had a great time making them and the Y1 children enjoyed watching the models burn, as we recreated the fire, on Wednesday afternoon.

Writing Workshop: Children enjoyed writing at a workshop run by Andrew Glennon (Children's author) and Jaki Brien (author, editor and children's book competition judge) on Tuesday 26th March. The children had the opportunity to learn how to improve their writing, how to collect ideas, how to begin stories and how to plan a story. It was a fantastic opportunity to 'pick the brains' of these authors and improve writing. Thanks to parents who accompanied the children and to the staff who organised the event.

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.



Bikeability: A large number of children in Year 5 took part in Bikeability training recently. The children all passed the test and they were presented with certificates and badges recently.

Stone-age Pupils in Year 3 enjoyed fabulous morning learning about the Stone-age recently. The children spent the morning exploring our grounds

with Mr Rumble (a parent). Our thanks to him for his help.

PFA Easter Disco: Another successful Easter Disco was held last week. Thanks to the PFA for organising this very popular event.

PFA "Bags to School": Thank you to those parents/carers/relatives and staff who helped fill bags with unwanted clothing to raise funds for our school.

Playground Markings: Creative Play were in school during the last week of the term, to create some wonderful playground markings for the children. Thank you to the PFA for providing the funds to make this possible. Children said "I really like the markings because they are nice and bright" Maisie. "They are nice and bright. I like the circuit because it has a lot to do" Julia. "The markings have brought some fun to the yard!" Daniel-James

Image Musical Theatre – Pinocchio: The whole school enjoyed a performance of Pinocchio on the penultimate day of the term. The children thoroughly enjoyed the production. The cast produced a very professional show – as they always do.

Uniform - A reminder. Here is an extract from the booklet that we provide to parents/carers at the start of the year;

- Children may wear one pair of small stud earrings.
- Watches may be worn for school.
- No other type of jewellery should be worn
- Nail varnish should not be worn for school
- Please make sure temporary tattoos are removed before school
- **Hair 'bobbles' or bows should be plain and simple**
- **PLEASE do not send girls into school with large, colourful, multi-coloured bows and ribbons**

Attendance: Attendance for w.c. 11.03.19

Year 6 95.7% Year 5 97.9%

Year 4 96.2% Year 3 97.3%

Year 2 92.3% Year 1 94.3%

Reception 94%

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 Y5

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Year 6 94.3% Year 5 99.7%

Year 4 95.9% Year 3 94.7%

Year 2 94.2% Year 1 93.7%

Reception 95%

This week's winners are Y5

Friday 22nd March: Willow Woods – Y1, Evie Goddard & Evie Nuttall – Y5, Kieran Cooke – Y6
Congratulations to you all.

Diary Dates:

Friday 29th March: School closes 3.15 p.m.

April 2019:

Monday 8th – Friday 12th: House of Dance Holiday Club

Monday 15th: School re-opens to children

Friday 19th: Good Friday – Bank Holiday

Monday 22nd: Easter Monday – Bank Holiday

Wednesday 24th: Y4 Burwardsley residential

May 2019:

Monday 6th: Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 13th: Y6 SATs week

Friday 24th: School closes for half term holiday
Hliday club TBC

June 2019:

Monday 3rd: School re-opens

Thursday 6th: Neston Ladies Day

Thursday 6th: Scarecrow Festival Day – details to follow

Tuesday 11th 9.20 a.m. KS2 Sports Day

Tuesday 18th – reserve sports day

Thursday 13th 9.20 a.m. KS1 Sports Day

Thursday 20th – reserve sports day

Friday 21st: Summer Fair - tbc

Community News: Gordale Garden Centre Family Fun Spring Trail from 13.3.19 – 03.04.19

Car Boot Sale – Saturday 27th April, The Old Quay, Parkgate – contact Sophie Middleton 07984396376

Neston Library Easter Events (Sunflowers, Games Club, Easter craft & egg hunt, Easter colouring competition) from Monday 1st April – Thursday 18th April some events are FREE and some are £1.50 per child. Further information from Neston Library

Brio Leisure – Neston Recreation Centre

Holiday Fun 1st -14th April visit brioleisure.org

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**'. We also upload images and news to our website. www.nestonprimaryschool.co.uk

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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



Champions of the Week:

Friday 29th March: Year 2 – Isabella Parnell, Year 3 – Ebonie Butterworth & Grace McNally, Year 4 – Ellie Deer & Elliott McLennan, Year 5 – Ellis Cook.
Congratulations to you all.