



# Newsletter December 2015

## Dates for your Diary

5.1.16 School opens for children

23.1.16 Cross Country Competition at St Bernards Primary 10am. All juniors welcome

2-5.2.16 Y5 Residential visit to the Conway Centre, Anglesey

6.2.16 Cross Country Competition at Woodlands Primary 10am. All juniors welcome

12.2.16 School closes for half term

22.2.16 School opens for children

8&9.3.16 Parent Evenings

## Bethlehem's Buzzin'

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, our Key Stage 1 children successfully performed Bethlehem's Buzzin' in front of packed audiences. The children were amazing! The singing, dancing and acting were all fantastic. Well done to all the children!

## Investors in People GOLD

On Wednesday 11 November, we proudly achieved our second accreditation as a gold Investor in People. The report stated that, 'The school is a very high performing one and its pupils achieve well in all stages of their education. Every child is treated as an individual and the teachers match lessons very well to needs. The school's values and beliefs are fully reflected in its work. The team, parents and the children "live and breathe" these values and they result in a happy and welcoming school that provides high quality education and care.' Well done everyone!

## Friendship Week



Friendship week took place week beginning 16 November and involved a wide range of activities to promote friendship and anti-bullying. Our House Captains delivered some excellent, thought provoking activities with each class and our School Council reviewed and re-wrote part of our

Anti-bullying Policy which can be seen on our website. Well done to Millie, Tilly, Chesney and Ami and our School Council.

## Big Maths

Year 6 children attended a Big Maths event organised by Liverpool University on Thursday 5 November. The event hosted by Neston High School involved children taking part in six maths challenges which they thoroughly enjoyed.

## Safeguarding

In the interests of safeguarding all our children, we ask that any photos or video images taken at any school events, not be posted on any social media site, displaying any other child than your own.

# Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to all our families and friends, for attending and supporting our annual Christmas Fair. Everyone enjoyed the tombola, cake stall, taping a teacher to a wall and visiting Father Christmas, who we were honoured made a guest appearance. The event was a great success raising £2563.88 for school funds. Many thanks to the PTA for providing this wonderful event and to the school choir for their fabulous singing at the village green during the community switching on of the Christmas lights.

# Poetry Day

Children enjoyed taking part in a range of poetry events on Thursday 3 December which they shared with the whole school in sharing assembly at the end of the day. They particularly enjoyed the poems with humour and actions which they loved to perform.



# Pop Project

The whole school enjoyed a visit from the Pop Project on Thursday 19 November who took children through the core 'British Values' of tolerance, liberty, rule of law and equality. Children dressed up in National costumes and sang some fantastic 'pop' songs!

# Parent Questionnaire

Many thanks for your views presented on our recent questionnaire. They are much appreciated. We were delighted to hear that 99% of parents feel that school keeps their child safe and 100% of parents were overall happy with their child's experience in school. Please see our website for all parent's responses to our questionnaire.

# Y4 Football Tournament

Well done to all the Y4 children who represented school at the Neston Football Tournament recently. The team were very successful and have gained a place in the Cheshire Finals in March alongside our Rugby Team. Congratulations!

# Charity Events

Many thanks for your generosity in supporting all our charity events this term. Your contributions to the Poppy Appeal raised £202.53, £448.15 for Children in Need and £531.31 was raised for the NSPCC during Friendship Week and at the Christmas Performances. 71.4kg of food was donated to The Foodbank Team. All very worthy causes. Thank you!

# Choir Community Performances

Our School Choir and Elliott Bujac on piano, recently performed in 3 Community Performances; The Christmas Lights Switch-on, The Mothers' Union and The Monday Club. A very big 'well done' to everyone involved and thank you to parents for supporting these events.



## Kind Donation

We are very grateful to Ball Packaging for their kind donation of £1000 towards the playground refurbishments. Their contribution enabled us to install ramps from two classrooms onto the playground to assist disabled access. A huge thank you!

*A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*