



Newsletter February 2016

Dates for your Diary

5.3.16 Cross Country Competition at Little Sutton Primary 10am. All juniors welcome

8.3.16 Y5&6 Rugby, Netball and Y3&4 Football attend Cheshire Finals.

8, 9 & 10.3.16 Parent Evenings

11.3.16 Debate Day

14.3.16 Enterprise Week. £10 Grow

16.3.16 Neston Primary Schools Orienteering competition

16.3.16 PTA Meeting in Nags Head

18.3.16 Enterprise Week, Market Place

23.3.16 9.30am Easter Church Service

23&24.3.16 Y3, 4 & 5 Performance @ 2pm

29-30.3.16 Y3 Residential visit to Burwardsley

1.4.16 School closes for Easter break

19.4.16 School opens for children

Y5 Residential Visit

On Tuesday 2 February our Y5 children travelled to the Conway Centre on Anglesey for their four day residential visit. Children worked with another Cheshire school on the AEMs Project. (Arts Education in a Multi-cultural Society.) They thoroughly enjoyed the African art work, Indian dancing, Romany storytelling and drama workshops. Staff reported that the children's behaviour was a credit to them. Well done! Many thanks to Miss Hull, Mrs Scott, Miss Ollie, Mrs Peaker and Miss Richardson for supporting the children on this visit.



World Book Day

All the children looked magnificent today. Many thanks for supporting this event and also the book fair which has been running every day this week. We will let you know as soon we have calculated how much money has been raised to spend on books for our school.

Staffing News

We are delighted to report that Mr Hindle has begun a phased return to school this week following his illness. I know you will support us in wishing Mr Hindle all the best and help him to make a full recovery.

We are currently in the process of recruiting a new reception teacher for the start of next academic year. Miss Tweed will take over as reception teacher after the Easter break, supported by Miss Hay who will be leaving us on 30 April to spend more time with her family.

Communication

Communication is very important to us to ensure we work together with parents to provide the very best education that we can for your children. We welcome on-going dialogue with you and provide a weekly drop in session every Monday 3.15-3.45pm where you are welcome to speak to the teachers without an appointment. In addition, beginning on Wednesday 16 March, a Governor representative will also be available on the school playground at 3.15pm every Wednesday should you have any worries or concerns. We do have a Communication Policy which I attach for your information. We do however insist that all communication with us demonstrates the good manners and respect that we expect from everyone in our school community.

Circus Topic

As part of year 1's new topic, The Circus, the children planned their own circus themed morning. They thought about the different acts that they might find at the circus and collected the equipment that they needed to perform each act. The children then performed a variety of circus acts during the themed morning. It was very fun and exciting! We got to make our own big top!

Police Visit

As part of the 'transport and vehicles' topic. Reception were visited by a police car. They were able to climb inside and explore the different items a police officer carries. It was lots of fun! If you have an unusual vehicle which you would be happy to show reception then please speak to Miss Hay



Artist visit - Amy Swann

Year Two took part in a two day workshop with the Artist Amy Swan. Children made 3D animal characters as part of the Entitlement Project. The children's work is amazing and will be displayed in Chester Cathedral later this year. I hope you can visit the exhibition.



Sporting Achievement

This term, Y5 and 6 took part in an indoor athletics competition against the Neston cluster of schools. We achieved a well deserved overall second place. Well done children!

Year 4 have been receiving athletics coaching on a weekly basis at Chester University and Year 6 have also received Quick Sticks coaching. We are very grateful to the University for providing this super activity and for providing the transport. The children have benefitted hugely.

Willaston CE Primary has been very successful in sport this term having reached the Cheshire Finals in Rugby and Netball for Year 5&6 and Football at Year 3&4. The finals will take place next week. Best of luck everyone involved!

Charity Events

Many thanks for supporting the Rota Kids, Purple Crocus Appeal for Polio. The children raised a fantastic £356.11 which was tripled by the Bill Gates Foundation to £1068.33. The crocuses were beautiful too! Well done everyone.

