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**‘a health promoting school’**

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**JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**July**

**17TH parents pop in for coffee and cakes to say goodbye to teachers/TA retiring 2pm onwards (addition)**

20th Leavers’ Assembly

24TH July Term finishes and restarts 3rd September 2018

**September**

3rd September first day back for all

27/28th Y3/4 trip to Speke Hall

**October**

1st Individual photographs 8.30am

18th INSET DAY

19th INSET DAY

**RETIREMENT GOODBYE COFFEE AND CAKES**

Please don’t forget to pop in to say goodbye to Mrs Birch, Mrs While and Mrs Bates on Tuesday afternoon 2pm – they would love to see you and get chance to say goodbye to the wider school community that they have given so much to over the last 28, 32 and 17 years.

**MR DIXON**

Mr Dixon visited school last Friday and saw all the staff and children, who were very excited. He has asked for all families to be thanked for all his cards and gifts of well wishes – they all meant so much to him.

**INTER-SCHOOLS ATHLETICS TOURNAMENT Y5/6**

15 children competed at Neston High and came a brilliant 4th overall but had some even more fantastic wins in their individual events. Hannah B came 1st in the 400m, 3rd in the Long Jump and the girls came 3rd in the relay. Archana came 3rd in the 400m, 1st in Shot-put and first in Javelin and 2nd in Speed Bouncing with Pip C. Pip also came 3rd in the 100m and Anya 1st in the shot-put. Drew W-B came 1st in the 100m and Ewan 3rd in the 800m. Well done team and well done Mr Jones for brilliant coaching and to Miss Nichols for accompanying them.

**WINNERS OF THIS YEAR’S BUSINESS AWARDS**

Some parents may remember that last year we won a Health and Safety award, this year we won again gaining first place for School Security and second place for Art and Craft. Miss Jacob and Miss Wright accompanied Mrs Kimpton and I down to London for the awards ceremony.

**NIKE VIDEO**

Mr Jones and the children enjoyed making the Nike video and we will look forward to getting a copy for our website. Groups of children were taken throughout the day and a drone was even used to get air shots! Unfortunately, the Nike recording man had not got through all children by the end of the day and he had such a tight schedule so he couldn’t return the next day – those who weren’t chosen will have other opportunities in school.

**READING SHELVES REVAMP**

I am sure that you will all be happy to hear that the reading shelves will be replenished over the summer – old books replaced and new books added. Also there will be new plastic baskets to hold the reading books for easier access and to stop them dropping onto the floor.

**KS2 PLAY AREA BREAKAGE**

Unfortunately one of the pieces of wood broke this week whilst a pupil was on it. The creative play inspectors have been out today and have said that they have never seen a piece of wood break like this in all the years that they have been working in the trade and think the constant hot weather may have been a factor. Can I reassure parents that we have the play areas health and safety checked regularly and that they had last been out in the spring term to check the equipment whilst Mr Minton checks it weekly.

**PARKING**

This continues to be an issue around the school, in particularly parking over driveways and blocking the access of local residents. Please take care now and in September when parking your cars.

So another year is over – so much to celebrate and so much to be grateful for. Thank you for all your support and giving over the year – it makes a huge difference that you are all supportive parents and that you listen to us and trust our professional judgements.

Have a lovely summer with your gorgeous children!

My very best wishes.

Mrs Pearson