



# FRIDAY NEWCHURCH

15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## WE HAVE BEEN AWARDED PRIMARY SCIENCE QUALITY MARK!

This September, Primary Science Quality Awards have been awarded to 347 infant, junior, primary, middle and special schools to celebrate a commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning.

The Primary School Quality Mark scheme enables schools to work together to share good practice and is supported by professional development led by local experts. It encourages teacher innovation and development in science subject leadership, teaching and learning.

*The profile and quality of science teaching and learning in each awarded school is very high. Gaining a Primary Science Quality Award is a significant achievement for our school. The award demonstrates that the children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure science understanding and skills. We should all be very proud!*



## YEAR 5 UPDATE

The children have had a busy start to the new school year in Year 5 and are settling in well to their new class. They were excited to start their new topic this week – A Kingdom United.

In their topic lesson, the children became Anglo-Saxons and created their own Anglo-Saxon passport, thinking about reasons why they invaded Britain.

Some of them wrote diary entries describing what it was like to be an Anglo-Saxon, thinking about their jobs, hobbies and where they came from. During their English lessons, the children have been reading a version of the Anglo-Saxon legend 'Beowulf.' They have been exploring the text, considering their likes and dislikes, puzzles and predictions. The children even had a go at developing kennings to describe the beast, Grendel. In art lessons, they have enjoyed sketching artefacts found at the Anglo-Saxon burial ground, Sutton Hoo. In the coming weeks, they are looking forward to learning more and are excited about their trip to Warrington Museum to discover more about Saxon and Viking invaders.

**Alice Burns:** I have enjoyed learning about Beowulf in English.

**Sara Gopikrishnan:** I like doing Anglo-Saxon artwork. It was challenging yet fun.

## Y4 GOSPEL UPDATE

On Tuesday, the children in Year 4 began their gospel singing lessons. The lessons, which are delivered by Accent Music, provide children with a fantastic opportunity to learn many key aspects of singing such as breathing techniques and posture. The children quickly got to grips with their first song of the year entitled 'Siyahambe' (which translates to 'We are Marching') which is a very popular South African Hymn. All of the children enjoyed learning the lyrics as well as the dance moves too.

**Mr Singleton:** I was really impressed with how quickly the children picked up the lyrics to the first song. They grew more and more confident throughout the lesson and showed some impressive dance moves.

**Alfie Williams** - I liked it when we sang 'Siyahambe' because it was very fun to learn the words and the dance moves

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If you have any concerns about Child Protection or Health and Safety,  
Please contact school

## Welcome to the 'E-Schools' platform

Inside your child's reading record book you will be able to find both parent and your child's login details. This will allow you to go onto the class homepage finding websites and information from your child's teacher to support them in their learning.

## OPEN DAYS

This half term, we will be holding our Open Days for parents and children due to start in Reception in September 2018. The dates are as follows:

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 1:30pm**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 10am**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.**

If you know of any children who are pre-school age, why not recommend us to them? Thanks.

## School Meals

**As from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 the price of a school meal will be £2.30.**

Direct Debt payments will automatically be amended, therefore no action will be required by parents.

### SCHOOL DIARY DATES

6.9.17	School reopens
20.9.17	Open afternoon 1:30pm
21.9.17	PTA Meeting
28.9.17	PTA AGM
29.9.17	Individual photos AM
30.9.17	Open morning 10am
4.10.17	Y5 trip to Warrington Museum
4.10.17	Open evening 7pm
11.10.17	Parent Board 6:15pm
11-13.10.17	Y6 to Kingswood
17.10.17	Y5 Bikeability
19.10.17	Monster Ball
20.10.17	School closes
30.10.17	School opens
13.11.17	Progress Week
15.11.17	Parent Board 6:15pm
23.11.17	Parents' evening
29.11.17	Y2 Christmas Journey trip
4.12.17	KS1 Christmas Play 9:30am
5.12.17	KS1 Christmas Play 9:30am
20.12.17	KS2 Christmas Play 1:30pm and 6:30pm
22.12.17	Christmas Assembly 2pm
2.7.18-6.7.18	Book Fair

To help with family financial planning, please be aware, pupils in Year 5 will be going to Kingswood in October and Y4 will be going to Beeston in July 2017.

## READING LADDER w/e 15/9/17

	<b>Y4 100%</b>	
	<b>Y5 92%</b>	
	<b>Y1 81%</b>	
	<b>Y2 73%</b>	
	<b>Y6 70%</b>	
	<b>Y3 73%</b>	
	<b>REC 73%</b>	

Attendance w/e 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
Our whole target is 97.5%



**Y4 94.4%**

**Y6 91.1%**

**REC 90.2%**

**Y2 80.5%**

**Y5 77.2%**

Please remember to telephone school if your child is unwell so that such absences can be recorded as authorised. If permission is not given for a holiday or we are not informed of the reason for an absence, it will have to be recorded as unauthorised. Thank you.

## School Blog

Please look at our School Blogs on the front page of our website this weekend for the latest class news.

**THIS WEEK IT IS THE TURN OF:**

**NEWCHURCH BLOG                      Y3**  
**MATHEMATICS                            Y1**  
**READING BLOG                            Y6**

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Narraway