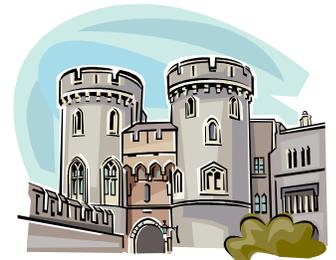




NESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

27th September 2013



Welcome Back

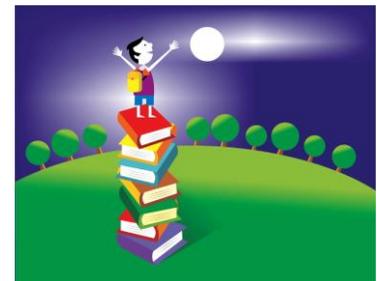
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school, we hope you had a lovely summer break and feel refreshed and ready for another exciting school year. The "Great Hall", is starting to take shape and I am delighted to say that all the children have made a great start to the new school year, enthusiastically embracing all learning opportunities and new routines. We give an especially warm welcome to our new pupils, firstly to our youngest children in Willow Class. Also welcome to the children in other year groups who have moved to Neston school.

Website

Thank you to those parents who completed the reply slip regarding feedback on our new website. It is always useful to know the sorts of information you feel will help you support your child. Our new website is currently being revamped as we speak and we are aiming to launch it in the next few weeks. It is a work in progress and we aim to continually add to it so that it becomes a vital source of communication and information. We are keen to go "live" asap.

Children's Book Week

National Children's Book Week runs from 7th to 11th October. We are planning some fun reading and storytelling activities during this week with the emphasis on reading for pleasure :). We will also be holding our annual book fair starting Wednesday 16th October. Look out for more details coming soon in a separate letter.



After-school Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities.

Many children have already signed up for after school clubs. This year we have a huge variety of clubs on offer and are always delighted with how popular clubs are with our children. Our own staff are, as in previous years, running a selection of other clubs in their own time.

Music

In addition to the above we can also offer music lessons, currently in piano, clarinet, guitar or violin. Please contact the office if your child is interested in learning any of these instruments.



Parking

Parking continues to pose a problem for us and the residents. I thank you for your continued support in either walking to school or parking in areas which don't pose potential hazards for bus drivers, our children and the local residents. The coned area is reserved for coaches, kindly do not park in this area at any time.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to those of you who managed to attend the "Meet the Teacher," events which have been taking place over the last few weeks. We hope you found them useful and that you were able to ask lots of questions. (Willow class "Meet the Teacher" date to follow.)

Your support is always valued and as ever we want to see as many parents as possible coming into school to offer support in the classrooms. Our teachers really appreciate parental help. Please talk to your class teachers if you feel you can spare us some of your time and share some of your skills or indeed if you have any questions about your child's learning or any aspect of our school life.

Dates for your diaries

We will be issuing a list of key events, next week, for this academic year. Some dates are already on the school website.

And finally...

Since I started at the school 18 months ago, we have been through some enormous changes together. We have improved SATS results in Key stage 2, a higher percentage of children are achieving level 3 in key stage 1, we have improved phonics scores and there is a definite sense that the children are flourishing. It has been a challenging time for the school with the disturbance as a result of the new build and it is now a real pleasure for me to see the positive effect and impact on the children and the staff.

Their resilience has shown what can be achieved when we all stick together. This is our school, these are our children, let's give them a brilliant year.

Pam Evans
Head Teacher