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*Where learning adventures begin...*



## **Neston Festival of Reading 2015**

*Celebrating reading for pleasure: Then and Now!*



We are delighted to announce the launch of Neston's third annual Festival of Reading where we will be celebrating reading for pleasure. Our theme this year is all about children and grown-ups sharing our favourite stories: **Then and Now.**

The Neston Festival of Reading will launch on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October** with a musical book-related assembly led by Mrs Evans and an introduction to the book-related whole school home learning which will be handed out on the day. The home learning will be based on our "then and now" theme. So, grown-ups you may want to start thinking about what your favourite book was when you were a child... More details will follow!

Our festival will continue on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**, when we will have our **Big Read Assembly**. This is an opportunity for the whole school to come together and read for pleasure at the same time in the school hall. All we ask is that the children have a book with them in school that they are currently reading. This was a great success last year.

In addition, our **Book Fair** will open after school in the hall on the **Wednesday**. There will be lots of great books to buy at affordable prices. The Book Fair is our key annual fundraiser for the library. Out of every £1 you spend at the Book Fair, the school gets 40p back to spend on books for the school library. Last year, because of your support, we were able to buy £700 of new books for the library. Keeping the library stocked with lovely books that engage your children is a vital part of our mission to help the children in our school fall in love with reading for life. The Book Fair will be open for business all week at 8.30am every morning from Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October and straight after school until Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you in advance for your support.

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October, there will be a special **Record Breaking Reading Army** celebration. Our aim will be to give as many children as possible the opportunity to read with an adult at Reading Army during the afternoon. Led by Mrs James, around 50 children a week regularly get to read with the Reading Army – so the challenge is on!

On **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October** you are invited to join us for our very popular **Books and Bacon** event. From 8.00am in the morning we will be cooking up a sizzling breakfast and we encourage all children to bring a grown-up to come along and read a newspaper, magazine, book, back of a cereal packet...while enjoying a bacon sandwich or some cereal. The **Book Fair** will be open during this event. If you are able to come along to this fun event please fill in the slip below so we have an idea of how many to cater for! (NB a hard copy of the reply slip will be sent home with your child). Every child who brings a grown-up will be entered into a **free prize draw** to win a book token to spend at the Book Fair.

On **Friday** children are also invited to come to school in their pyjamas! After all, bedtime is when lots of us love to read and share a story. Teddy bears are invited to come along too. 😊

Thank you in advance for your support with the Reading Festival. Happy reading!

**Books and Bacon – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

**Reply Slip (please see email titled “Neston Festival of Reading 2015” for more information)**

Please return this slip to the school office:

Name of child/children.....

Class(es).....

Adults .....

will be coming to **“Books and Bacon”** on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 8.00am to 8.45am.

This event is funded by school but any donations on the day to our Reading Fund will be most welcome 😊