



NEWSLETTER - February 2024

Dear Parents /Carers

As we approach the end of term 4, I would like to thank you all for your support. Strong community partnerships are truly what make a school and it has been a pleasure leading Neston through this new phase alongside passionate and caring parents, a dedicated staff team and such inspiring children.

There has been much to celebrate this term. Alongside theatre shows (thank you FoNS), visitors and many extracurricular events, the children have experienced some incredible learning opportunities.

I would like to thank Mrs Fortune and Miss Sharman who have settled so well into the Neston team as well as all of the staff for their care and going 'above and beyond' day in day out.

I have updated some key dates below. Please check these carefully to ensure you are aware of all upcoming events.

I wish you a wonderful half term and look forward to greeting you in term 4.

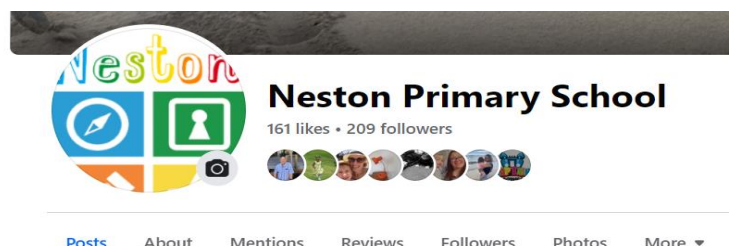
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Mr Gary Risdale
Interim Head Teacher

Please view our updated Facebook page to see celebrations of weekly learning:



<https://www.facebook.com/nestonschool/>



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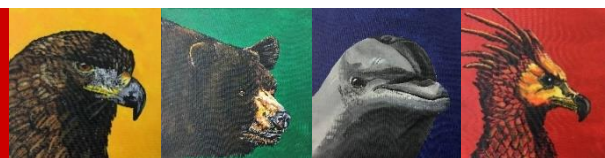
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2023-2024

February 2024

DATE	EVENT
Friday 9 th	INSET- school closed
Monday 12 th	Half Term
Monday 19 th	Term 4 Starts
Monday 19th	Maple Class to British Museum

March 2024

DATE	EVENT
Friday 1 st	Cricket Taster Sessions
5 th – 8 th	Beech Residential
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Thursday 7 th	Books & Bacon – Details to Follow
W/B 11th	Science Week
Thursday 14th	Hot Air Balloon Visit
Friday 15 th	Comic Relief / Red Nose day
Friday 22 nd	KS2 Intra House Rugby Tournament
Tuesday 26th	Oak – Phonics Briefing – 2.45pm
Thursday 28th	Parent End of Term 4 Celebration Assembly
Friday 29 th	Easter Break

April 2024

DATE	EVENT
Monday 1st	Academy Conversion to Mosaic Partnership trust
Monday 15 th	Term 5 Starts
W/B 15 th	Workshare Sessions
Thursday 18th	Hazel Class to Stonehenge

May 2024

Thursday 9th	Willow Class to Butterfly World
Monday 13 th	KS2 SATs Week
Thursday 23rd	Reports out to Parents
Friday 24th	Parent End of Term 5 Celebration Assembly
Friday 24 th	School Games Day
Monday 27 th	Half Term

June 2024

DATE	EVENT
Monday 3 rd	INSET- school closed
Tuesday 4 th	Term 6 Starts
W/B 3 rd	Chestnut – Multiplication Tables Check
W/B 10 th	Oak – Phonics Screening Check
Tuesday 11th	Parents' Evening Consultation Appointments
Thursday 13th	Parents' Evening Consultation Appointments
17 th – 19 th	Chestnut - Braeside Residential

July 2024

DATE	EVENT
W/B 1 st	Workshare Sessions
W/B 8 th	Meet the Teacher Sessions
W/B 15 th	Meet the Teacher Sessions
Tuesday 16 th	Beech Leavers Assembly (TBC)
Friday 19 th	KS2 Intra House Cricket Tournament
Tuesday 23rd	Parent End of Term 6 Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 24 th	INSET- school closed
Thursday 25 th	Summer Holidays – End of The Academic Year

New Dates Will Be Added In Red

Class assembly dates will be confirmed in next term's newsletter



REPORTING ABSENCE

Please could we remind parents of the following procedures for reporting your child absent:-

- If your child is absent from school, please call 01225 810478 and leave a brief explanation on the absence answerphone before 9.10am –**Please phone for every day of absence**
- If you need to notify us that your child will be absent due to an appointment please email the office admin@neston.wilts.sch.uk
- If you wish to request a leave of absence, please complete and return the relevant form (which can be obtained from the school office or online via <http://nestonprimary.co.uk/useful-links-forms>) which will then be passed to Mrs Evans for consideration.

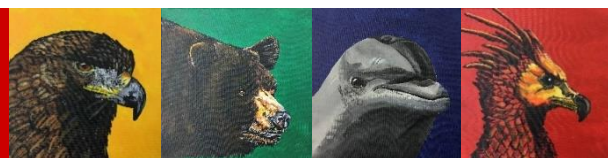
As part of our Safeguarding procedures, we will contact parents of those children who are not present for registration.

Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days



Percentage attendance	What this means for your child
98%	Excellent attendance that will contribute towards excellent learning and progress.
96-97%	Good attendance that will contribute towards good learning and progress.
93-95%	Average attendance & monitored closely
80-92%	Below average attendance that may begin to have an adverse effect on learning and progress. The school will closely monitor the absences and reasons for them. The Educational Welfare Officer may become involved and a school attendance meeting may take place.
Less than 80%	Very poor attendance that will have a negative effect on learning and progress. The Educational Welfare Officer will become involved in supporting the family to improve attendance.



School Dinners



Please can we remind you that meals need to be ordered at least one week in advance.

The **booking deadline is midnight on a Wednesday** and a text is sent out at 6pm on Wednesday every week.

If you miss the midnight deadline, ParentPay will not allow you to book meals for the following week. You will still be able to order for subsequent weeks, with the option to book for the whole term, if you wish.

If you do miss the booking deadline, you will need to provide a home packed lunch for the whole of the following week.

Our kitchen orders the food and prepares the meals based on the number of dinners booked on a Wednesday. This helps to reduce food wastage and keeps costs down, which is especially important with the current economic climate.

We thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PACKED LUNCH OPTIONS ARE FOR CHILDREN
IN KS2 ONLY (YEARS 3 TO 6)**



Children should come to school in their PE kit.

Willow – Tuesday
Oak – Monday & Thursday
Silver Birch – Wednesday & Friday
Hazel – Tuesday & Wednesday
Chestnut – Wednesday & Thursday
Maple – Tuesday & Friday
Beech – Tuesday & Friday

Maple and Beech classes should wear their school uniform on the days they have swimming



TERM DATES 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023						
M		4	11	18	25		M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27	
Tu		5	12	19	26		Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28	
W		6	13	20	27		W		4	11	18	25		W	1	8	15	22	29	
Th		7	14	21	28		Th		5	12	19	26		Th	2	9	16	23	30	
F	1	8	15	22	29		F		6	13	20	27		F	3	10	17	24		
Sa	2	9	16	23	30		Sa		7	14	21	28		Sa	4	11	18	25		
Su	3	10	17	24			Su	1	8	15	22	29		Su	5	12	19	26		

December 2023						January 2024						February 2024					
M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26
Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		6	13	20	27
W		6	13	20	27	W	3	10	17	24	31	W		7	14	21	28
Th		7	14	21	28	Th	4	11	18	25		Th	1	8	15	22	29
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March 2024						April 2024						May 2024					
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June 2024						July 2024						August 2024					
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Bank and Public Holidays 2023/2024

Christmas Day Holiday	25 th December 2023
Boxing Day Holiday	26 th December 2023
New Year's Holiday	1 st January 2024
Good Friday	29 th March 2024
Easter Monday	1 st April 2024
May Day Holiday	6 th May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 th May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 th August 2024

Term dates summary:

Term 1	34 days
Term 2	38 days
Term 3	27 days
Term 4	29 days
Term 5	29 days
Term 6	38 days
TOTAL	195 Days

KEY:

	School Holidays
	Bank & Public Holidays
	Inset Days (SCHOOL CLOSED)
	SATS week – Year 6

Staff Inset Days (SCHOOL CLOSED):

Term 1	September 1 st and 4 th 2023
Term 3	February 9 th
Term 6	June 3 rd & July 24 th



Please visit our website to view all the before and after school clubs that are on offer

<http://nestonprimary.co.uk/school-clubs>

Please note, in line with our *Safeguarding* and *Child Protection* policies, parents cannot remain on site during their child's club.



FoNS – Who We Are

Friends of Neston School (FoNS) formed in 1998 and registered as a charity in 2001 with the purpose to advance the education of the pupils at Neston School with two main aims:

- Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school
- Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the School and advance the education of the pupils

We are always seeking ways to improve and evolve as your children progress through the school. We welcome any new ideas and suggestions for events.

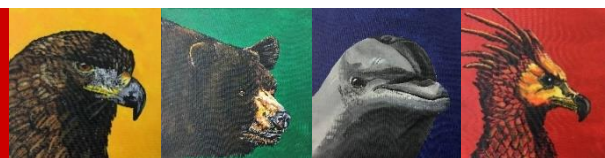
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Did you know that FoNS have their own Facebook page?

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Neston-School-711133625923126/>

Follow us for our school fundraising activities!

Dates and events will be added to the Newsletter once a they have been finalised.



MUSIC LESSONS

Did you know we have some amazing music teachers who offer private music tuition in piano and guitar?

Please visit our webpage for further details

<http://nestonprimary.co.uk/parents>



Please can we ask that parents are considerate of our neighbours and cautious where you park at drop off and pick up times. This includes leaving the bus stop free for the school bus and not blocking the entrance to the school car park, as this is required at all times.

Please also be mindful that cars leaving the car park cannot always see out onto the road clearly.

We thank you for your continued support in this matter.

OUR SCHOOL DAY



8.30am	School Office Opens
8.45am	School Gates Unlocked
8.50am	Our school day starts. Children will be welcomed into class where an activity will be waiting for them.
9.00am	Registration
9.10am	Registration Closes / School Gates Locked
10.15am	KS1 Break / Snack Time
10.30am	KS2 Break / Snack Time
12.15 – 1.15pm	Lunchtime
3.15pm	School Gates Unlocked
3.15pm	Home Time
3.30pm	School Gates Locked & School Office Closes