



Where Learning Adventures Begin...

**NESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

4th January 2023

Issue N^o 10

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to the delights of 2023.

Training Day

Yesterday, our Training Day comprised of our Ofsted inspector friend (Mr Dave Smith) interviewing our subject leaders. Mr Smith asked about how we have developed our curriculum so that learning builds on learning, children know more and remember more, and how we provide memorable learning experiences for all children. Our subject leaders made sterling efforts to respond to some tricky questions and, as with all good training, we have some tiny development points to action.

Our Curriculum Across The Year Groups

This term, our curriculum promises again to be exciting, innovative and fulfilling:-

- Year 6 will be learning about the physical and human features of the Stackpole Estate as they prepare to experience this first hand during their residential trip. They will also be studying Shaun Tan's graphic novel, 'The Arrival', and relating this to current events across the world.
- Year 5 will be studying Britain's settlements by the Anglo-Saxons and Scots and linking this to high quality texts such as 'Anglo Saxon Boy' by Tony Bradman and 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo.
- Year 4 will be exploring the Greeks and their achievements and influence on the Western World. They will study the Greek myth, 'Daedalus and Icarus', identifying its features as a stimulus for their own writing.
- Year 3 will be learning about changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. They will link their knowledge to features of Wiltshire now and during the Stone Age, understanding why Wiltshire was a good place to settle.
- Year 2 will be exploring 'African Tales' by Geina Mhlophe and comparing England with a non-European country.
- Year 1 will study toys through the ages and discover how to make wheels and axles.
- Finally, children in Reception will learn about pre-history, namely dinosaurs. They will complete science experiments to discover melting and freezing. Phoneme/grapheme correspondence will also be studied.

We continue to put a love of reading at the heart of our curriculum. Being able to read fluently opens up so many doors and allows access to an enriching and fulfilling curriculum. If you would like to see our curriculum maps in full, please take a peep at our website <http://nestonprimary.co.uk/curriculum>

Thank you for your continued support.

With warmest wishes

P. Evans



**Healthy Schools
WILTSHIRE**



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.

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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2022-2023

JANUARY 2023	
DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 3 rd	TD Day – School closed
Wednesday 4 th	Term 3 Starts
Monday 9 th	Oak Phonics Briefing 2.45pm
Monday 16 th	Chestnut Multiplication Tables Check Briefing 2.45pm
Monday 23 rd	Silver Birch SATs Briefing 2.45pm
Monday 30 th	Beech SATs Briefing 2.45pm

FEBRUARY 2023	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 13 th	Half Term
Monday 20 th	Term 4 Starts

MARCH 2023	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 6 th	Silver Birch Workshare 2.45pm
Tuesday 7 th	Chestnut Workshare 2.45pm
Wednesday 8 th	Oak Workshare 8.50am
Wednesday 8 th	Beech Workshare 2.45pm
Thursday 9 th	Hazel Workshare 8.50am
Thursday 9 th	Willow Workshare 2.45pm
Friday 10 th	Maple Workshare 2.45pm
Tues 21 st	Beech Stackpole Residential
Friday 31 st	Reports

APRIL 2023	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 3 rd	Easter Break
Monday 17 th	Term 5 Starts

May 2023	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 1 st	Bank Holiday
Friday 5 th	Class Photos / Year 6 Leavers
W/C 8 th	KS2 SATs
Monday 8 th	Bank Holiday–His Majesty’s Coronation
Friday 26 th	School Games Day
Monday 29 th	Half Term

JUNE 2023	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 5 th	Term 6 Starts
Monday 12 th	Oak Workshare 2.45pm
Tuesday 13 th	Chestnut Workshare 2.45pm
Wednesday 14 th	Beech Workshare 8.50am
Wednesday 14 th	Silver Birch Workshare 2.45pm
Wednesday 14 th	Chestnut Braeside Residential
Thursday 15 th	Hazel Workshare 8.50am
Thursday 15 th	Willow Workshare 2.45pm
Friday 16 th	Maple Workshare 8.50am
Thursday 22 nd	Parents’ Evening
Tuesday 27 th	Parents’ Evening

JULY 2023	
DATE	EVENT
W/C 10 th TBC	Meet The Teacher Sessions
Tuesday 11 th	New Class Changeover
W/C 17 th TBC	Meet The Teacher Sessions
Tuesday 18 th	Beech Leavers Assembly
Monday 24 th	TD Day – School closed
Tuesday 25 th	TD Day – School closed
Wednesday 26 th	Summer Break

New Dates Will Be Added In Red



September 2022							October 2022							November 2022						
M		5	12	19	26		M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28	
Tu		6	13	20	27		Tu		4	11	18	25		Tu	1	8	15	22	29	
W		7	14	21	28		W		5	12	19	26		W	2	9	16	23	30	
Th	1	8	15	22	29		Th		6	13	20	27		Th	3	10	17	24		
F	2	9	16	23	30		F		7	14	21	28		F	4	11	18	25		
Sa	3	10	17	24			Sa	1	8	15	22	29		Sa	5	12	19	26		
Su	4	11	18	25			Su	2	9	16	23	30		Su	6	13	20	27		

December 2022							January 2023							February 2023						
M		5	12	19	26		M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27	
Tu		6	13	20	27		Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28	
W		7	14	21	28		W		4	11	18	25		W	1	8	15	22		
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Sa	3	10	17	24	31		Sa		7	14	21	28		Sa	4	11	18	25		
Su	4	11	18	25			Su	1	8	15	22	29		Su	5	12	19	26		

March 2023							April 2023							May 2023						
M		6	13	20	27		M		3	10	17	24		M	1	8	15	22	29	
Tu		7	14	21	28		Tu		4	11	18	25		Tu	2	9	16	23	30	
W	1	8	15	22	29		W		5	12	19	26		W	3	10	17	24	31	
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June 2023							July 2023							August 2023						
M		5	12	19	26		M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28	
Tu		6	13	20	27		Tu		4	11	18	25		Tu	1	8	15	22	29	
W		7	14	21	28		W		5	12	19	26		W	2	9	16	23	30	
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Bank and Public Holidays 2022/2023

Queen's State Funeral	19 th September 2022
Boxing Day Holiday	26 th December 2022
Christmas Day Holiday	27 th December 2022
New Years Holiday	2 nd January 2023
Good Friday	7 th April 2023
Easter Monday	10 th April 2023
May Day Holiday	1 st May 2023
His Majesty's Coronation	8 th May 2023
Spring Bank Holiday	29 th May 2023
Summer Bank Holiday	28 th August 2023

Term dates summary:

Term 1	35 days
Term 2	35 days
Term 3	29 days
Term 4	30 days
Term 5	29 days
Term 6	37 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	1 st & 2 nd September 2022
Term 3	3 rd January 2023
Term 6	24 th & 25 th July 2023



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.

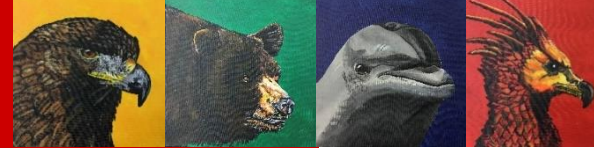
Our kitchen orders the food and prepares the meals based on the number of dinners booked on a Wednesday. This helps to reduce food wastage and keeps costs down, which is especially important with the current economic climate.

We thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

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



Wednesday 16th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Meal Price Increase

As you will be fully aware, the UK has, and continues to, experience significant inflation across all sectors. This has had an impact on the cost of living, including the cost of food and energy.

Due to the current economic climate, our catering company have had to increase the cost of the supply of our school meals.

Chartwells have sought to absorb as much of these rising costs as possible which is why they have been able to hold our current meal price since 2018, but it is clear that they need to take urgent action, to reflect the true cost of products.

Therefore, from 1st January 2023, our school **meals will increase from £2.30 to £2.55 per meal.**

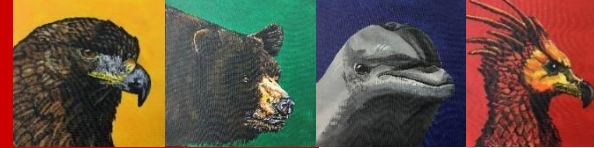
We would like to highlight that whilst this increase may seem to be high, we are still providing pupils with a balanced two course lunch which is freshly cooked on-site daily.

You will continue to book all meals in advance on ParentPay and the change will automatically come into effect once bookings for meals in January opens towards the end of the term.

We hope that you can understand our move towards covering the costs of providing hot, nutritious meals for our children.

Kind Regards

Juanita Morgan
School Business Manager



At Neston school we are committed to keeping our young people safe online. We teach online safety as part of our computing curriculum and support our children to learn how to stay safe from different risks online and where they can go to get help and advice.

We want all the children at Neston school to feel confident that they can stay safe online. If you need any further support with issues relating to online safety then please speak to a member of staff. You can also check out our online safety page on the school website <http://nestonprimary.co.uk/e-safety> which contains up to date information and links to further online safety resources.



Please can we ask that you 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 have had complaints by local residents of driveways being blocked.

We have also recently received a complaint from a cyclist who felt other road users were not considerate and drove too closely to them.

We thank you for your continued support in this matter.



Family and Community Learning Course List Spring 2023

Wellbeing and confidence building

Discovering Confidence	Wednesday 18 January	10-12	1 session	Online
Manage Worries Positively	Friday 20 January	10-12	1 session	Online
Confidence and New Directions	Wednesdays Starting 25 January for five weeks	10-12	5 sessions	Online
Wellbeing	Fridays Starting 27 January for five weeks	10-12	5 sessions	Online
Walk and Talk for Wellbeing	Thursdays Starting 12 January for ten weeks	10-12	10 sessions	Tidworth

Skills for adults

Working in Schools	Wednesdays Starting 11 January for five weeks	10-12	5 sessions	Online
Intermediate ESOL	Thursdays Starting 12 January for five weeks	10-12	5 sessions	Online
Boost Your Employability Skills	Tuesdays and Thursdays Starting 12 January for ten sessions	10-12	10 sessions	Online
Enhance Your English	Thursdays and Tuesdays Starting 16 February for ten sessions	10-12	10 sessions	Online
Customer Service	Mondays and Fridays Starting 20 February for four sessions	10-12	4 sessions	Online
Grow Your Community	Wednesdays Starting 22 February for ten sessions	9:30-11:30	10 sessions	Marden Vale School
Higher ESOL	Thursdays Starting 23 February for five sessions	10-12	10 sessions	Online

Family skills

Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry	Tuesday 10 January	10-12	1 session	Online
Phonics Games	Tuesday 21 February	10-12	1 session	Online
Helping My Child with Phonics	Tuesdays Starting 28 February	10-12	5 sessions	Online

Contact us for more information or to sign up: 01225 770478

familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>



Make your money go *further*

Shop for Less

Make your money go further
with this cost-cutting course.

Next course...

Monday, 16 January 2023
1.30pm-3.30pm

Doorway, The Citadel, Bath Rd,
Chippenham SN15 2AB

Apply by 5 January 2023

Our courses are **free**, if you are over 19
years old, a resident in UK/EU for over
three years, live in Wiltshire and meet
any of the following criteria:

- less than five GCSEs grades A-C
- in receipt of benefits
- a military family
- a family with SEN child / children
- are unemployed and seeking
employment

To find out more

visit **workwiltshire.co.uk/events**,
call **01225 770 478** or email
[familyandcommunitylearning@](mailto:familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk)
[wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk)



Wiltshire Council



Feel **empowered** to make positive changes



Discovering Confidence

Take your first step towards
building your confidence.

Next course...

Wednesday, 18 January 2023
10am-12noon
Online course

Apply by 9 January 2023

Our courses are free, if you are over 19
years old, a resident in UK/EU for over
three years, live in Wiltshire and meet
any of the following criteria:

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Take control of your budget
and learn how to plan for
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1.30pm-3.30pm

Doorway, The Citadel, Bath Rd,
Chippenham SN15 2AB

Apply by 12 January 2023



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FoNS events 2022-2023

GET IN TOUCH WITH
HARRIET@FRIENDSOFNESTONSCHOOL.ORG.UK
TO GET INVOLVED. WE NEED YOU!



Date	Event
9th December	Christmas Disco in conjunction with Neston preschool
12th December	Last date for donations for Christmas hampers. Raffle will be drawn on 15th December
8th February to 22nd February	The fRUNdraiser. Get your trainers on and walk/run some miles for your House.
End of March	Easter trail around the school grounds
23rd April	FoNS provide marshals for Corsham 10km
7th May	Groundforce day - let's get those flowers planted!
26th May	Cakes and drinks for supporters at Sports Day



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. To be a part of this great team please contact FoNS Chair, Harriet Thaneja harriet@friendsofnestonschool.org.uk

facebook

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.



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.



Please see details below of when each class has their PE days.

Children should come to school in their PE kit.

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



MUSIC LESSONS

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

Please visit our webpage for further details

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





Please can we remind parents that dogs are not allowed on the school premises. We'd be grateful if they could be kept back from the school gate too. Thank you



MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Please can we remind parents that if your child requires medication during school hours, that a form is completed and returned to the school office, along with any medicines that are clearly named.

Children should not have medicine in their school bags and self-administer. This can include creams, calpol, ibuprofen, hayfever tablets etc.

If you need to complete a form, these can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website via - <http://nestonprimary.co.uk/useful-links-forms>

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact the school office on admin@neston.wilts.sch.uk

We thank you for your support in this matter.