



Where Learning Adventures Begin...

**NESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

23rd January 2023

Issue Nº 11

Dear Parents / Carers

Children's Leadership Team

Firstly, I would like to say congratulations to Edie, Harry, Lauren and Francesca for being chosen to be members of the Children's Leadership Team. They will be focusing on supporting the well-being of the children and over time will be trained to become well-being mentors. They are currently devising anti-bullying posters and raising money for a 'Buddy Bench' which will take pride of place on the school playground. This will be an area for children to sit if they need support finding friends or if they just need someone to talk to. Please watch this space for the fundraising ideas the children will be planning over the coming weeks.

FONS

FONS have kindly donated to the school some well-needed funds which we will be putting to good use. These comprise:

1. Green Boxes from Wiltshire Council which contain:

curriculum themed collections which can include artefacts, puppets, soft toys, interactive whiteboard activities, books, CDs of sound effects, music and songs, DVDs of film clips and full-length films and programmes, web links, photos artefacts, models, specimens, equipment, early years, role play, topic and themed, computing curriculum collections (cameras, software and programming), framed pictures, art reproductions, dressing up clothes and costumes. Also, fiction books, non-fiction books, topic and themed, classroom sets, guided reading sets, targeted collections (e.g. reluctant and books for boys, girls, dyslexia friendly), picture books, books with film/TV series, talking/listening books, animated books, poetry, play sets and dual language books and CDROMs, DVDs of feature films, educational series and TV programmes, themed boxed sets, film clips, sound effects and speeches. Augmented Reality resources, streamed video content via Vimeo and pre-recorded school visitors (eg a Viking or an Egyptologist). These boxes are refreshed each term, thus supporting our new themes.

2. The Life Bus

The Life Bus links to our Personal, Social and Health Education and supports children's understanding on how to stay healthy physically and mentally.

3. A History Timeline

This Timeline is bespoke to our school and supports children's understanding of historical chronology. It covers all of the periods in history which the children will learn during their time at Neston and is a crucial visual resource which will bring our curriculum to life. It has now arrived, and we are just waiting for it to be assembled. Exciting!

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4. Musical Instruments.

Tuned and untuned percussion instruments which will support our delivery of the music curriculum.

We cannot thank FONS enough for their tireless fundraising efforts to support our school. Without them, none of the above would be possible as our school budget simply would not go far enough.

With warmest wishes

P. Evans.



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
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		
Th	1	8	15	22	29		Th		5	12	19	26		Th	2	9	16	23		
F	2	9	16	23	30		F		6	13	20	27		F	3	10	17	24		
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	
Th	2	9	16	23	30		Th		6	13	20	27		Th	4	11	18	25		
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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	
Th	1	8	15	22	29		Th		6	13	20	27		Th	3	10	17	24	31	
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		

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



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 thank you for your continued support in this matter.



Nominations are now open for the Town Council's 2023 Community Awards

Why not nominate a local champion who makes Corsham a better place?

Nomination forms and details can be collected from the Town Hall or posted, emailed or downloaded

Call: 01249 702130

Email: towncouncil@corsham.gov.uk

Visit: www.corsham.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE : FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2023

For more information please contact:
Corsham Town Council, Town Hall, High Street, Corsham,
Wiltshire SN13 0EZ
Tel: 01249 702130 Email: sthomas@corsham.gov.uk
www.corsham.gov.uk



Corsham Town Council Community Awards 2023

Awards Criteria and Nomination Form

Corsham Town Council would like to reward individuals or groups within the town and parish for their outstanding work and extraordinary achievements. Corsham Town Council's Community Awards scheme has been set up to thank people for their dedication to, and enthusiasm for, making Corsham a better place to live, work and visit. We would like to recognise and promote these committed individuals and groups within the community and celebrate their fantastic efforts.



Awards Criteria

- There are no set categories, but think about an individual, or a group, who has:
 - Made a positive contribution to the parish of Corsham, with - for example - voluntary work, or helping a youth group, or caring for the elderly, or improving people's wellbeing;
 - Made a real difference to their school or community;
 - Set up a sports group, or helped with coaching, or achieved an outstanding level within their chosen field;
 - Been inspirational when it comes to the Arts (music, theatre, dance, visual arts, etc);
 - Made a real difference to the environment in which we live.
- There is no age restriction: young people can be nominated for an award.
- Nominees do not have to be residents of Corsham, but their achievement/contribution must, in some way, benefit the parish of Corsham.
- We may need to contact you and/or the nominee for further information.
- Anyone can put forward a nomination, except the members of the Awards Panel.
- Self-nominations will not be accepted. Town Councillors and Town Council staff are not eligible for nomination.
- **Anyone who has received a Community or Chairman's Award in the previous five years (2018-2022) is NOT eligible to win again** (see attached list), but those who won before 2018, or have been nominated in any year but did not win, can be nominated again.
- Nominations will not be acknowledged, but all nominees – whether the winner of an award or not – will be notified of their nomination once the Awards Panel has made their selection.
- **Nominations must be received by the closing date of Friday 17 March 2023.**
- A minimum of three Community Awards (for individuals or groups) will be given in 2023.
- Winners will receive a framed certificate. The awards will be presented at a special 'Corsham Celebrates' event at the Town Hall on 20 April 2023.
- Photographs will be taken at the presentation and may be used in publicity and on the Town Council website.

Please provide YOUR name and contact details as the person making this nomination for a Community Award

Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Please provide contact details for the PERSON OR GROUP YOU ARE NOMINATING for a Community Award. (Please check, using the attached list, that your nominee has NOT won a Community Award in the past five years (2018-2022).)

Name:

Age (for under-18s only):

Address:

Email (if known):

Telephone:



Please provide information below about the nominee(s) and explain what they have done to deserve your nomination and why they should win a Community Award.
(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.)

- Awards are discretionary.
- The decision of Corsham Town Council is final. No appeals will be accepted.
- For information on how Corsham Town Council uses your personal data, including your rights as a data subject, see our privacy policy and retention of records policy at www.corsham.gov.uk/information/policies.php. Your personal information will not be used for anything other than in relation to the Community Awards.

Please return your completed nomination, by **Friday 17 March 2023**, to:

Sharon Thomas
Head of Community Services
Corsham Town Hall
High Street
Corsham
SN13 0EZ
Email: stthomas@corsham.gov.uk
Telephone: 01249 702130



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/>



Feel **empowered** to make positive changes



Wellbeing

Learn healthy coping strategies for stressful times with the Five Ways to Wellbeing.

Next five-week course...

Every Tuesday,
from 31 January 2023

10am-12noon

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

Apply by 24 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@wiltshire.gov.uk



Wiltshire Council



Volunteer Vacancy

Would you like to make a difference to the lives of families in your local area?

The RISE Family Visiting Service (FVS) is completely free for families in the North Wiltshire area and can be accessed by anyone with a child under 5.

As a volunteer you would be matched with a family to provide practical and/or emotional support in the home or within the community.

A commitment of at least 6 months is required for these roles.

To find out more please join us on Tues 24th January 2023 for our information morning or contact Vicky Watt, Volunteer Coordinator for more details on vickyw@therisetrust.org

Key Dates:

- FVS information morning: Tues 24th Jan 2023, 9.30-11.30am Spring RISE Children's Centre, Frogwell, Chippenham SN14 0DG
- Register of interest by Tues 7th February 2023
- Volunteer Induction Training: Weds, 1st March, 9.30am – 1pm The Oaks Children's Centre, Chippenham SN15 1DU
- Family Visiting Training: to fit with your availability

The RISE Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all volunteers and staff to share in this commitment.

These roles are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and are subject to satisfactory references, an enhanced disclosure and barring service check and training as appropriate.



The Rise Trust, The Oaks, Chippenham SN15 1DU
01249 463040
www.therisetrust.org





WYVERN THEATRE SUMMER YOUTH PROJECT

PRESENTS

THE WIZARD of OZ

By **L. Frank Baum**

With Music and Lyrics by
Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg

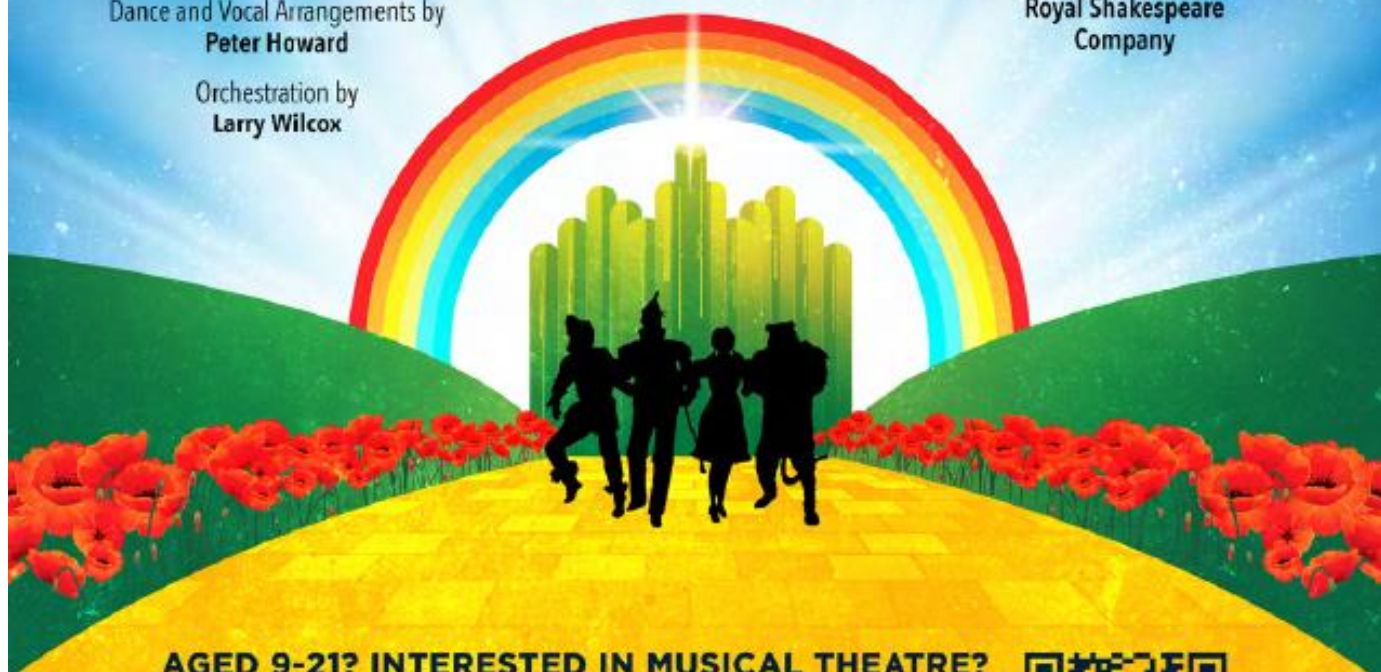
Background Music by
Herbert Stothart

Dance and Vocal Arrangements by
Peter Howard

Orchestration by
Larry Wilcox

Based upon the Classic
Motion Picture owned by
Turner Entertainment Co.
and distributed in all media
by **Warner Bros.**

Adapted by **John Kane** for the
**Royal Shakespeare
Company**



**AGED 9-21? INTERESTED IN MUSICAL THEATRE?
SUMMER YOUTH PROJECT IS BACK!
AUDITIONS SUN 26 APRIL
LEARN MORE AND APPLY [BIT.LY/SYP23](https://bit.ly/SYP23)**



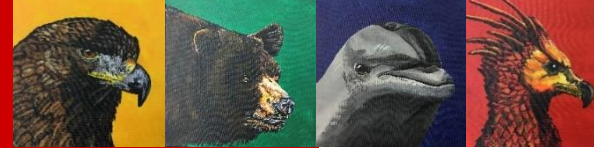


FoNS events 2022-2023

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>



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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.