



Neston Primary School

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Where Learning Adventures Begin...

NESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you enjoyed the Coronation weekend and had a chance to rest and relax. It was wonderful to be part of the 'Wear Something Fancy' celebrations at school, and the children certainly looked special as they paraded through the school in their finery.

Apologies for the cancelled photo shoots. Rain stopped play! You must agree that it is an ideal opportunity to use our wonderful grounds and celebrate what we have. We will let you know as soon as we have a new outside photoshoot date.

This week, our wonderful Beech class will be sitting their SATs exams. We wish them every success and know they will apply everything they have learnt. We have been very impressed with their attitude and maturity and know they will do their very best.

Our Buddy Bench, which was kindly donated by Mrs Andrews-Heyde, is now in place and ready for use. This, coupled with our Lunchtime Club, means that any children who need a little support at lunchtime can always use these facilities.

With warmest wishes

P. Evans



Neston Primary School is committed to safeguarding all children



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.



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 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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2022-2023

May 2023	
DATE	EVENT
W/C 8 th	KS2 SATs
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
Tuesday 13th	Class Photos / Year 6 Leavers
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
Thursday 6th	Bristol Aquarium – Oak Class
W/C 10 th TBC	Meet The Teacher Sessions
Tuesday 11 th	New Class Changeover
Thursday 13th	Warleigh Lodge Farm – Willow Class
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

September 2023	
DATE	EVENT
Friday 1 st	TD Day – School Closed

New Dates Will Be Added In Red



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



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	
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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	
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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



A huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents, staff and pupils of Neston School who supported the Corsham Running Club's 10K and 2K.

They have very kindly donated £300 to Neston School as a show of their appreciation for all the help!





Thank you to Mrs Doyle and Mrs Smith, our kitchen staff, for helping the children celebrate the King's Coronation. 120 biscuit crowns were baked and iced for the event!





NOW BOOKING - FREE

AT POUND ARTS CENTRE

Or online at:

www.corshamwalkingfestival.org.uk

CHILDREN'S TREASURE HUNT

Saturday 10th June



To encourage children to discover Corsham

Follow simple instructions

All children will be rewarded with a gift

kindly donated by:



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Urgent!! Eco-Detectives Needed
Help Save the Trees of Corsham
10th & 11th June



A local self-guided walk for teams of 2 – 4
Can you solve the mystery and find the phial of deadly fungal spores hidden by evil Dr Ash Daibach?
A map and instruction are provided
Prizes for the highest scoring team
Prizes kindly donated by:





Corsham
Climate Action
for a greener future



REPAIR CAFE



Arts
Pound

Dates for 2023

10.30AM - 12.30PM

Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill,
Corsham

27th May

24th June

22nd July

23rd Sept

28th Oct

25th Nov

Mechanical

Electronics



Electrical

Sewing

General



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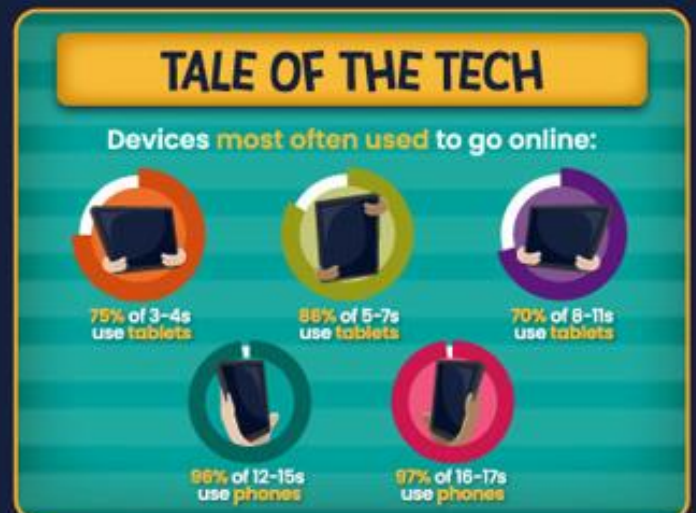
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FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.SHAREANDREPAIR.ORG.UK



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OFCOM'S 'CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES' REPORT 2023

Each year, Ofcom – Britain's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences across the previous year. The latest version has just been released, and we've pulled out some of the report's most thought-provoking findings which relate to online safety ...





SAVE THE DATE

9th – 11th June 2023

Guided Walks

Children's Treasure Hunt

Mystery Walk

Booking from 3 April 2023 at

www.corshamwalkingfestival.org.uk



Photo courtesy of Julian Carosi

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Youth Art Competition

'The Wonder of the World'



- how the sky is held up
- if the moon is made of cheese
- if I'll ever like Brussels sprouts
- when it will be play time
- who discovered that blue and red make purple
- what my favourite animal's home looks like

Create a picture that represents wonder, the world, your place in it. You can use:

Painting, Ceramics, Printmaking, Drawing, Textiles, Mixed Media, Mosaics, Sculpture and Digital Art/Photography.

The deadline is **Friday 26 May 2023.**

The competition is open to everyone 18 and under and will be judged, and the winners notified, by Friday 30 June 2023.

Winners will be chosen from the following age groups:

6 years and under, 7-10 years, 11-14 years and 15-18 years

The winning pictures will be exhibited at the Town Hall during the Peacock Arts Trail .

All participants are asked to post their artwork for judging, if it is flat, or email an image of it, if it is three-dimensional, to sleigh@corsham.gov.uk.



Any questions, contact Sarah Leigh on 01249 702138.

Corsham Town Council, Town Hall, High Street, Corsham, Wiltshire SN13 0EZ



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.



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.



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.



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



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.



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