









#### **NEWSLETTER - Issue № 21**

## Thursday 20th 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

The end of another academic year beckons and what a year it has been! It has been a real pleasure to work with our amazing children and watch them develop over the academic year.

I'd like to pay tribute and thanks to my amazing staff who continue to work extremely hard to support all of our children both academically and pastorally. Our admin team who work tirelessly to support us all, our cleaners who are also crucial to the mechanics of our school and to FoNS who continue to raise funds so that our children can access those resources that school budgets simply cannot afford. And to our Governors who work behind the scenes to ensure that Neston continues to achieve its core purpose.

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Pillinger who is retiring after many years in education. Mrs Pillinger has been a long-standing member of the Neston team and been pivotal in developing strong provision for children with Special Educational Needs. She has worked tirelessly for our children so that they get what they need. She will be missed by all of us. I know she will have a wonderful retirement where travelling is strong on the agenda.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Hayward who is leaving us to work with big children. Mrs Hayward has been one of our MDSAs and has also supported children both academically and pastorally. We will miss her too and wish her luck in her new role.

My final thank you is to our parents and carers who continue to work alongside us so that our children thrive and learn.

On Friday, we say goodbye to our fabulous year 6 children as they embark on a new and exciting chapter at secondary school. We can all reflect fondly on when those children arrived at Neston, and it has been a privilege to learn with them over the years. We all wish them well, and know that they will continue to embrace all of the challenges which they may face with creativity and courage. They will be missed.

I wish you a wonderful break and some fantastic memory-making opportunities with your children.

The new academic year will start on **Tuesday 5**th **September** for all children, including the new reception intake.

With warmest wishes

Mrs Pam Evans

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Head Teacher











Neston Primary School is committed to safeguarding all children











### **REPORTING ABSENCE**

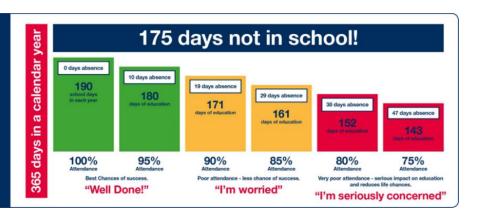
Please could we remind parents of the following procedures for reporting your child absent:-

- 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 <u>every day</u> 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 <a href="http://nestonprimary.co.uk/useful-links-forms">http://nestonprimary.co.uk/useful-links-forms</a>) 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.



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### **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.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2022-2023**

	JULY 2023
DATE	EVENT
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day – School closed
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day – School closed
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Break

	December 2023
DATE	EVENT
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Yr R – 6 Nasal Flu Vaccinations Further details to follow

September 2023							
DATE	EVENT						
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	TD Day – School Closed						
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day – School Closed						
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 1						

New Dates Will Be Added In Red



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## **TERM DATES 2023-2024**

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

KEY:	
	School Holidays
	Bank & Public Holidays
	Inset Days (SCHOOL CLOSED)
	SATS week - Year 6 - TBC

Term dates su	mmary:	
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	

Staff Inset Days (SCHOOL CLOSED):							
Term 1	September 1st and 4th 2023						
Term	TBC						
Term	TBC						











## **SCHOOL VACANCY**

#### Dear Parents / Carers

We are looking to recruit an MDSA (mid-day supervisory assistant) to be part of our dedicated and committed team and support the children during lunch. Alongside the MDSA role there will be opportunity, for the right candidate, for casual TA (teaching assistant) hours across the school as required. A job share would also be considered for the right candidate/s.

You will need to be enthusiastic, supportive and flexible. You will need to be able to demonstrate you can work under pressure, maintaining a calm and patient approach. A good, general education and previous experience of working with children are desirable.

You will be required to:

- Encourage positive play and activities
- Support the children in the dinner hall
- Communicate with the Teacher and Classroom based staff on issues arising during lunchtime

Continued professional development is supported at Neston - we all consider ourselves as learners and strive to be the best that we can be.

Hours of work: 5 hours per week as an MDSA, 38 weeks/year (term time only, excl. TD days) plus Casual TA hours as required.

Please visit our website for further details and the job application form <a href="http://nestonprimary.co.uk/job-vacancies">http://nestonprimary.co.uk/job-vacancies</a>







# The BIG Neston bike ride is back



Past, present and future pupils welcome. Castle Combe race track More details to follow





SEPTEMBER **8**TH













Children often have a dip in their reading over the summer, the Summer Reading Challenge, produced by the Reading Agency and delivered by libraries, has been proven to stop this as well as changing children's attitudes in a positive way towards reading and libraries. The challenge is for 4-11 year olds to read 6 library books over 8 weeks of the summer in return for various fun prizes, including a medal and certificate on completion.

<u>This year the challenge runs from Saturday 15 July to Saturday 9 September</u>. There will be an initial registration period in the first two weeks of the challenge, where children will receive a collector's folder, then after this period (from 31 July) they are invited to return to talk about the books they have read and start collecting their stickers. Children can also continue to register throughout the summer.

It's free to join the challenge and to take out a library membership, visit: <u>Join the library - Wiltshire Council</u> and library staff will be on hand to support reading choices. Children can also take part in the challenge online via the website: <a href="https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/">https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/</a> where they can rate and review books, download activities, and access video content, games and quizzes.









# Summer at Corsham Library

# Come and join the free fun!

Summer Reading Challenge – Ready, Set, Read (4-11yrs)

15 July – 9 September

Register for the challenge between 15-29th July and then come back to review your 6 books over the holidays to get your certificate and medal.

Activity sheets also available in the children's library.



Mini Ready, Set, Read Challenges (all ages) from 24 July

Try a different mini challenge in the library every week from hula-hooping to skipping to bean bag tossing and add your name to our leader board.

## Lego Club (5-11yrs) - Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 24 July

Come and join us for Lego Club – create mini masterpieces! Duplo also available. Spaces are limited so please book ahead.

Tuesday 10.30-12

Thursday 2.30-4

Saturday 2.30-3.30

Rhyme times on Wednesday (11am) and Friday (10 and 11am)

run throughout the Holidays!

All children under 8 must be supervised whilst in the library.







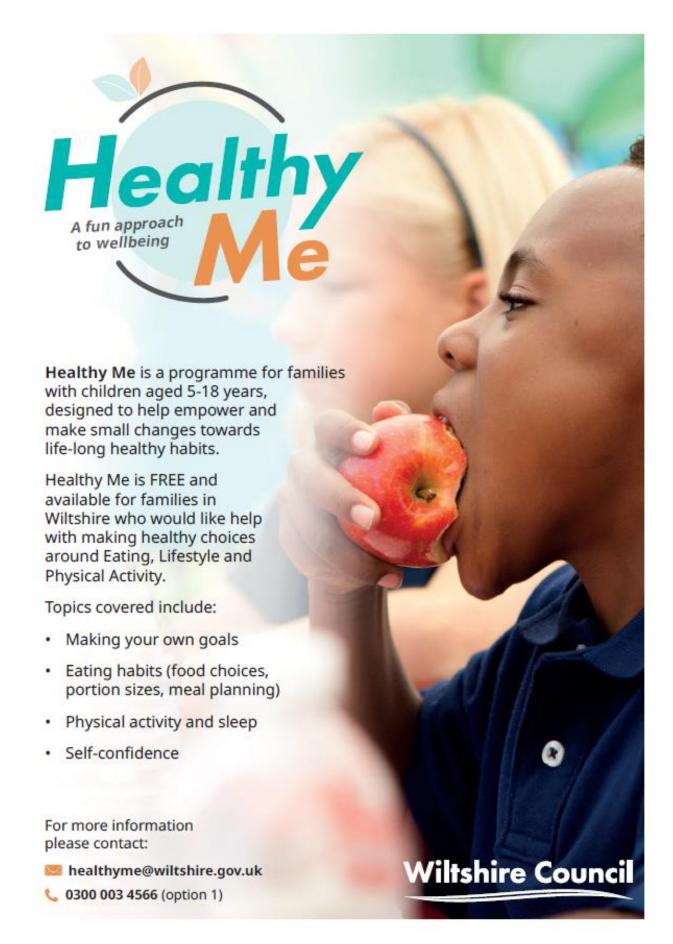
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# SUMMER 2023 - HARDENHUISH SCHOOL MULTI SPORTS COURSES

Week 1: 24th to 27th July | Week 2: 7th to 10th August 2023



Learn new sports, improve your skills and have fun with your friends!

#### Fantastic variety of sports / activities | Sports include:

Football, Mini Olympics, Tennis, Handball, Hockey, Cricket, Ultimate Frisbee, Dodgeball, Trampolining Laser tag, Lacrosse, Archery, Basketball, Rugby, New Age Kurling, Team Building Challenges

There will be daily competitions, prizes and Team Challenges involving multiple activities including an Inflatable Obstacle Course!

Our activity days are structured around teamwork and working together and are delivered in a fun and engaging atmosphere

£30 FOR THE DAY OR DISCOUNTED RATE OF £115 FOR ALL 4 DAYS 10 % SIBLING DISCOUNT IS ALSO AVAILABLE



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, OR TO BOOK:

Website - www.upandundersports.co.uk | Email - enquiries@upandundersports.co.uk | Call us - 07896814270



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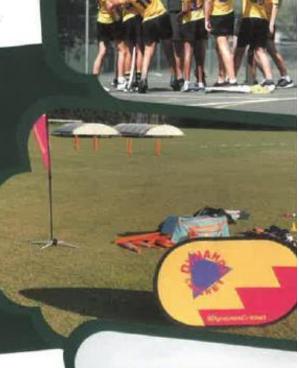








# KIDS SUMMER CAMPS





ALL STARS AND DYNAMOS SUMMER CAMPS FOR BOYS & GIRLS 5-11 YEARS OLD

Camp 1 26/27 JULY WARMINSTER CC Camp 2 31 JULY/1 AUG SWINDON CC Camp 3 2/3 AUGUST WINTERBOURNE CC

# Activities

- ✓ Great intro to the game
- ✓ Games and Drills
- Teamwork and communication
- ✓ Spirit of Cricket
- Clothing when you register

7/8 AUGUST TROWBRIDGE CC GIRLS ONLY FREE!!!

Camp 5 9/10 AUGUST MARLBOROUGH CC

# **Registration Links**

www.wiltshirecricket.co.uk

More Information ali.goddard@wiltshirecricket.co.uk

Church Rise, Neston, Corsham, Wiltshire SN13 9SX

Headteacher: Mrs Pam Evans B.A. (Hons) PGCE











# SCHOOL HOLIDAY MULTI SPORT CAMPS

FOR AGES 5 - 12 YEARS

**EVERY WORKING DAY OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS** 

£25

CAMPS HELD IN:

TIME:

FROM 9AM - 3PM

CORSHAM

Need a 8am start or 4pm finish? It's only £5 per additional hour!

MELKSHAM

EXTRAS:

**SWINDON** 

BATH

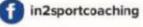
CHIPPENHAM

MARLBOROUGH

## SPORT SPECIFIC CAMPS

In Gymnastics, Football, Street Dance, Yoga and Tag Rugby. All sessions are led by specialist coaches with years of experience. These run alongside our multi-sport camps!

Follow our facebook page for updates on sport specific venues and dates.







(f) 07799 268115 (Tash) 07968 778732 (Vicky) 🖂 info@in2sportcoaching.co.uk



BOOK ONLINE AT 😯 www.in2sportcoaching.co.uk











# CORSHAM RFC





Please come along to the start of our season on, 3rd September 2023.

We have a full section of minis, midis and juniors so can cover all ages from under 6 to under 16.

If you are unsure of what age group to be in, here is the guide:

Under 6 is year 1 Under 9 is year 4 Under 13 is year 8
Under 7 is year 2 Under 10 is year 5 Under 14 is year 9
Under 8 is year 3 Under 11 is year 6 Under 15 is year 10
Under 12 is year 7 Under 16 is year 11

We have fantastic coaches who would love to teach your children how to play rugby, become a team player, make lifelong bonds with team mates and also learn social skills that come from rugby:

Discipline, respect and integrity.

It's also very social for the parents with many ways to volunteer from group admin all the way up to coaching if they want to! Or just relax and watch your kids play rugby

To find out more about timings, kit, what to do etc then email: <u>Corshamrfcjuniorchairman@gmail.com</u>

Church Rise, Neston, Corsham, Wiltshire SN13 9SX

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**:** 01225 810478











Corsham Climate Action for a greener future

# REPA CAFE

10.30AM - 12.30PM Dates for 2023

Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill,

27th May

24th June

22nd July

23rd Sept

28th Oct

25th Nov

Corsham Mechanical















Email: hello@shareandrepair.org.uk

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FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.SHAREANDREPAIR.ORG.UK

Headteacher: Mrs Pam Evans B.A. (Hons) PGCE



# Youth Art Competition

## 'The Wonder of the World'



- PEACOCK arts trail
  10 YEARS
  - 7 15 October 2023

- 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 21 July 2023.

The competition is open to everyone 18 and under and will be judged, and the winners notified, by early in the new academic year.

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.



**1**: 01225 810478



Any questions, contact Sarah Leigh on 01249 702138.

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











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.



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 <a href="http://nestonprimary.co.uk/e-safety">http://nestonprimary.co.uk/e-safety</a> which contains up to date information and links to further online safety resources.













#### 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.













### **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 - <a href="http://nestonprimary.co.uk/useful-links-forms">http://nestonprimary.co.uk/useful-links-forms</a>

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact the school office on <a href="mailto:admin@neston.wilts.sch.uk">admin@neston.wilts.sch.uk</a>

We thank you for your support in this matter.



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









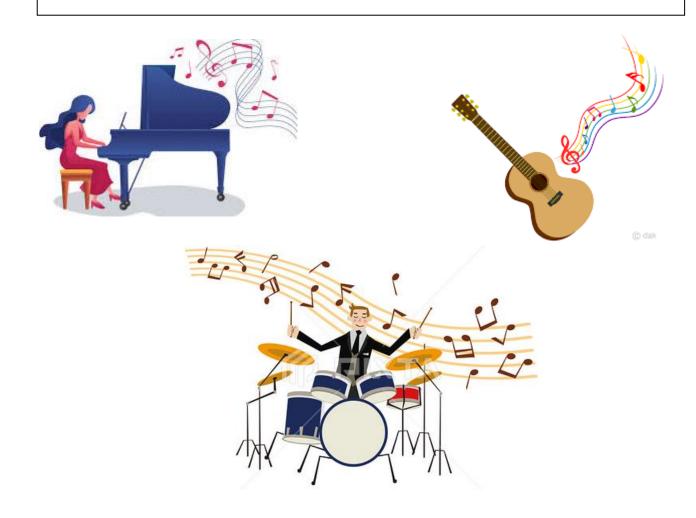




### **MUSIC LESSONS**

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 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.



#### FROM SEPTEMBER 2023 THESE WILL BE THE CLASS PE DAYS:-

Children should come to school in their PE kit.

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











## **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