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NEWSLETTER - Issue Nº 3

#### 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Well, it has been an eventful term 1!

#### Ofsted

On September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Ofsted completed an inspection of the school. We are very pleased with the outcome and have shared the report via email. We have also posted the report on our website. Thank you to all staff and children who responded very well to the scrutiny and who were still smiling by the end!

#### The Scottish Play

Today, Maple Class put on a fabulous performance of Macbeth. The children wowed us with their ability to learn many difficult lines and be in the right place at the right time. It was an impressive performance and demonstrated true resilience and team work.

#### FoNS

Please note that there are a number of FoNS events coming up in term 2. On the 4<sup>th</sup> November, FoNS will be hosting the Fireworks at the rec in Neston. It is not too late to buy tickets and come along and help. It is a brilliant night and does help to raise those well-needed funds for resources for our children.

There is a Christmas wreath making event in the school hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets are still available and this promises to be a wonderful night creating bespoke Christmas wreaths with a plethora of beautiful resources. Please see the Friends of Neston School Facebook page for details.

Have a wonderful half term break.

With warmest wishes

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Pam Evans 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 <a href="mailto:admin@neston.wilts.sch.uk">admin@neston.wilts.sch.uk</a>
- 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.



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.

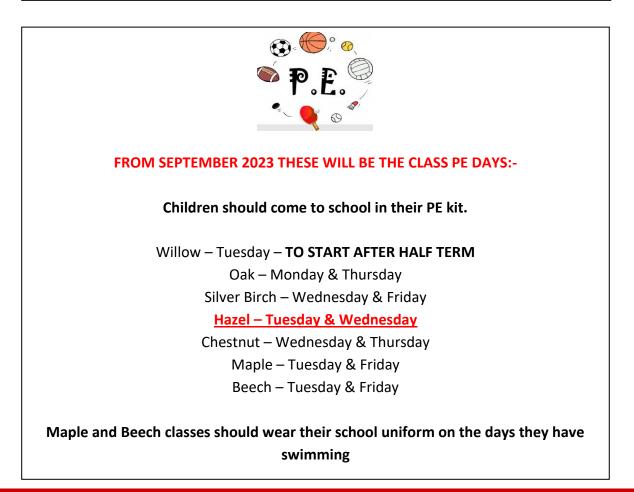
If you miss the midnight deadline, ParentPay will not allow you to book meals for the following week. You will still be able to order for subsequent weeks, with the option to book for the whole term, if you wish.

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)



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## **TERM DATES 2023-2024**

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

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

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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 Day	rs (\$CHOOL CLO\$ED):
Term 1	September 1 <sup>st</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 2023
Term 3	February 9th
Term 6	June 3 <sup>rd</sup> & July 4th

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2023-2024

October 2023							
DATE	EVENT						
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening						
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening						
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Maple – Macbeth Assembly – 9.10am						
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term						
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 Starts						

	November 2023
DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Braeside Parent Briefing 2.45pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need – Details to Follow
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Beech - Sevington Victorian School
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Oak / S Birch – Webinar – Meet the Author
	– Jim Dougherty

	December 2023						
DATE	EVENT						
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Yr R – 6 Nasal Flu Vaccinations						
	Further details to follow						
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Willow Nativity						
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner						
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Intra House Football Tournament						
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Class Christmas Parties						
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Break						

January 2024	
DATE	EVENT
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Term 3 Starts
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Chestnut - Multiplication Table Check
	Briefing - 2.45pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Beech – SATs Briefing – 2.45pm

February 2024	
DATE	EVENT
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Term 4 Starts

March 2024	
DATE	EVENT
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Cricket Taster Sessions
5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	Beech Residential
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Books & Bacon – Details to Follow
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Comic Relief / Red Nose day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	KS2 Intra House Rugby Tournament
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Reports
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Break

April 2024	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Term 5 Starts
W/B 15 <sup>th</sup>	Workshare Sessions
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening

May 2024	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs Week
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	School Games Day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term

June 2024	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	TD Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Term 6 Starts
W/B 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chestnut – Multiplication Tables Check
W/B 10 <sup>th</sup>	Oak – Phonics Screening Check
$17^{th} - 19^{th}$	Chestnut - Braeside Residential

July 2024	
DATE	EVENT
W/B 1 <sup>st</sup>	Workshare Sessions
W/B 8 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher Sessions
W/B 15 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher Sessions
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	New Class Changeover
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Beech Leavers Assembly (TBC)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Intra House Cricket Tournament
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Holidays

#### New Dates Will Be Added In Red









# Enrich your child's education by supporting Neston Fireworks!

Proceeds from Neston Fireworks enhances the experiences for children of Neston Primary and Pre-School, by funding many additional resources.

This community event is run completely by volunteers who make up 'Friends of Neston School'.

# This is your chance to support fundraising and get involved!

We need volunteers to cover a range of tasks over the weekend from the afternoon of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> until Sunday morning 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Simply view the list at the link or QR code where you can then enter your details to participate.

All help is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you! Paul, Sharon, and the Fireworks team

View and sign-up at the link below https://volunteersignup.org/HYHMR





# NESTON FREWORKS AND BONFIRE

# SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER NESTON RECREATION GROUND

TICKETS

Adult 'early-bird'£8
Adult on the night £10
Child (5-16) 'early bird'£5
Child (5-16) on the night£7

- Children age 4 & under go free.
- Family tickets available online.
- Early-bird tickets are available to buy until Friday 3rd November at 5pm.





GATES OPEN AT 4.30PM BONFIRE AT 5:30PM FIREWORKS AT 6:30PM



OR VISIT: https://fixr.co/event/ neston-fireworks-and-bonfiretickets-547010708

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# **FoNS Big Bike Ride 2023**



The sun shone on Castle Combe race track as over 150 members of Neston school took to the track for our first fundraiser of the year, and what a brilliant evening we had! There were smiling faces everywhere, with some children learning to ride their bikes and scooters whilst others were seeing how many laps they could complete. Thank you all for attending, we raised an incredible £600!

Mrs Evans, Mrs Alway and a guest appearance from Mrs Pillinger greeted the children (and adults) with a cheer and a sticker as they crossed the finish line. Whilst Miss Moger, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Phillips were out on the track much to the delight of several year 1 children who were heard to shout "I beat Miss Moger!" Thank you to the staff who joined us for this event on a Friday night especially after the first week of term, we all loved seeing you joining in.



Several ex-Neston pupils also joined us; it was lovely to see some recent leavers such as Alfie and Scarlett as well as Eddie and Flo who ran the tuck shop and Henry, home from University, who apparently completed 17 laps of the track! At the other end of the spectrum several members of Willow class enjoyed their first FoNS event, and plenty of younger siblings were scooting around the learners track.



A huge thank you to Castle Combe for allowing us to hold this event, it really is one of the best events of the year. None of this could happen without all the wonderful FoNS team who work behind the scenes to put on these events. Promotion, risk assessments, selling tickets and marshalling on the night are just some of the jobs undertaken and we are always keen for more help whether with this event or maybe you have an idea for another fundraiser? Please get in touch! The final and most important THANK YOU goes to Tracey and family, without whom this event would not happen. Roll on The Big Neston Ride 2024!

for more information about FoNS please email lauraholdship@gmail.com



# FoNS dates 2023



Monday 16th October - all Christmas card artwork returned to school. Orders made online directly with Cauliflower cards

Saturday 4th November - Fireworks night. Help needed throughout the weeked. Save the date and tell your friends and family

Monday 11th December - all hamper donations by this date please. Raffle to be drawn on Monday December 18th. More information and raffle tickets to follow in term 2

Friday 15th December - Christmas disco in Neston Memorial Hall. Details to follow, save the date



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# SCHOOL HOLIDAY MULTI SPORT CAMPS

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# FOR AGES 5 - 12 YEARS

EVERY WORKING DAY OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

TIME:

£25

CAMPS HELD IN: CORSHAM MELKSHAM SWINDON BATH CHIPPENHAM MARLBOROUGH FROM 9AM - 3PM Need a 8am start or 4pm finish? It's only £5 per additional hour!

## EXTRAS: 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.

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# OCTOBER HALF TERM - HARDENHUISH SCHOOL MULTI SPORTS COURSE

Thurs 19th, Fri 20th, Mon 23rd, Tues 24th & Wed 25th October 2023

@ Hardenhuish School, Chippenham SN14 6RJ | 9am - 4pm Open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 - 13

## 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 \$140 FOR ALL 5 DAYS 10 % SIBLING DISCOUNT IS ALSO AVAILABLE



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, OR TO BOOK:

1225 810478

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

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# **Braeside Education Centre**

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# October Half Term

Activity Days!

Adventure - Challenge - Fun

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For ages: 8 – 12 years

(Siblings up to 14 years)

Thursday 19th -

**Climbing Day** 

Climbing Wall, Zip Wire

and Abseiling

Drop Off - 8:30am – 9:00am Pick Up - 4:30pm – 5:00pm

£36

per day

Friday 20th – Mixed Activity Day Archery, Life Line, Low Ropes, Bouldering



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – High Ropes Day Leap of Faith, Crate Stack, High All Aboard, Parallel Poles

Please book online by visiting

1225 810478

www.braeside-education.co.uk/holiday-club

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Canoeing GPS.

**Problem Solving Games** 



Contact us for more details; )1380 722637

info@braeside-education.co.uk

Braeside Education Centre

Activites will run in groups, in rotation, throughout the day.

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# For the attention of all parents

# Will your child be four years old before September 2024?

You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 15 January 2024

2: 01225 810478

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on 01225 713010

For more information or to request our guide to finding a primary school place in Wiltshire.

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Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2024?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 31 October 2023

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on 01225 713010

For more information or to request our guide to finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.SHAREANDREPAIR.ORG.UK







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 <u>http://nestonprimary.co.uk/e-safety</u> 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 - <u>http://nestonprimary.co.uk/useful-links-forms</u>

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

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### **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 <u>http://nestonprimary.co.uk/parents</u>







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 received complaints from local residents in Pitts Croft of driveways being blocked.

We thank you for your continued support in this matter.

**OUR SCHOOL DAY** 

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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	
<b>3.30pm</b>	School Gates Locked & School Office Closes	