



Where Learning Adventures Begin...

**NESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

**14th
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**Issue
No 1**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the summer break. We especially welcome the children in Willow Class who have settled in beautifully to our rules and routines and who are impressing us all with their keenness to learn.

We also send out a warm welcome to our other new starters who have come to us from other schools – we hope that they have enjoyed their first full week and will continue to settle in well.

This term our topic is, “Long Ago and Faraway”. Our teachers are running some briefing session so that you can find out just what that topic is going to look like for your children. They will also be sharing some learning that you can do with your child at home and share other useful pieces of information. The dates of those briefings have been sent in a separate letter but are also in this newsletter.

Our Celebration assembly has moved to a Friday so if any of your children have any achievements which they would like to be celebrated at this time, please let your child’s class teacher know.

Warmest wishes
Pam Evans

Welcome back to



MAPLE CLASS SWIMMING LESSONS

Maple Class will be swimming every Friday during terms 1 & 2 on the following dates below:

Term 1

Friday 14th September
Friday 21st September
Friday 28th September
Friday 5th October
Friday 12th October
Friday 19th October

Term 2

Friday 9th November
Friday 16th November
Friday 23rd November
Friday 30th November
Friday 7th December
Friday 14th December

Swimming lessons are payable weekly or termly via ParentPay.



Learning in class dates

Parents are invited to their child's class where teachers will give you information about what your child will be learning. Dates below for each class.

Beech Class	Tues 18 th September
Silver Birch Class	Weds 19 th September
Chestnut Class	Monday 24 th September
Maple Class	Tues 25 th September
Oak Class	Weds 26 th September
Hazel Class	Thurs 27 th September
Willow Class	Wednesday 3 rd October

All meetings will start at 2.45pm and finish by 3.15pm.



Stackpole Residential

19th-23rd November 2018

Year 6 Stackpole Residential has been booked for next academic year to take the Pembroke from Monday 19th November – Friday 23rd November 2018.

This trip will be payable via ParentPay. You can pay either in instalments, or the full amount by the final due date, please see letter sent home for amounts.

- 1st Payment due by 22nd June
- 2nd Payment due by 20th July
- 3rd Payment due by 24th August
- **4th Payment due by 21st September - Next payment now due**
- 5th Payment due by 19th October
- Final Payment due by 9th November

**DIARY DATES 2018/19*

Parents Evenings – Tuesday 9th October & Thursday 11th October (not Willow Class)

Individual & Sibling photos – Wednesday 10th October

Stackpole Residential – Beech Class – Mon 19th – Fri 23rd November 2018

Willow Class Nativity – Wednesday 12th December – 9am

Xmas Lunch Day – Wednesday 12th December (details to follow)

Flu Vaccinations – Friday 14th December - Years R-4 (letters to follow in due course)

Xmas Parties – KS1 – Tuesday 18th December

End of Term Assembly – Wednesday 19th December

Xmas Party – Years 3 & 4 – Wednesday 19th December

Xmas Party – Years 5 & 6 – Thursday 20th December

Teacher Training Day - Monday 7th January 2019

End of term assembly – Wednesday 3rd April 2019

School reports out – Friday 5th April 2019

KS2 SATS Week – Monday 13th May 2019

School Games Days – Friday 24th May 2019

Big Neston Ride (FONS) – Friday 7th June 2019

Reserved School Games Day – Friday 14th June 2019

Parents Evening – Tuesday 18th June 2019

Parents Evening – Thursday 20th June 2019

Music performance assembly – Wednesday 10th July 2019

End of term assembly – Wednesday 17th July 2019

Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Friday 19th July

Teacher Training Day – Wednesday 24th July 2019

Teacher Training Day – Thursday 25th July 2019

***Please check this every week for any new diary dates. New added dates in red.**

Dates are subject to change

Dear Parents / Carers

Neston Fireworks

Maybe it's just me, but the "begging for volunteers" email feels a bit of a cliché of our times. So, no-one reads past the first line. I'm also used to being wrong a lot, so I'm going to take a chance ...

I've got to write this begging letter, because we might not be able to run Neston Fireworks anymore without new volunteers.

That would be a shame. Especially because it is one of the biggest fundraising events for our school. The funds we've made have helped the school provide extra resources and experiences that have enriched our children's learning. Several items highlighted in Ofsted's good report this year come directly from funds raised by FoNS - the bulk of which came from Fireworks.

Neston Fireworks is organised by a volunteer team. We divvy up responsibilities so that nobody ends up having too much to do. Typically, it's a few meetings (in the pub), a few hours of planning and coordinating before the event, and leading a team or being a point of contact on the day / night.

You don't need any special skills, just a bit of enthusiasm and the ability to tolerate my weird sense of humour.

We need a few new volunteers who can own one of the important jobs for the next two or three years. It makes things go so much more smoothly if you're not constantly re-learning the ropes. We've been very lucky that we've had people involved for 10+ years. So there's plenty of experience to share around.

We would also like to reinstate a bonfire and we have permission from Corsham Town Council to do this. Making it happen is a surprisingly big job that needs plenty of extra help. We can't do it without more people involved than we've had in the last few years. Many people have said that they miss the bonfire. It would be great to change that.

Please, if you want Fireworks to carry on running, please think about whether you could volunteer a few hours.

We need volunteers to :

- Be our safety officer to coordinate stewards on the night and review a risk assessment (we have a template for this, so it's nothing new)
- Help coordinating stalls selling hot drinks, hot food sales and other goodies (we have a couple of people that have the lead here and they need some support)
- Help putting up posters and publicity
- Help organising volunteers (and, occasionally, coercing) to marshal, help on stalls, prepare the site, clean up the site, etc.
- Help manage the entrance gate teams and ticket sales on the night
- Own and coordinate a team to prepare, build and clean-up a bonfire - this involves three separate weekends of work, so it's a bit bigger than the other roles. You won't be on your own and you've got a whole team helping you rustle up volunteers etc. So it's not that scary. Honest!

If you can help, it will make a difference. Please don't worry that you're stepping on someone's toes, because there's someone else that might do it. I wouldn't be sending this note otherwise.

We need your help.

If you want to know more, please get in touch with David Blamire-Brown on 07795 161492 or david@friendsofnestonschool.org.uk.

Thank you,
David and the Fireworks Team

TERM 1 CLUBS 2018

<u>Monday</u>	Yrs 3-6	Tag Rugby 3.15pm-4.15pm	Starts 10 th Sep
	Yrs 3-6	Yogamagic – Yoga – Starts 8am	Starts 10 th Sep
	Yrs 1-3	Multi-skills with In2Sports	Starts 10 th Sep
<u>Tuesday</u>	All Yr Grps	Judo 8am-8.45am	Starts 18 th Sep
	Yrs R-2	Multi Sports Club with Up & Under 3.15pm-4.15pm	Starts 11 th Sep
	Yrs 1-6	Soft Golf Club	Starts 11 th Sep
<u>Weds</u>	Yrs 1&2	Tag Rugby 3.15pm-4.15pm	Starts 5 th Sep
<u>Thurs</u>	Yrs, 3-6	Festival of Sports Club 3.15pm-4.15pm	Starts 13 th Sep
	Yrs R-6	P H Sports – Ball Games - 8.00am-8.45am	Starts 6 th Sep
<u>Friday</u>	Yrs R-6	Circuit Training 8am-8.45am	Starts 7 th Sep

All Club details can be found on our Website under the Parent page -
<http://nestonprimary.co.uk/school-clubs/>

If you have any questions or queries about any of the clubs listed. Please contact the club direct. Thank you.