



'The Buzz'

What's happening at Neston Primary School
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"Well Done"

My thanks and congratulations to all those parent, grand-parents, carers and relatives who are helping the children to learn at home during this current lockdown. We are aware that this is a challenging time for us all.

We are trying to use on-line learning more during this lockdown (at the insistence of the Dept. for Education). We have fewer members of staff in school during the current lockdown, so we struggle to produce paper copies of work as we did in the past.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that parents and carers do all they can to ensure that children are learning at home.

Online Reading

All pupils now have access to books online - KS1 (infants) – Collins KS2 (Juniors) – MyON by Renaissance. Contact your child's teacher if you require more details

Chinese New Year

In school and at home we have been learning about Chinese New Year and I have seen many very colorful and creative dragons and lanterns made by the children. Children in school also enjoyed learning how to make noodles and use chopsticks.



Internet Safety

This week we took part in Safer Internet Day. Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote throughout the year. If you would like more information about e-safety please visit our website, where we have provided lots of useful information and links.

An education pack for parents and carers is available at saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents

The SSYP Newsletter was sent home yesterday with lots of information and useful links for safer gaming aimed at children aged 5+

Champion Assembly/Star of the Week

We hold these celebration assemblies on line each week. If you would like to take part, please ask the office or class-teachers for the 'Zoom code'

Well done to everyone who has been working so hard at home and in school.



Free School Meals and Vouchers

During the pandemic, many people have been negatively impacted by the situation we find ourselves in. If you would like to apply for free school meals please use this link.

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-meals.aspx>

If your children are not entitled to free school meals but you are in need of support - in the form of a food hamper – please contact school. Your request will be handled confidentially and we will do our best to help.

Children in Need

This week we received our certificate to thank us all for raising **£314 for Children in Need** in November. Thank you all for your kind donations.

Laptops for schools

If you are struggling to access on-line learning. NCYC have some used desktop PCs available. If you are in need of a computer and would like one please call NCYC on 0151 336 7805. **They are FREE!**

Learning in School



Pupil in Year 1 and Reception Class enjoyed making bird feeders and exploring the grounds earlier this week. We discovered a huge disk of ice too, which was described by the children as - "Heavy", "slippy", "Freeeeeeeezing!"



"Neston Calling" - Please remember - when we call, our number will be displayed as **0845 148 00 60** - please do not ignore the number or block it.



Keep in touch - I understand that not everyone is a fan of Facebook or Twitter, but please consider joining our Facebook group, as it is the quickest way for us to stay in touch with pupils and parents. Search for **'Friends of Neston Primary School'** on Facebook or **@Neston_Primary** on Twitter

If you ask a question via social media, you may not get a reply straight away, as we do not monitor accounts 24/7.

E-mailing or ringing school during the school day is quicker. We may not answer questions posted or e-mailed during the evening or at the weekend. **PLEASE E-MAIL TEACHERS using the class e-mail addresses if you have any questions or problems.**

On a personal note – I am asking again that parents/carers please **e-mail the office** directly or ask questions via class e-mail addresses. Please do not private message me using messenger

If you want, or need, to contact members of the Governing Body you can either drop a letter/note into the school office or contact the chair of Governors via the e-mail address admin@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk

Our Parent Governors and Community Governors are:

Paul Hearty (Dad of Eloisa Y4) and Gemma Owen (Mum of Penelope Y2 & Elliot y5) Richard Shuker (dad of Joe in Year 5)

Amanda Powell (Chair of Governors) and Simon Wilson (Vice-Chair of Governors)



Pastoral and Well-Being Support - To help pupils and parents adapt to Lockdown 3 we are offering an e-mail address for parents to use. If they are anxious or worried about the impact of the lockdown on pupils. You can contact **Mrs Jane Furlong** and **Mrs Sarah Tedford** (Learning Mentors) directly mentors@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk

Keep in touch - If you need any help or support regarding school-work, please e-mail the teachers directly.
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PARKING - PLEASE park carefully and considerately when you are dropping children off and collecting them. Our neighbours and staff at NCYC get very upset if parents/carers don't take care when parking their vehicles.

PARENTS/CARERS SHOULD NOT USE THE STAFF CAR PARK WHEN DROPPING OFF OR COLLECTING CHILDREN. Be safe – park safely please

THANK YOU – to our admin staff, cleaners, site manager, teachers, TAs, MDAs, mentors, governors, parents/carers and children for all they have done to ensure that we can get through 'Lockdown 3' together

THANK YOU also to those parents/carers and friends of the school who have taken the time to write, or e-mail, to thank staff for what they are doing and have done throughout the past year. It has been a challenging experience for us all and your supportive messages and gifts are very welcome.