



# 'The Buzz'

What's happening at Neston Primary School

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**It was great to see the children back in school and to see parents, carers, relatives around school too. The first week back was a very long one! Thank you to everyone who is following our guidelines and wearing a mask when dropping off the children, and collecting, them. I hope that as the weather improves and lockdown restrictions are lifted we can begin to enjoy the outdoors more at the weekends.**

## Clubs

Next week we will begin to reintroduce after school clubs beginning with Multi-sports and outdoor activities for Y3-Y6. Clubs will open to specific year groups only to avoid mixing 'bubbles' At this stage clubs will be year specific and take place outdoors, in line with DfE guidelines. We hope to reintroduce more clubs, for other year groups, in the Summer term.

## Red Nose Day - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Children are invited to wear school uniform (as normal) or wear something red (no football tops please), wear silly socks, have crazy and colorful hair or a combination of all of these ideas for a minimum £1 donation to Red Nose Day. The collection will be organised by Rotakids group. You can donate on-line using the school's online payment system or drop the money into a bucket on Friday. There will be buckets available at entrances for the children to drop their donation into. The buckets will contain disinfectant, so the coins will be 'safe' when we begin counting them.



**Please no red noses in school as they will be 'off and on' children's noses throughout the day, which could be an issue due to covid-19**

## New Children

Welcome to all new children who have joined Neston Primary School, we hope you are settling in and enjoying your new adventure. Please contact school if you have any questions that we have not answered or if you are unsure about anything.

## Local Easter Activities

Little Actors and Neston Club are offering a number of Easter activities and clubs including free taster sessions, details have been parent-mailed.

## Census

The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in Wales and England.

The government, local councils, charities and many other organisations use census information to decide how to spend billions of pounds on services every year. This includes spending on transport, education and healthcare. By taking part in the census, you'll help make sure your community gets the services it needs.

To make sure money is spent where it's most needed, it's important that the census counts everyone. You must complete the census by law. Look out for your pack in the post. It will show you how to complete your census questionnaire. There will be plenty of help for people who need it. Your answers are protected by law and will be kept confidential.

Find out more: [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

National 2021 Census Contact Centre: 0800 141 2021

England NGT (text relay service) (18001) 0800 141 2021

Language helpline: 0800 587 2021

Cheshire West and Chester Council are operating a local Census Support Centre to provide advice and support for completing the census to local residents. The contact number is 0300 123 7728 and the opening hours are Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm.

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### Laptops for schools

If you loaned a laptop from school to support your home learning during lockdown, please can you return your laptop to the school office. Thank you.

### Year 6

Congratulations to everyone who received their first choice of High School for September. Arrangements for transition activities are planned and will be in the Summer term. Details will be sent out ASAP.

### Memorial Area

Thank you to Mr Rudd for creating a small memorial area on the yard. We hope to be adding more plants and planters in the coming weeks to this area.

### Art Days

Pupils in Year 6 had the opportunity to work together on an art project with artist Kathryn Amihere last week. The children and staff had a fantastic day.

This week Year 5 will have an opportunity to work with Kathryn. Year 3 will be taking part in a Stone Age activity day this week too.

**"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](mailto:admin@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk)

Our Parent Governors are:

Richard Shuker (Dad of Joe in Y5). Janis Kneen (Mum of Barney in Y3) Paul Hearty (Dad of Eloisa Y4) and Gemma Owen (Mum of Penelope Y2 & Elliot y5)

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



EMOTIONAL HEALTH

**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](mailto: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** 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.