

'The Buzz'

What's happening at NPS? February 2020



It has been another busy few weeks here at school. We have had a great start to 2020. I would like to thank the teachers, TAs, Admin staff, Catering Team and our Site Manager for the energy and time they have invested in making our school the busy and special place it is.



"BEE on Time" - It is very important that the children are in school at the start of the day. Classrooms are open from 8.40am and lessons begin at promptly 8.50am.

Y2 - Y6 have been invited to join a new 5 week Judo Club at school from Monday 24th February (8am-8.45am) Lessons will be provided by Judo Education. Places are limited and must be booked, and paid for, by 14th February. The cost of this 5 week course is £26.00. Please ask the school office for a form if you would like to take part.



Swimming

Well done to children in Y3 who have received swimming certificates recently. Swimming is a vital skill to learn and we would like to keep being able to provide lessons for children in school. Unfortunately, the cost of lessons, hire of the pool, hire of a lifeguard and transport make it very expensive. We have asked for a contribution towards transport. Please help with the costs to help make providing lessons feasible



Clubs

There is a fantastic range of clubs on offer this term. We are offering 12 FREE clubs at lunchtimes and after school. Please note these after school clubs finish at 4pm. Please wait outside to collect children. If your child has joined a club but no longer wants to take part, please let the school office know so the place can be offered to another child. (HOD Clubs finish at 4.30pm)

Table Tennis club will be starting after half term for children in years 5&6. Letters will be sent out in the first week back.

Reading

The Book Swap Shop has re-opened! Every Monday before school (weather permitting) The Book Swap Shop will be open in the playground. It is simple to join, just collect a bookmark and choose a book! For every book that you read you'll get your bookmark stamped. A small prize will be awarded for all completed book marks.



Reading Rainbow

The Reading Rainbow will be re-launched soon with exciting new certificates to collect. Please continue to fill out your log books, these should be in school every day.

THANK YOU to the PFA who have donated £2500 towards books. Books have been purchased for use in all classrooms.



We are launching a new reading programme shortly to all of KS2. If you have any school reading books at home, please return them. We are still missing many of our books.



Every week we recognise the week's best players of Numbots and Timetables Rockstars. We present certificates and trophies in our Champions Assembly on Friday.

Matt Goodfellow

We recently had a school visit from Matt Goodfellow. Matt performed some of his work in assembly before inspiring the children with individual classroom workshops. At the end of the day the children were given the opportunity to purchase one of Matt's books and have it signed. Matt's latest book is available from bookshops or [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com)



Roman Day

Y4 had a wonderful day in Chester on their Roman Day. The children said that they had a 'superb time' exploring artefacts and learning about the history of Chester

Stone Age Day

Y3 had a fantastic day learning outside the classroom during their Stone-Age Day. The children took part in lots of activities related to their classroom topic including fire building, archery, charcoal making, cave drawing...



Conway Centre Residential Visit

Y6 spent last week at The Conway Centre in Anglesey. We have enjoyed hearing all about their adventures. Activities included – rafting, canoeing, abseiling, zip-wire, low ropes course and rock climbing. We have already started planning net year's trip!



School Council

The School Council recently met with Pat Kynaston from Neston Town Council. The children talked to Pat about Neston and events in the community. Pat also talked about how the British government is structured and about democracy at a local and national level.

Young Carers

NPS has teamed up with Cheshire Young Carers. Neston Primary School will be the base for a new club offered to young carers at NPS and other schools in the local community. If you would like more information about this please contact the school office.



Social Butterflies

A small group of pupils worked alongside several pensioners from the local community. Together they created a 'flock' of beautiful collage and clay butterflies. The Social Butterflies project aims to bring generations together and end isolation and

loneliness amongst the older members of our community.



Basketball, Netball, Football, Athletics...

Thank you to members of staff who have organised the recent inter-school sporting events. The children have always played well, behaved well and tried really hard. We are proud of every child

who represents our school in these competitions.

School Meals, Breakfast Club, After School Club, Trips...

We will be going 'Cashless' in March 2020. Please be ready for the change.

The School Gateway App is compatible with Android and Apple devices. Please contact the school office if you require any help setting your phone/tablet up.

To use the Gateway App we must have update phone numbers and email addresses.

School Meals.

Once a bill of £13 or more is built up, a packed lunch must be provided and parents/carers will need to pay off the arrears before a child can be provided with another school meal.

Breakfast Club and After School Club - Places must be booked and paid for in advance using the School Gateway App.

If you require a place at very short notice, please call the school office and make sure that the session is paid for ASAP.

School Uniform

Please ensure you have labelled all of your child uniform. It is so much easier to return labelled items of clothing.

Stamptastic provide personalised stamps useable on fabric, metal and wood. No need for sewing or ironing in labels. Use code CH64 GRE to raise 20% Commission for the PFA.

www.stamptastic.co.uk

New uniform can be purchased from ToBe Uniform, 8 Liverpool Road, Neston, CH64 3RA. 0151 336 7588

Uniform can also be ordered online at www.myclothing.com

We do have some items of used uniform sale on the 'recycle rail' in our entrance. Most items are only 50p



Elf Run Update

Thank you to everyone who donated money! The total amount raised for Hospice of the Good Shepherd has now reach an incredible £1230.90



Holidays - Term and holiday dates are available on our Website and Facebook page. Please do not book holidays during term time as this will mean a fine will be issued.

Our website has had new information and photos added. Please take some time to have a look.



Safer Internet Day - We have taken part in this annual event and have encouraged our pupils to 'Stay safe on-line'. We have a very useful e-safety page on our school website which will support pupils and parents more.

Social Media

Please do NOT post photographs or videos of school events that include any children other than your own on social media platforms. We ask you to do this to ensure that all children are safe.

Please do copy photos from our Facebook Page and post them on your personal accounts.

Keep in Touch

A quick way to keep up with news and photos from school is to join our Facebook Page – search for 'Friends of Neston Primary School'. We also upload images and news to our website www.nestonprimaryschool.co.uk and Twitter @Neston_Primary_



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-mail, or ringing, school is quicker. We

may not answer questions posted during the evening or at the weekend too.

DIARY DATES

14.02.20 School closes for half term
24.02.20 School re-opens
24.02.20 Judo Club
06.03.20 Y4 Philharmonic
13.03.20 Final instalment due for Burwardsley
03.04.20 School closes for Spring Break
20.04.20 School re-opens
22.04.20 Y4 to Burwardsley
08.05.20 School closed for Bank Holiday
18.05.20 Careers and Aspiration Days

PFA - Important Dates

Events for 2020 are being planned. PLEASE help us if you can.

Can you help?

We would like to arrange a 'clean up' of the school grounds during Easter, ready for the summer! Please contact the school office if you can volunteer any time.

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: Mrs Kate Davies, Mr Richard Shuker (Dad of Joseph Shuker Y4) & Janis Kneen (Mum of Barney Stinchcomb Y2)

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

NPS - Bee a part of it!

