

14<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**CONTACT** – please use the [admin@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk) if you have any questions during the summer holidays. If you ring school, you will be only able to leave a message, as the office is not 'manned' during the summer holidays. We will respond as quickly as possible to any questions or queries.



**Thank you** - I would like to say 'Thank You' to every member of staff for their hard work during these strange times. We have done our very best to try and negotiate our way through this difficult time. I hope that we will be able to return to some sort of 'normal' schooling in September. During the holidays, we will be preparing school ready for the children returning to school in September. We plan to post short videos of each classroom at the end of the holidays, so that the children can see what school looks like prior to returning to school.

**Thank you** to our School Governors for their support during this very challenging time. Their help, advice and 'listening ear' has been very valuable.

**Thank you** - My Thanks also to the parents and carers for their support over the past 16 weeks. It has been a challenging time for us all and I am genuinely grateful for your support, cards and words of encouragement.

**Pat Cottrell** - Earlier this week, we were told that Mrs Pat Cottrell had passed away. Pat had been a 'dinner lady' at our school for over 40 years and she was still working in school prior to the 'lock-down'. We were all so sad to hear the news and we are thinking of Pat's husband and her family. We will think of a suitable way to commemorate Pat and her long association with our school.



**"ZOOM"** - I hope that those children who were able to take part in the recent 'Zoom' meetings, found it helpful to meet their new teachers, say goodbye to their current teachers and to see their class-mates.

**"Au revoir"** - The Covid-19 crisis resulted in our Year 6 pupils missing the vast majority of the 'traditional' end of year activities'. Sadly, we can't replace the summer fair, the Year 6 play, sports day, transition visits... What we can do is wish every child and their family the very best for the future. I do hope that the children take many happy memories of NPS with them. I am sure they will continue to make us very proud in the coming years. Goodbye to those parents and carers who do not have younger children at our school. For some parents, this will be the end of a very long association with NPS. I thank you for your support and for entrusting your children to our care. I wish you good health and happiness in the future.





**Goodbye to ...** Goodbye to four pupils who are moving out of the area and will be starting new schools in September. Good luck to you and your families! Please do keep in touch. We wish you all well.

**Hello!** – We extend a warm welcome to the 12 children who will be joining us in September in Years 1-6. As well as the 26 pupils in Reception Class. We are delighted that you have chosen to send your children to our school ☺

**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



**Hampers - Thank you** to those parents/carers and friends of the school, who have donated items and money to us so that we can provide food hampers to families who are struggling at the moment. We plan to continue to support a number of families during the summer holidays. If you wish to donate items or money, please contact the school office

**THANK YOU also to the parents and carers who have purchased gifts and cards for members of staff. We are very grateful and appreciate your kindness and generosity.**

**"Happy Holidays"** – Staying at home, days out, holiday in the UK, holiday overseas... Whatever you are doing during the summer holidays, I hope you have a great time. Take care and be safe. See you in September!



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**School uniform** is available for the School Wear Outlet Shop (formerly Tobe uniform) 8 Liverpool Rd, Neston CH64 3RA Phone: 0151 336 7588

Children **will be allowed** to bring sandwich boxes and water bottle to school in September. The children **DO NOT** need pencil cases and their own pens etc. As always, children should not bring toys, valuable or sentimental items, footballs, sports equipment etc. to school. We ask that the children do not bring large PE bags, or rucksacks, as we struggle for space in cloakrooms.

**CASHLESS** – In September we will continue to take payments by School Comms only. We can't accept cash. If you need help setting up a School Comms account, please e-mail the office.

**PFA** - If anyone is keen to join our Parents and Friends Association (PFA) please let the staff in the office know. We need 'new blood' and school definitely needs the financial support the PFA offers us!



**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE** Cheshire West and Chester Libraries are excited to be taking part in this year's all-new digital Summer Reading Challenge which is organised by The Reading Agency. The Challenge will be available on the Silly Squad website, through the Reading Agency Facebook page and, coming shortly, through a special Cheshire West

webpage and via social media. This will include details of online events and activities that we will be hosting over the summer.