



'The Buzz'

What's happening at Neston Primary School

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Thank you! I am grateful to those parents and carers who have taken the time to talk to members of staff regarding the return to school or comment on our Facebook page. The vast majority of the feedback was very positive and we are grateful because we had worked hard to try and ensure we took a sensible approach to Covid-19 guidance and the need to make the return to school as 'normal' as we could. We will continue to adapt procedures as we move through the coming days and weeks

PE and Games Lessons - As part of the 'new normal' in school we have decided that on days that the children have PE/Games lessons they should come to school in their PE kit.

This decision was made to: Avoid congestion in the cloakrooms when children are getting changed or collecting bags. Reduce the number of bags in cloakrooms. To reduce the number of lost PE kits. To reduce the amount of time lost changing before and after PE/Games lessons

(Children in Reception Class do not tend to get changed into PE kit for the first term, so they can come to school in uniform as normal)

The local uniform supplier has run out of PE kits, so we have said that the children can wear a white polo shirt or white round neck t-shirt and jogging bottoms until the PE kits are back in stock.

Football, rugby, basketball etc. shirts should not be worn for PE lessons

As the children will be in PE kit all day, they will also need to wear jogging bottoms, a hoodie, sweatshirt or a tracksuit. These should be plain navy blue or black.



P.E Days confirmed –

Reception - n/a

Year 1- Thursday

Year 2- Thursday

Year 3 – Monday and Wednesday

Year 4 – Tuesday and Thursday (This will change to Tuesday/Wednesday when we begin swimming)

Year 5 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 6- Tuesday

Waiting on the yard - Please try to keep 2m away from staff and other parents/carers/relatives when dropping off and collecting children. Unless your child is in Year 2, when the weather is poor, please don't shelter in the parents' shelter as this will mean that you are unlikely to be 2m away from other adults.

Coats – Please remember to send the children to school with a suitable coat. On the first day back the weather changed and the rain poured down. When the rain stopped, we couldn't take all of the children outside, as many children had not brought a coat.

Coronavirus – a quick guide to self-isolation. I will attach a document we have created which, I hope, will make things a little easier to understand

Snack – If your child brings a snack to school it must be a healthy option i.e. fruit/ toast this does not include cereal bars or crisps.

"Neston Calling" - We are calling all families to check that you are all OK. 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 during the evening or at the weekend too.

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 Y5) & Janis Kneen (Mum of Barney Stinchcomb Y3)
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 the return to school we are offering an e-mail address for parents to use. If they are anxious or worried about the impact of returning to school 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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NEXT YEAR - Places in Reception Class in September 2021 and places at High schools in September 2021 - VISIT THE CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER WEBSITE HERE

Deadlines are - Reception applications- 15.1.2021 Year 7 applications - 31/10/2020

On a personal note - I am asking again that parents/carers please e-mail the office directly or ask via Facebook, if you have a question and that, you do not contact me, as I am finding that I am receiving Facebook Messenger messages at all times of the day, during the night, at the weekend and during holidays. In this world of 'instant replies', I feel 'obliged' to respond and that it is not good for me, or my family, if I am reply to messages during time away from work. As much as I enjoy the job, I do I need to 'switch off' from work at times..

BUS NEWS - Work on the bus continues. We are adding emergency lighting this week and hopefully the leaky roof will be repaired ASAP. I hope that the graffiti artist will be back later this month to paint the other side of the bus too.