



'The Buzz'

What's happening at Neston Primary School

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Thank you! We continue to be grateful to those parents and carers who have given their feedback on the return to school by talking to members of staff or commenting 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 weeks.

On The Yard

Children and Grown Ups.... If you are using a bike or a scooter to travel to or from school - Please wear a helmet!
Please do not enter the school premises before 8.30am

Children who bring mobile phones to school (by prior arrangement) must not use their phones on the school yard.

'Goodbye Mrs Joynson'

After 34 years at Neston Primary School this has been Mrs Joynson's last week working as an MDA. I would like to send Joan my thanks and best wishes for the future. We hope she will pop back to see us during the coming weeks. We will all miss her.

Music Lesson and Auditions

Mrs Lea is back! Music lessons restarted this week. It was great to see Mrs Lea and to hear the children playing their instruments again. Letters have been sent home to KS2 ('Juniors') today inviting children to who are interested in music lessons to 'audition' with Mrs Lea on Friday 2nd October. Weekly woodwind (flute/clarinet/saxophone), brass (violin/cello) and piano lessons are available at the subsidised rate of £5.00 per lesson. Please see letter for more information

COVID-19 UPDATE

Public Health England has made us aware of some false stories that are circulating on social media about the procedures in schools if a child is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms.

We would like to reassure you of the steps that will be taken if a child develops symptoms of COVID-19 whilst at school: If a child displays symptoms at school staff will follow government and local guidance to isolate your child with a member of staff looking after them.

The child's parents or carer will be contacted and asked to come and collect their child from school and advised to take them for a test.

The NHS website has details about the symptoms of COVID-19 in children and how to book a test. Visit the NHS 'your coronavirus test results' webpage for information about test results and the next steps you should take once you receive your results back.

It is important that you follow the advice issued by the NHS when you book your test and await your results.

PE Kits and Coats!

Please send your child to school wearing their PE kits on the days their class are being taught PE, Children can wear their blue PE kit and a plain black or navy tracksuit to keep warm during the day. We are hoping to start to sell PE kit from school in the coming weeks. **Please label all items of your child's clothing. It makes it so much easier to return items if they are labelled**

Letters and School Payments

We are now emailing most of our correspondence to reduce contact and improve our carbon footprint.

We are only accepting online payments for school meals, Breakfast and After School Club and swimming. The system to pay online is called School Gateway, the app is available on Apple and Android. When you visit School Gateway for the first time, please select new user. The app will send you a PIN code to activate your account.

Open Days

Neston Primary School. October 12th 4-6pm & October 15 1.30-2.30pm – **By appointment only! This event is subject to change if Covid-19 guidelines change**

Neston High School Virtual Open Day is now available on their website www.nestonhigh.com

Wirral Grammar Schools are also putting virtual Open days on their websites

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

Parents and Friends Association

Due to the Covid restrictions that are currently in place, we are hoping to hold a grand raffle in place of the usual Christmas Fair. If anyone would like to donate a prize, please email Kirsty O'Connor – admin@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk

Holidays in term time

Please do not take holidays during the school term as we are unable to authorise them, Parents/Carers will be fined if holidays are taken during term time. Please also try to make non-urgent medical or dentist appointments for before or after school.

"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](https://twitter.com/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.

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

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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MASKS/FACE COVERINGS - New RULES – these will be introduced from 28. September 2020

- Only ONE adult is allowed from each family is allowed on the playground
- Parents/carers and pupils should not arrive on the yard before 8.30am
- Parents/carers must WEAR A MASK or face covering when dropping children off or collecting them

- Once parents/carers have dropped off, or picked up, children, they must leave the school straight away
- If parents/carers enter the school building, they must wear a face covering or mask.
- If you cannot wear a mask/covering, please wear an 'exemption lanyard' or an exemption card

Work on 'The Lost Bus' continues. My thanks to Mr Crane for all of the work he has done in recent weeks, to Gemma Owen for designing the new lower deck interior and to Jackson Roofing for their help with roof repairs. We hope to have finished the bus in the next few months ☺

New Parent Survey Thank you to the parents/carers of new pupils who have returned the short survey we sent out recently. Your feedback is very useful.



University Good luck to: ex-pupils, siblings of current pupils and the children of members of staff who are starting, or continuing, university at the moment. I wish them all the very best and hope that they are able to adapt to studying during these 'strange times'.

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.

THANK YOU – to our admin staff, cleaners, site manager, teachers, TAs, MDAs, mentors, parents/cares and children for all they have done to ensure that the return to school has gone as smoothly as possible.

