



**Nelson Primary School**  
Inspiring Ambition, Achieving Success

# Newsletter

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## Attendance

Reg	Average
Rec	97.1
Year 1	95.4
Year 2	98.1
Year 3	96.2
Year 4	96.1
Year 5	97.3
Year 6	94.3
Nursery AM	94.3
Nursery PM	90.1
School Average	96.2

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
Well done to Year 2 who has the highest attendance of 98.1 percent. I have highlighted Nursery AM as well Nursery PM, and year 6 as their attendance is far too low. Please remember to send your child to school every day.

Dear Parents/ Carers

Thank you to all those of you who support Comic Relief's "Red Nose Day." The children have had fun wearing their red outfits and eating a special red nose day menu. The show debate was also great fun.

The day started with a very serious message about how the money could be spent. The children really understood how the money that they raise will be spent.

Next week is the last week of term. Please make sure your child attends EVERY DAY.

Fiona Cullen  
Head Teacher

## Term Time Leave:

Changes in the law mean that the Head Teacher no longer has discretion to allow pupils to take term time leave. If you take your child out of school for any reason you will receive a fine for £60 per child per parent. This means that the mum will be fined £60 for each child and the dad will be fined £60 for each child.

The government monitors school attendance. They look at persistent absence. If your child has attendance of 90% or less they are deemed persistent absences and we are asked to follow this up and refer to the Local Authority who could take you to court. At court the penalty is either a very large fine £1000 or imprisonment. Please avoid keeping your child off school unless they are very sick and certainly DO NOT TAKE THEM OUT OF SCHOOL WHEN THE SCHOOL IS OPEN. Please wait until the holidays

## Dates for your diary

31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 – 100 % Treat

3rd April to 18th April – SCHOOL CLOSED

Easter Holiday

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April Year 6 Easter School

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May - SCHOOL CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – Year 6 SATS tests

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May Work Week (details to follow)

Monday 29 May 2017 to Friday 2 June 2017- SCHOOL CLOSED Half Term.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July - LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM



### Roll of Honour

This is a special board next to Ms Cull's office. If a child does something special outside school or becomes a times table titan their photograph will be displayed for everyone to see.

Rabeet Qureshi – M8 Final in cricket tournament

Yogavan Paraparan – T1 Times Table Titan

Mohamed Saleh Qureshi – T9 Times Table Titan

Kai Cheung – M5 completed Stage 8 in swimming

Shan Iqbal – T3 Football award – man of the match

### Children taken ill at school.

Occasionally children become unwell in school and they are fine to wait in school until the end of the day. Very occasionally, however, a child will need to be collected by their parent or other nominated adult. We understand when parents have appointments or are at work but if the school calls you about your child it is because they need to be at home. Please ensure your phone numbers are up to date.

### Uniform

As the weather is improving, next term the children are allowed to wear the summer uniform. This is either a navy blue checked dress or grey shorts. There may be days when the children will only need to wear their school jumper and not their coat. This is fine but please don't substitute this for a "hoody" in the wrong colour. They may wear their school jumper and a coat or just their school jumper.

Please also ensure your child is wearing sensible shoes. Flip flops or sandals with heels are quite dangerous in a building with so many stairs and so many children. Remember: All shoes must be plain black with no other colours visible.

### Read to Me Venture

Our Read to me Venture is a key part of helping them to learn to read.

Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. When the rhythm and melody of language become a part of a child's life, learning to read will be as natural as learning to walk and talk.

Well done to all those parents who read with their child. You have given them a great start! Here are some of our reception children receiving certificates with their parents.



### Toys in school

A few children have brought in toys and games from home. We ask that they do not do this; sometimes they could get lost or broken.

We have plenty of equipment in school for them to use. Any toys brought in to school will be confiscated.

### 100% attendance treat

We are delighted that so many children have had 100% attendance this term. This term the treat is a performance by a visiting theatre company. All the children will receive a silver invitation and will come to the middle floor to enjoy the show. Unfortunately each term we have a few parents who are worried that their child will be upset if they don't get to go to the treat. Please reassure them that if they attend every day next term they too will be invited to the treat.

