



Newsletter

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Attendance

Reg	Average
Rec	93.4
Year 1	96.0
Year 2	96.9
Year 3	97.0
Year 4	94.5
Year 5	96.4
Year 6	98.8
Nursery AM	91.4
Nursery PM	97.8
School Average	96.1

Week beginning 24th April 2017
Well done to Year 6 who has the highest attendance of 98.8%. I have highlighted Nursery AM as well as Reception and year 4 as their attendance is far too low. **Please remember to send your child to school every day.**

Dear Parents/ Carers

The season of end of year tests are upon us. We ask that you ensure your child has at least 11 hours sleep each night and brings their bottle of water to school with them. Please do not expect your child to study in every part of their free time – there should also be plenty of time for free play – this develops imagination and independent thought; and exercise – this will help to circulate blood around the brain. This week sees a new feature in our newsletter; the report from the Board of Governors. Our governors have asked that I publicise the main decisions in this way.

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

Monday 8th May 2017 to Thursday 11th May 2017 – Year 6 SATS tests

Monday 22nd May – Friday 28th May Work Week (details to follow)

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

Thursday 8th June - School closed to children as the school is a polling station.

Wednesday 5th July - Showcase Evening

Wednesday 19th July – Year 6 Presentation Evening

Thursday 20th 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.

Aisha Mahmood T6-3 – Achieved Stage 6 Swimming

Y6 SATs

Good luck to all the children doing the Year 6 SATs next week. All the children (and staff) have worked very hard to ensure the children are prepared for these tests. Please ensure your child gets plenty of sleep and plenty of relaxation time over the weekend so that they are ready to do their best during next week.

I look forward to seeing them all at breakfast club at 8am in the dining room.

Report from the Board of Governors

The governors have agreed that it is really important for all of you to know the key points that are discussed at each meeting. A meeting was held last night.

- All the governors were trained in e-safety.
- The board of governors are very concerned that attendance is too low and have asked us to improve this level.
- A decision was made that Nelson Primary School will become an academy. Obviously this will take time to process and you will be formally consulted in due course.

Mayor's Count on us Challenge

Well done to Rogash, Hashani and Tasnim who represented the school in the Count on us Challenge. You will remember that we are the reigning champions in this competition! All the children performed brilliantly and are through to the semi-finals at City Hall on the 9th June 2017.



Appointments in school time.

Appointments during the school day can harm your child's learning but you can minimise the disruption by:

- arranging routine appointments such as dental check-ups or eye-tests outside school hours if possible
- bringing them straight to school after a morning appointment
- bringing them to school before appointments later in the day

