



Newsletter

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Attendance

Reg	Average
Rec	95.8
Year 1	94.4
Year 2	94.8
Year 3	95.7
Year 4	96.3
Year 5	97.3
Year 6	96.6
Nursery AM	92.9
Nursery PM	95.9
School Average	95.8

Week beginning 1st May 2017
Well done to Year 5 who has the highest attendance of 97.3%. I have highlighted Nursery AM as well as year 1 and year 2 as their attendance is far too low. Please remember to send your child to school every day.

Dear Parents/ Carers

The Year 6 SATs tests are finally over. The children (and staff) worked incredibly hard and they have produced their very best work. They have been rewarded with a trip to Central Park today.

The writing assessments continue so please ensure your child comes to school every day ready to work as hard as possible on this! All other year groups will be involved in assessments and testing in the coming weeks - please make sure that they have had enough sleep, enough time to exercise and come to school 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

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.

Jayleen Kaur T7-3 won a gold medal in the British Masters Open Taekwondo Championships.

Jasleen Kaur M7-6 achieved a green belt in Taekwondo

Fidget Spinners

Please remember that, as with all other toys, **we do not allow fidget spinners at school.** Fidget spinners will be **taken by school staff and returned to parents at the end of the day.**

As you know all equipment is provided by us so that each child has exactly what they need. Some children with autism or ADHD may have need for equipment to fiddle with in order to aid concentration but again – if this is necessary the school will provide the equipment.

Please take the time to explain to your child what autism and ADHD are and why the spinners may be useful. It is much more likely that your child finds it hard to concentrate if they are tired – please ensure they **get at least 11 hours sleep each night.**

PE Kits

Please remember that the school uniform for PE is a school PE t shirt and NAVY BLUE shorts or tracksuit bottoms. Please ensure your child wears the correct kit for their PE lessons.

When your child leaves the school or grows out of their PE t shirt please donate it to the school so that if children do not have one on a particular day we can lend them one so they can comply with school policy.

Year 2 Footballers debut!

On Wednesday 10th May, Nelson's Year 2 boys participated in a football competition at Langdon academy. Although the boys didn't reach the quarter finals they showed great potential along with the willingness to learn and improve for future competitions.



How to keep your children safe online!

7 ways to manage your child's screen time:

1. Have family guidelines. Most families have a routine for mealtimes and bedtime, and the same approach can work for screen time.
2. Start early. The sooner you establish a pattern of behaviour, the better.
3. Set boundaries. You might allow screen time on Sunday morning so you can have a lie in, but not on weekday mornings, or within an hour of bedtime. Similarly, screen time in the living room may be OK, but not in the bedroom. Depending on your child's age, you could make these decisions together.
4. Share screen time. Perhaps take it in turns to choose a game to play or video to watch – and talk about it the same way you would a book you were reading. Or video-call a relative and encourage your child to tell them family news or a story, or show something they've made.
5. Involve your child in your own screen time. Share activities such as looking up train times and encourage them to join in. But try to limit your screen time when your child's about. If you're always checking your phone, they'll do the same.
6. Encourage creativity. Use apps to help your child create photos, videos, drawings and stories.
7. Extend your child's play beyond the screen. Find out which apps they like and plan related activities, such as dressing up as one of their favourite characters.

