



Newsletter

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Attendance

Reg	Average
Rec	93.7
Year 1	98
Year 2	97.9
Year 3	96.7
Year 4	98
Year 5	98
Year 6	96.6
Nursery AM	95
Nursery PM	91.3
School Average	96.1

Week beginning
Congratulations to
Years 1, 4 and 5 who
are this week's
winners. I have
highlighted Rec and
afternoon nursery as
their attendance is too
low. Please ensure your
child attends school
every day.

Dear Parents/ Carers

I am delighted to report that the Regional schools' Commissioner, Tim Coulson, has written to me saying –

"... I was very pleased to see the school's provisional Key Stage 2 results for this summer. Everyone is aware of the higher demands of the tests than in previous years and it was very impressive how well and quickly your staff have adapted and taught the children to the standards required."

This week our after school clubs started, we are pleased that so many children have been chosen for at least one club.

Fiona Cullen

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.

Please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside school.

I am very concerned that parents are still parking on the ZIG ZAG lines despite me asking everyone to stop doing this. I cannot stress enough how dangerous this is. A small boy from Year 1 was nearly run over because his parent was unable to see around the parked cars.

Please stop this very dangerous practice and park further away from the school.

We are judging the fantastic entries for the competition this week and hope that the banners will be ready to be put up after half 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.

This week:

Dylan Velu M7-6 Times Table Titan
Mubashar Zulfiqar T2-5 Times Table Titan

Hockey Triumph

We were delighted that our hockey team came third in the recent tournament with other schools in the Langdon Partnership. The team has only been together for 3 weeks. When we tweeted our result Kate Richardson – Walsh retweeted it! She is such an inspiration for all our children.



Harvest Festival

I was very pleased to attend one of our harvest festival assemblies today. The House Captains had researched this traditional event and so many of you were able to donate tinned and dried goods to this cause. I am sure the Renewal Programme will be delighted with the very generous contributions from Nelson Primary School.



Breakfast Club and After School Child Care (ESP)

We still have places at these clubs. Breakfast Club is from 7-30am to the start of school. Your child can arrive at any time and breakfast is served up until 8.15am. School staff will then take your child into school. This is £2 per day. Our after school child care takes place every day in the dining room. The children complete their homework and have a snack. There are many lovely activities for them to join in with. The cost each day is £7. We close this club at 6pm. Please take advantage of this child care it is very reasonable compared to child minders and other wrap around care and is on school premises with our own staff that your children will know.

Dates for your diary

Friday 21st Oct Trafalgar Day
Mon 24th Oct – Fri 28th Oct School Closed- Half Term
Wednesday 9th Nov Parent Review Day – children only attend their appointment –
Monday 5th December to Friday 9th December – Christmas performances
21st Dec – 4th January School closed - Christmas Holiday

