



Nelson Primary School
Inspiring Ambition, Achieving Success

Newsletter

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Attendance

Reg	Average
Rec	94.9
Year 1	98.2
Year 2	97.9
Year 3	96.6
Year 4	96.1
Year 5	98.5
Year 6	97.5
Nursery AM	98.8
Nursery PM	97
School Average	97.2

Week beginning 19th September

Congratulations to Nursery AM who are this week's winners. I have highlighted Rec as their attendance is too low. Please ensure your child attends school every day.

Dear Parents/ Carers

Another successful week has been completed. The children have all settled down well and are working hard. The leadership team looked at English books this week. We are very pleased with how children are progressing and particularly pleased with the standard of presentation in most books.

Sadly we are saying goodbye to Mrs Mason one of our wonderful admin team today. I hope you'll join me in wishing her a very long and happy retirement.



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

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



Bullying

I am concerned that some parents have talked to me about bullying worries. I want to reassure you that we have a very robust anti-bullying policy and challenge bullying at all levels. Help your child to understand the difference between falling out with friends, being a bit mean and signs that they might be experiencing bullying. Bullying is persistent, there's an intent to cause harm and there's an abuse of power.

If you think your child is being bullied, please talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance or come into Reception where our Pastoral Support Workers will be able to listen to you and begin to investigate the issues. We take these complaints seriously and deal with those doing the bullying appropriately.

If you suspect that your child is DOING the bullying please come in to school to talk to the Pastoral Support Workers about this. We aim to ensure that every child feels safe and secure whilst they are in school and can come to school happily.

After School Clubs

Clubs will start next week. All the clubs have lots of children who would like to be in them, unfortunately not every child can have a place in all the clubs they selected. **If your child has had a congratulations letter then they have a place and they can attend. If they do not have a letter then they have not got a place in the club.**

Congratulations to Mrs Sheikh and Mrs Begum; both have had beautiful baby boys.

Hot Potato Competition

On Wednesday 28th September, 10 children from years 1/2 took part in a hot potato competition. The children qualified in 2nd place in round one but were unfortunately knocked out in the quarter finals. The children showed that they were great and exemplary ambassadors for Nelson throughout the competition.

Harvest Festival

We will be having our first Harvest Festival next Friday. Our house captains will be organising this celebration of a safe harvest. We would like to use this opportunity to share our good fortune with those less fortunate in our community, and contribute to the Renewal Programme's Food Bank.

We would like the children to bring in items of dried food such as bags of rice , lentils, or pasta and tinned items such as beans, tinned meat , tinned vegetables.

These will be donated to the food bank. We won't be able to accept fresh items because they go out of date too quickly.

We hope that you feel able to donate items for this very good cause. Please ask your children to take them to the hall on Friday morning.



