



Nelson Primary School

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# Newsletter

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## Attendance

Reg	Average	Week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2017  Well done to Year 3 who has the highest attendance of 98.3. I have highlighted Reception and Nursery PM, their attendance is far too low. Please remember to send your child to school every day.
Reception	84.1	
Year 1	95.2	
Year 2	95.2	
Year 3	98.3	
Year 4	96.5	
Year 5	93.8	
Year 6	96.8	
Nurs AM	97.7	
Nurs PM	90.8	
Whole School	94.6	

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Well done to year 6 parents who have all now completed their online applications - we will find out which school the children will be going to in March.

It is now the turn of our nursery parents. All applications for primary school applications must be in by 15th January 2018. If you need any help completing your child's online application for a Reception place please contact our family support worker, Jenny Wheeler, in Reception.

Fiona Cullen  
Head Teacher

## 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.

Hafizah Rouf M4-4 Times Table Titan  
Thaaniya Balakumar M3-4 Times Table Titan  
Pouya Ahang M8-6 Awarded a certificate for effort and concentration at Explore Learning  
Safiyah Mohamed Masoon T8-3 Times Table Titan  
Issac Shanada T8-3 Times Table Titan  
Sadia Ahmed M3-4 Times Table Titan

## Dates for your diary

Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas performances  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of Autumn Term - school will close at 1.30pm on this day.  
21<sup>st</sup> December to 3<sup>rd</sup> January SCHOOL CLOSED  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – First day of the Spring term for children.



## 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

## Read to me venture

It was wonderful to see how many children have received their first certificates in their read to me venture. It is great to see parents helping their children to enjoy reading. Remember- research has shown that the more stories that have been read to children the better readers they become. Don't forget to make use of our library before and after school as well as on Saturday. There are also opportunities for more reading at East Ham library. Happy reading !!

## Christmas Performance Dates

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – EYFS with AM Nursery  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Years 4 and 6  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Years 3 and 5  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Years 1 and 2

## Lateness

This week the number of lates has increased - this has to reduce. It is really distressing and embarrassing for your child if they are late when they have to walk into lessons or an assembly. Also, your child has to miss playtime to catch up on the reading they have missed. Remember the doors open at 8.40am – why not try and aim for that time!

## Children in Need

Well done to the whole school community; we raised £822.86 for Children in Need. This is a fantastic achievement – thank you for supporting this very good cause.

## Christmas lights

I was so proud of our Senior Choir on Saturday as they helped to entertain the shoppers in East Ham before the Christmas lights were switched on. They sang beautifully despite the bitter cold weather. Special thanks to Mr Dye who was deputising for Ms Cull and Mrs Halai who supported us in looking after the children. Thanks also to those parents who supported our efforts with clapping and cheering.



## Talent Show

Well done to Dalvinder who organised the KS2 talent show on Friday. It was a great celebration of how children can plan, prepare and perform independently. It was a pleasure to be a judge for the contest alongside Ms Cull and Ms Dickeson. Well done to all of you. I hope that we will have other forms of entertainment at lunch time.

