



Nelson Primary School

Inspiring Ambition, Achieving Success

# Newsletter

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## The importance of excellent attendance

190 days 100% Very best chance of success	183 days 96% Off to a flying start	179 days 94% Less chance of success	175 days 92% Harder to make progress	More than 18 days absence Less than 905 Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child)
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Nurs AM	Nurs PM	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.5%	89.2%	92.8%	95.8%	95.9%	96.3%	97.8%	96.5%	98.5%

Remember we take attendance very seriously at Nelson Primary – if you are not in school you are missing out on all of the amazing things happening ... as well as seeing your friends!

Dear Parents and Carers,  
 We are getting concerned that in many year groups attendance is too low. If you look at our new chart, you will be able to see how attendance affects your child's ability to succeed. We are really looking forward to celebrating with the children who have 100% attendance at our Nelson Cinema Experience. The children will be watching Paddington 1 and eating popcorn.  
 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.

Jean mark Nawesi M2  
 Thilaxshini Kalaiyarasan T5  
 Faizan Kazmi M1  
 (Certificate for concentration and effort at Explore learning)  
 Abira Subasgar T7  
 Harshan Sasikumar G8  
 Stage 3 swimming



## 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

## Uniform

I am very worried that a few children are choosing not to follow our uniform policy. Some are not wearing shoes that are completely black. **Please ensure all shoes are plain black**. Also all children should be wearing grey trousers or a skirt or pinafore dress with a white polo shirt, and navy blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan. Scarves or turbans should be navy blue or white. It is really important that all the children wear the exact uniform.

Some parents and carers are not happy when items of clothing go missing. You can minimise this by putting **your child's name in their uniform**. We do expect children to be independent and ensure their coats and bags are stored away appropriately.

## Christmas Performance Dates

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Rec Nursery pm**

**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**

## Clubs

Next week is the last week for after school clubs. **There will be no after school clubs on 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December.** They will start again next term. Also, this is the last week for Saturday sports and music.

## Hockey

We were very happy with our mixed Year 5 and 6 hockey team who came third in the Langdon School Sports Partnership event.

This is a tremendous achievement and each member received a Golden Housepoint for representing the school so well. Thanks to Mrs Halai for coaching them so well.



## Dates for your diary

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner with the staff.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Opening Ceremony for our new building with Stephen Timms

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 1.10pm Christmas Parties for all children – Please wear party clothes for school and bring some food or drink to share with the class.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - School closes at 1.30pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – First Day of Spring Term

