



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
96.2	85.9	91.0	93.7	95.3	92.9	94.2	90.5	92.4

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,  
Happy new year to all of you. We are looking forward to the new term with all the exciting things we have planned.

The children will be working very hard to meet the expected standards in all subjects in a fun and exciting way. Please ensure your children attend school every day and are on time. Children need a minimum of 11 hours sleep each night; please make sure your child goes to bed at the right time so that they are able to get up in time to get to school by 8.40am when the doors open.

### 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.

Danushka Kandasamy – T7-3 Times Table Titan



## 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

Well done to all those parents who are following our uniform code. Unfortunately, some parents are choosing not to provide their children with the correct uniform. It is important that **EVERYONE** wears the school uniform – Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers; White polo shirt; navy blue jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt; scarves or turbans worn for religious purposes should be white or navy blue; and plain black shoes or trainers (no white or other colour should be on show). All staff have been asked to challenge children who are not wearing the correct clothes and parents will be spoken to. In cases of hardship, it may be possible to help you by providing clothes from lost property.

## Clubs

Clubs will start again from Monday 8th January. If your child has a place in a club please ensure they do not miss a club. As there are many children waiting for places in all the clubs if your child misses more than 2 club sessions they will be removed from the register.

## St Joseph's Hospice

I am delighted to report that the Senior Choir raised £214.06 for the hospice by singing Christmas Carols outside Sainsbury's in East Ham. This is a charity that supports those with terminal illness in East London and many of our families have been beneficiaries of the care that the hospice provides. We will be giving part of the proceeds from the forthcoming Spring Festival to this very worthwhile charity.

## Christmas Performances.

Thank you to all of you who came to the Christmas performances; please get your orders in as soon as possible. We are trying to raise money to provide some tiered seating which will mean that people will be able to see what is going on, on the stage.

## School Library

Please do not forget to encourage your child to visit the school library before school, after school and on Saturday mornings as well as at lunchtimes. It is important that the children choose a wide variety of books to help them with their reading comprehension. If they have lost their library card they can get a replacement from the library between 3.30 and 4.30pm at a cost of 50p

## Educational Visits or trips

We need volunteers to help us by going on educational visits with some of our year groups. If you think that you could do this please tell your child's class teacher - there may be opportunities to go on trips with other year groups too. I will be sending a letter out asking for parents to support the school, very soon.

