



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
94.6	96.9	92.2	94.8	97.8	95.6	94.6	94.6	95.1

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,

This has been an amazing week for our Year 6 children who have been to Fairplay House this week. The instructors at the centre have been impressed with both groups and said how well they have co-operated and completed the tasks. They also commented on how polite they were. I was very proud of all of them.

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.

Angel Amo-Adjei - T2-5 – Times Table Titan
Sreenagavihaan Peruboina - T5-3 Times Table Titan
Abirami Ramesh – M1-4 – Times Table Titan
Aisha Mahmood –M1-4 – Achieved Stage 7 Swimming
Harleen Kaur T2-5 – 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

Late collection from School

School ends at 3.15pm. This is when children must be collected from school. Whilst we understand that there may be occasions when there is an emergency, if your child has been collected late on too many occasions we will take them to the ESP – our after school child care – and charge you £8.

Late collection from Clubs

Clubs end at 4.30pm. This is when your child must be collected. Again, if your child is collected late on too many occasions we will take them to the ESP – our after school child care – and charge you £8.

Dates for your diary

12th -16th February- **School closed for Half Term**

14th March – Learning Review day – **children only attend for their appointment**

19th -23rd March Spring Festival – details to follow

30th March to 13th April – **School Closed for Easter Holiday**

Group Teen Triple P –

Positive Parenting Program

Starts at Nelson school on Thursday 1st February at 1.15pm

Why offer a program for teenagers?

We don't have teenage pupils at Nelson but we are offering this course to parents and carers of year 6 pupils because we believe it is appropriate for children going through the transition to secondary school. Many Year 6 pupils are already experiencing hormonal changes and they may start to behave differently and be more influenced by their peers than by their parents and carers. They will also start to develop more independence when they go to secondary school and this may be a good time to think about different ways of encouraging positive attitudes and managing behaviour. Teen Triple P can help you adjust your parenting strategies to deal with a more mature child who still needs your support and guidance.

Programme dates:

Weekly Group Sessions will be on **Thursdays 1.15pm – 3.15pm** 1st, 8th, 22nd February and 1st March

1-1 Sessions Weeks commencing 5th & 12th March
Final Group Session 22nd March

Group sessions will take place in the Community Room and refreshments will be provided. There is no crèche and you cannot bring children with you.

How can I join?

Letters will be sent to parents of Year 6 children next week. If you would like to enrol, ask at Reception and come to the first session on Thursday 1st February at 1.15pm.

