



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 90% Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child)
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Week beginning 23rd April

Nurs AM	Nurs PM	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.2	97.1	92.2	97.9	95.6	96.5	96.7	92.8	96.9

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,  
The children in Year 2 have been practising for their SATs tests this week. They have all worked very hard ready for their test later this term. It was good to see the determination of the children and their willingness to try their very best. We want children to do well but not at the expense of their mental health. Please ensure your children get time to relax and play as well as completing their school homework.  
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.

Tasnim Rashid – M5-6 Picture published in The Week Junior

**If you change address or telephone number – please let us know. This is particularly important as we may need to contact you if your child is sick or has had an accident!**



**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 Children:

When children are late for school they have to miss their playtime. We spend time talking to them about why. There are usually two reasons. One is bad traffic and the other is that they have woken up late. Children of primary school age need between 11 and 12 hours of sleep. Please organise your family life so that this is possible.

### Year 3 and 4 Football:

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 football team who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in their recent tournament. This was a great result and we are all very proud of them.



### Free English Classes

If you are interested in learning English at school please call in to Reception to find out how to register. We run two classes: one for parents of morning nursery children and reception children and one for all the other parents.

More details will be sent to you on a letter so please look out for it.

**Wednesday afternoons: for parents of children in Years 1-6 +pm nursery**

**Thursday mornings: for parents of children in am Nursery and Reception**

### Collecting your child.

Please ensure that you make arrangement to collect your child at 3.15pm. Remember, if you are having difficulties in arranging child care, we have our own child care facility on site, run by our own staff for £8 per day.

### Free Readers:

Each year group has a wristband level to work towards. When they have reached this level they will become Free Readers and receive a special rainbow wristband.

We are trying to ensure that children get a love of reading that will remain with them for the rest of their lives. If your child becomes a free reader please try to ensure that they read books of a genre that they really enjoy. We do expect that children read every day.

### Dates for your diary

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – School closed for local elections – (Year 6 will attend in the morning)**  
**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May – School open - all should attend**  
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May – School closed for May Day bank holiday**  
**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June – School Closed for half term**

