



Nelson Primary School
Inspiring Ambition, Achieving Success

Newsletter

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Attendance

From next week we will be reporting the attendance figures to you. We expect every child to attend school every day. The holiday dates are published on our website so please do not book holidays when you know the school is open. We have 12 weeks holiday per year; it is expected that you go away at those times. We have a treat for all those children who have 100% attendance each term. At the end of the year children who have 100% attendance for the whole year are invited to a special tea party.

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to a new school year and a new school building. We are delighted that the new building has finally been completed and is ready for us to move into. It has taken a lot of hard work to get this far with the inevitable delays but with the co-operation of all the staff we have been able to open on time.

You will also have noticed that children will be entering and leaving via several new exits. This is to ensure we can maximise our learning time. We will be having a grand opening in the near future.

I am so pleased to see that nearly every child is in the correct uniform. This is great. However, there are still a couple of children who will need to replace their shoes or cardigans. Their teachers will have spoken to you about that.

We are all looking forward to working together to make sure it will be our most successful year ever.

Fiona Cullen
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Thursday 21st Sept	World Peace Day Assembly
Friday 20th Oct	Trafalgar Day
Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 27th Oct	School Closed- Half Term

Times Table Titans

It is the government expectation that every child should know their times tables by the end of year 4. Please ensure that your child knows their times table facts up to 12 x 12. In our school those children who are able to pass a verbal times table test will become a times table titan and have their photograph on our roll of honour. They will need to know multiplication facts at speed i.e. $3 \times 4 = 12$, division facts: how many 3's in 12 and fraction facts: eg what is one quarter of 16. Please help them to learn their facts.



Selected by Royalty!

I am delighted to announce that we have been selected by the Duchess of Cornwall to receive a present of 70 books and a lovely bookshelf to put them on. This is in honour of her 70th birthday. I will be writing to the Duchess to say thank you.

We were selected because of our commitment to reading for enjoyment. There were only 70 schools in the whole country selected for this very special gift. If your child would like to write a thank you letter to the Duchess please bring them to my office and I will send them with my letter.

Summer Reading Challenge

We are the current champions for the whole of Newham for the library's summer reading challenge. As the competition doesn't end until September 17th there is still time for you to register and take part in this. It would be great if we could lead Newham once again!



Do NOT park on the Zig Zag lines outside school!

It is against the law to park on yellow Zig Zag lines. They are put outside schools so that parents and children can cross the roads safely.

Please try to leave your car at home and walk to school it is healthier for you and your child and stops the congestion around the school.

Next week there will be details of the competition for children to design a banner to persuade people not to park on the Yellow Zig-Zag lines.

Breakfast Club and After School Child Care (ESP)

Working parents, when choosing before and after school child care for your child please choose our breakfast and after school clubs.

You can drop your child at breakfast club from 7.30am. They can eat their breakfast of cereal and toast and relax before being taken to school by school staff.

At our after school club (ESP) The children complete their homework and have a snack. There are many lovely activities for them to join in with. We close this club at 6pm.

Please take advantage of this child care, it is very reasonable compared to child minders and other wrap around care and is on school premises with our own staff that your children will know.

Homework

Homework this year will be slightly different. Your child is expected to read or be read to every school day.

Your child will be expected to learn their maths facts as usual. The expectation is that they are able to answer 24 questions within 2 minutes. This is so that they can demonstrate that the facts are committed to memory. Please help your child to learn these facts.

Your child will also be expected to learn 10 spellings and be able to use them in a sentence. These should be written neatly in the book and your child will be tested on both the spelling and the meaning.

Your child will also be expected to complete a comprehension activity. This is so they learn how to answer questions about their reading.

