



Newsletter

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Attendance

Highest attendance for week beginning: 30th November 2015

Reg	30.11.15
Rec	91.7
Year 1	96.3
Year 2	95.2
Year 3	95.4
Year 4	97.2
Year 5	98
Year 6	97.3
Nursery AM	96
Nursery Pm	90.5
AV	95.2

Well done to Year 5 who are the winners this week with 98%

I have highlighted Reception and Nursery PM in Red because their attendance is far too low.

100% Attendance Treat

I would like to make it clear that the 100% attendance treat is for those children who have attended school every day. If your child has had either authorised or unauthorised absences they will not be attending the treat.

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.

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have really enjoyed all the performances this week. I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work in preparing the children and getting the props, costumes and scenery ready. The children performed very well indeed particularly those who sang solos and learned so many lines.

The school will close at 1.30pm on Friday 18th December. Please ensure you collect your child on time.

We are sad that Mrs Colechin, Ms John and Mrs Mooney are leaving the school. Ms John has gained promotion in another school and Ms Mooney has been very unwell but is now recovering well. We hope they will be happy in their new ventures. G5 will be taught by Ms Egeh from January. Mrs Colechin is retiring after working at Nelson for 20 years. She has worked tirelessly for the school and will be sadly missed. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who have given me presents and cards; you are very generous. I wish you all a happy Christmas holiday and a very prosperous New Year.

Fiona Cullen
Head Teacher



Midday Supervisor posts

We are looking to employ a number of people to be in the pool of midday supervisors. This means that if one of the midday supervisors is not at school we can call someone from the pool to come and work for that day. The appointments are for casual days.

The application forms will be available from Reception in January. Please complete the form and return it to Reception by 18th January. The interviews will be in the following week beginning 25th January.

Supervision before School

Please be aware that children **should not be left** in either playground **before 8.30am**. There is an adult to supervise after that time but before that there is no-one to ensure their safety. Mr Booth, our caretaker, unlocks the gates in KS1 for staff and for breakfast club children before that.

To ensure everyone's safety I have asked that Mr Booth, the Site Supervisor, to lock the gates at 8.50am when the doors close. If you arrive after that time please walk round to the Napier Road entrance so that your child can be registered correctly by our staff there.

Remember, the doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am. Lessons start at 8.50am prompt.

Dates for your diary

Christmas lunch with all the staff will be on **Wednesday 16th December**

Christmas parties will be on **Thursday 17th December in the afternoon**. Children may wear party outfits for school

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School re-opens Tuesday January 5th 2016

Thank you

We are very grateful to the GMB union who have very generously donated £400 towards our laptop appeal. This means that a second laptop will be able to be delivered to our partner school ST JOSEPH'S COMBINED ACADEMY, KENYA. They were very impressed with the work we have done with this school and wanted to support us.

We also heard this week that out of over 200 partnerships we are the only one that is still successfully working. Mr Okiya and Ms Readman spent a week at St Joseph's in October and were asked to open a special centre for global learning; this is another successful joint project that will enhance the education of children all over Kenya and in the UK.

School Council News

Shuruthy and Safiyah (Chair and Vice-Chair of the School Council) wrote:

Christmas Charity Collection

The school council had a vote on what to do for Christmas and the majority of the vote was to fundraise for Barnardo's. We would like to raise money to help those who don't have anyone to give them Christmas presents at this time of year. We are asking that every child brings in at least 50p on the day of the Christmas parties (Thursday 18th). That way we can have Christmas fun and so can other people.

School Council

I hope that you will be able to give generously and support the school council's idea.

Christmas Parties

The Christmas parties will be on Thursday 17th December 2015. Children may wear their party clothes on that day – **NO SCHOOL UNIFORM** is required.

We would like children to bring in party food (cakes, biscuits, crisps, sausage rolls, samosas, pakora etc.) and drink to share.

Thank you.



