



Nelson Primary School

Inspiring Ambition, Achieving Success

# Newsletter

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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	Over 18 days absence Less than 90% Persistent Absentee (Unfair to your child)
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Dear Parents/ Carers

This week, we said goodbye to Mrs Silk.

Although Mrs Silk has been the business manager for the last 9 years, she has worked tirelessly for the school for 25 years in lots of different roles.

The children held a special assembly in her honour today and the staff celebrated with a tea party.

I'm sure you'll join with me in thanking her for everything she has done in all her roles and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Fiona Cullen

## Visitors from Kenya

We are welcoming our two guest teachers from Kenya this week.

Mr Akao Banda and Miss Okelo. They will be working across the school to see how lessons are taught in the UK and sharing how things are done in Kenya.

They represent our partner school in Kenya – St Joseph's Combined Academy.

Our joint project is to reduce plastic waste, inspired by the Kenyan government's ban on plastic products.

## Aldi's Kit for school



Please remember when you shop in Aldi please ask for the Team GB stickers when you spend £30 or more. Then bring the stickers into school so we can stick them on our poster. We need 300 stickers to get a sports kit for the school. And a chance for the school to win £20,000. Please deliver the stickers to Reception.

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!

## Attendance percentages for last week.

### Well done to Reception

Reception	95.71%
Year 1	95.60%
Year 2	91.60%
Year 3	94.90%
Year 4	91.80%
Year 5	94.40%
Year 6	95.60%

## 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 or a Maths Magician their photograph will be displayed for everyone to see.

Congratulations to Emmanuel –Y4 and Nivethiga Y5

They are the new Times Tables Titans.

## Harvest Festival

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, we will be holding our annual harvest festival. This is where we celebrate the fact that most of us have plenty of food and sharing our surplus food and other goods with those less fortunate. This year our harvest gifts will go to the Food Bank at the Newham Renewal Project.

If you are able, please donate something towards our collection. The sorts of items needed are:

### Food Items

Cereal  
 Soup  
 Pasta  
 Rice  
 Tinned tomatoes  
 pasta sauce  
 Lentils, beans and pulses  
 Tinned meat  
 Tinned vegetables  
 Tea/coffee  
 Tinned fruit  
 Biscuits  
 UHT milk  
 Fruit juice

### Toiletries –

Deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes

### Household items –

Laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid

### Feminine products –

Sanitary towels and tampons

### Baby supplies –

Nappies, baby wipes and baby food.



## Notices

As the weather is changing, please make sure your child has a coat to wear at playtime and lunchtimes. It is very important that all the children have their name written inside.

There are so many unlabelled items in the lost property box that we are unable to return to the rightful owner if we don't know who they belong to.

Please check the lost property box if your child has lost something at school.

## Dates for your diary

	Holiday dates	School start date
Half Term INSET Day	Monday 21 October 2019 to Friday 25 October 2019 Monday 28 October 2019	Tuesday 29 October 2019
Christmas Break	Monday 23 December 2019 to Friday 3 January 2020	Monday 6 January 2020
Half Term	Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020	Monday 24 February 2020
Spring Break	Monday 6 April 2020 to Friday 17 April 2020	Monday 20 April 2020
Half Term	Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020	Monday 1 June 2020
May Day	Monday 4 May 2020	Tuesday 5 May 2020
Summer Break	Thursday 23 July 2020 to <i>To be advised</i>	

## Be on time for school.

Just a reminder that the doors open at 8.40am please bring your child to school at that time. Too many of our children have been arriving after the doors close (at 8.50am) and are missing their reading time. They are then required to catch up that time at playtime.



## 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.