



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 is the last newsletter of 2019. I would like to thank you for all the support you have given your children and the school this year. Together we have achieved great things and your children are testament to this. I am sure you will join with me in thanking the staff for all the work they have put in to make our achievements possible.

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Wiggins this term. She has been well loved by very many children over the last 22 years and now she has decided to retire. She will be coming back to school in January so that we can give her a good send off!

Many of you have sent in some lovely presents to me; thank you so much for your generosity - I really appreciate the gifts and the lovely words that have been written in the cards.

I wish you a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Fiona Cullen

Head Teacher

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	100%
Year 1	91.80%
Year 2	84.60%
Year 3	85.80%
Year 4	87.00%
Year 5	93.10%
Year 6	97.90%

Senior Choir Sing With Professional Musicians.

Our senior choir sang brilliantly in their concert on Saturday. They joined together with the All Saints Chorus and brass group. The children were a credit to their parents and their school; I was very proud to be there. The members of the All Saints Chorus and their Director of Music were really impressed with their performance and remarked on their professional behaviour. Those in the audience all enjoyed the performance.

Christmas Performances

Everyone in the school took part in the Christmas musicals. All four performances were really well produced and all the children sang and acted so well. I am sure there are some professional singers in the making ! I really appreciate the patience as we took the class photographs. Many parents said that they thoroughly enjoyed the shows and special guests that visited were really impressed with the high quality of the children's performance. I would like to publically thank all the staff that gave up their free time to ensure children learned their lines and sang and played so beautifully. It was a great achievement.



DON'T FORGET!!

School Closes at 1.30 on Friday 20th December.

The first day back is **6th January 2020**

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:

Faiza—Y2 Shalom—Y4
Adnan Y4 Jathushan—Y4
Harshan—Y4 Mahir-Y4
Riad—Y4

They are our new Times Table Titans;

TIMES TABLES

In the holidays it would be great to spend some time learning times tables. At the end of Year 4 the government will be testing the children on their times tables. They will be asked questions on line and will only have a few seconds for each question. We will be having a parents' meeting about this in January. Please help your child to be successful by chanting the times tables with them every day and practising answering the questions quickly. We are aiming for 100% of children passing this test. Please use the link below as it is very helpful

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

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.

Children who are late for school have reported that it is embarrassing and that they don't like missing playtime.



Dates for your diary

	Holiday dates	School start date
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	Tuesday 25 February 2020
INSET Day	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	Monday 20 July 2020	Thursday 3rd September 2020

READING IN THE HOLIDAYS

Please make sure that your child reads everyday. The more they read the better they will learn. If your child is in Reception or Year 1, please read to them. I am really looking forward to giving out certificates in the new year.



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.