



**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 and carers,

This will be the last monthly newsletter for 2021. I am hoping that 2022 will bring us some relief from the virus and that our children will have uninterrupted education going forward.

I hope you will join with me in thanking all the staff for the very hard work they have put in to make our school a place of normality for all our children so that they can thrive and learn to the best of their ability.

The school has had some very memorable moments this term I hope you will enjoy reading about them in this newsletter.

For those of you celebrating Christmas, I hope you have a lovely festive time with your families. Thank you so much for all the presents and cards I have received – I feel truly blessed!

I wish everyone a very happy, safe and prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing everyone back on 5th January 2022!

Kind regards,

Fiona Cullen

## Attendance percentages for last week

Reception	86.3%
Year 1	93.4%
Year 2	87.5%
Year 3	91.7%
Year 4	92.9%
Year 5	92.7%
Year 6	91.1%

## Attendance

At Nelson Primary School we place great importance on good attendance and punctuality.

We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time at 8.40am.

**Attendance matters! It is important that your child gets to school on time and aims for 100% attendance!**

### Mrs Pannell

Mrs Pannell will be leaving Nelson to go to work at another school at the end of this term. Mrs Pannell has worked very hard for lots of children since 2008 but will be especially remembered for her work as our art leader and her work with our children who have special educational needs. I am sure you will want to wish her well in the future.

### Reminder

School will be closed from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 to Tuesday 4th January 2022.

**Children need to return to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022.**

All our holiday dates are published on the website.

**MERRY  
Christmas**

# RECENT EVENTS

Year 1 have been learning about hibernation. They have created little habitats so the animals can sleep for the winter. Look out for the bats!



## Newham Music Winter Concert

Great to see Shalom and Nusail representing Nelson in the concert. Well played



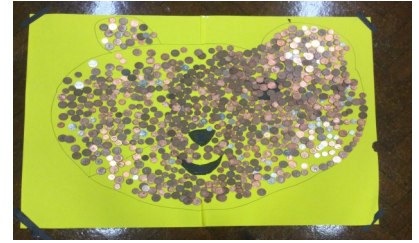
## Orchestra

Our orchestra were incredibly privileged to be able to take part in a workshop with Gouri Chowdhury. This is part of an ongoing project with the Orchestra of Enlightenment – They were amazed by the musicality of our wonderful children.



## Children In Need

A massive £760.34 raised for Children in Need by our staff, pupils and families. £27 of that was the coppers used to fill Pudsey's head! Well done everyone.



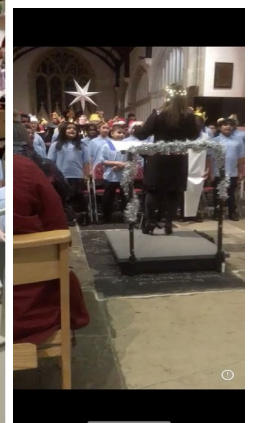
## SENIOR CHOIR

Our senior choir have been in great demand this *Christmas*. On 4<sup>th</sup> December they sang at the All Saints Chorus Annual Christmas Concert. This was an amazing event with the senior choir joining with the adult choir and performing so well – Some of the children sang solos and it was great to hear them singing out. I have had so many very good compliments from people who were at the concert and from the adult choir.

The Senior choir were also asked to sing for the shoppers in John Lewis at Westfield. The children brought great joy to everyone and so many people were clapping and dancing as they were walking round the shop.

That same evening the choir were asked to represent Newham schools by singing at Stratford Circus with the NYVC as they said goodbye to their musical director, Jane Wheeler. This was a tremendous honour and our children were fantastic! It was a real proud moment for me and for the school.

Well done to Miss Cull and all the members of the Senior Choir.



## Types of Absence

Every half-day absence from school, by law, has to be classified as either authorised or unauthorised. This is why information about the cause of absence is always asked for.

### Authorised Absences

These are mornings or afternoons away from school for a valid reason such as illness, emergency medical or dental appointments (routine appointments should always be made out of school hours) and emergencies.

### Unauthorised Absences

An absence is classified as Unauthorised if the reason was not recognised as acceptable. The Department for Education (DfE) and Local Education Authorities provide information for schools as to what is acceptable and what is not.

Examples of reasons that would not be accepted:

- A birthday
- A shopping trip
- Day trips
- Holidays as exceptional circumstances

Contact the school office on the first morning of absence and notify us of the absence and provide a reason. Messages can be left in home language by phoning the school and then pressing 1 to access the answer phone.

If school does not receive a notification on the morning of day one, a text message will be sent asking you to contact the school. If school has not received a response we will phone, if there is still no response then we will carry out a home visit on day two.

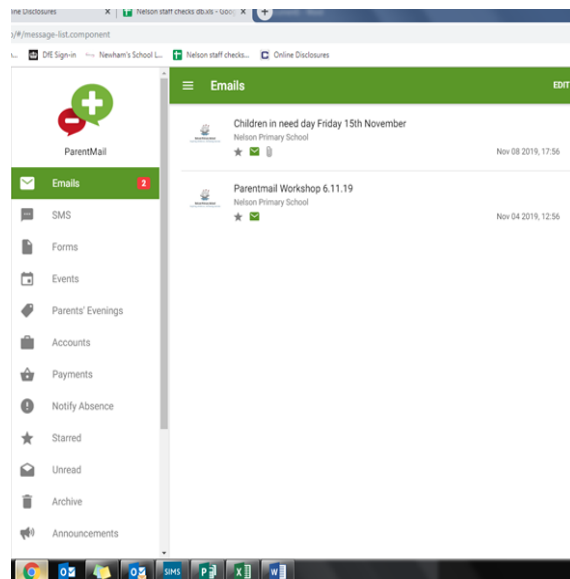
## Notices

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.



## Reporting Absences

Please remember to notify the school if your child is absent. The easiest most convenient way is via Parentmail. Just login to your account and tap seventh icon on your left, and report your child's absence.



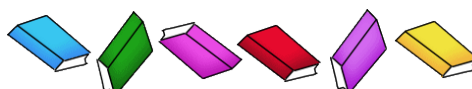
### Be on time for school.

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.



## Lost books

Please help your child to find their library books. After our last check there are 100 books missing from the library. It is important that they are returned as soon as possible so that other children can borrow them. If you really can't find them then you must pay your £4 to replace it via parent mail.





## Dates for your diary

School terms	Pupil holidays
<b>Autumn 1</b> Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	<b>Half term</b> Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Autumn 2</b> Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	<b>Training Days (School Closed)</b> Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November <b>Christmas Break</b> Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December – Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2022 <i>Christmas Day and New Year's day fall in the Christmas Break</i>
<b>Spring 1</b> Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	<b>Training days (school closed)</b> Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Half term</b> Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 <b>Staff Inset</b> Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2021
<b>Spring 2</b> Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	<b>Spring Break</b> Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 <i>Good Friday and Easter Monday fall in the Spring Break</i>
<b>Summer 1</b> Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	<b>Half term</b> Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022
<b>Summer 2</b> Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022	<b>Summer Break</b> Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> July – tbc

## Reception 2022

If your child is turning 4 then you must apply for a Reception school place before January 15. This is very important. If you are late getting your online form in you may not get any of your choices of schools.

**Apply now !!**