



**Nelson Primary School**  
Inspiring Ambition, Achieving Success

# Newsletter

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## The importance of excellent attendance

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	More than 18 days absence Less than 90% Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child)
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Week beginning 17th December 2018

Nurs AM	Nurs PM	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
76.7	81.8	92.3	87.7	88.9	94.2	92.7	93.4	91.1

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!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to everyone ! Thank you for all the lovely cards and presents I received at the end of last term – they were much appreciated.

This term we are planning a number of exciting events so make sure your child comes to school everyday so they don't miss out. Please do not plan to take your child out of school at all. We are not able to authorise leave and you could get a fine of £60 per child per parent. The attendance for the last week of term was not good enough in any year group and obviously, we will need to investigate why this was.

Fiona Cullen  
Head Teacher

## 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.

Nayema Y4 – Times Table Titan  
Janbi Y4 – Times Table Titan  
Talha Y4 – Times Table Titan  
Ishal Y3 – Times Table Titan  
Aayan Y3 – Times Table Titan  
Abdulhadi Y2 – Junior Times Table Titan  
Muhinul Y2 – Juinior Times Table Titan  
Adam Y2 – Junior Times Table Titan  
Syeda Y2 – Junior Times Table Titan  
Shalom Y3 – Times Table Titan  
Aakifah Y4 – Times Table Titan  
Anabiah Y4 – Times Table Titan



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### Free English classes for parents and carers at Nelson School

Nelson's Spring Term English classes for parents and carers begin next week. These are provided by Newham Family Learning and take place in the Community Room. The classes cover reading, writing and speaking English, and offer a fantastic chance to improve your skills while your child is in school. Places on both courses are limited, and allocated on a first come first served basis, so please register at the first session if you are interested. You will need to bring your National Insurance number.

There are two classes:

**1. Every Wednesday starting on 16<sup>th</sup> January from 1.15pm – 3.15pm**

English class for parents of children in Years 1-6 and PM Nursery

This is a mixed ability class for parents only – children will not attend the sessions. If you would like to join the class, please come to the Community Room next Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 1.15pm to register.

**2 Every Thursday starting on 17<sup>th</sup> January from 9.15am to 11.15am**

English class for parents and carers of children in Reception and AM Nursery.

This is a mixed ability class offered to parents and carers of children in Reception and morning Nursery classes. Your child will join the class for part of most sessions so that you can work on a simple, enjoyable activity together. If you would like to join the class, please come to the Community Room on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15 to register.

Please note that there is no crèche for either class, and you cannot bring children with you. If you need a class with a crèche, or have any other queries, please ask to see Jenny Wheeler, Family Support Worker.

### No cash payments can be made in school from now on!

By now you should all have received an email from **Parent Mail** telling you how to download and use the **parentmail app**. You will then be able to buy water bottles, book bags etc as well as pay for **ESP and breakfast Club**. This is the only way of paying for things in school now. This is how you will receive all letters and newsletters from now on.

You will only receive papercopies of letters if you request them.

We will also be using this app to book after school clubs and Learning Review Day Appointments.

### Changes to homework

For the daily reading, you will now need to sign off that your child has read on the table at the top of the homework sheet, rather than in the reading records. If your child hasn't read then they will miss their break time on that day. We will be checking how they are doing with their reading homework through the Accelerated reader tests

Our maths homework will now be done online via a programme called Mathletics. Your child will have a login that they will need to use to do the work that their teacher has set for them. Children who do not have access to Mathletics at home or would like to complete an AR test will be able to do this at lunch times in the Community room.

The spelling and reading comprehension sections will stay the same.

### Dates for your diary

#### Half Term

**School will be closed - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**

Easter Holiday –Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019

First Day of Summer term – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

### Accelerated Reader

From January we will be changing how we do Reading Wristbands. All the children have taken a star reading test to decide which range of books they will be reading. When children have read a book they will then have to do an online quiz. This can only be taken at school. Children will be awarded with a wristband of their choice when they have scored over 80% in 5 quizzes. We hope that this new method will support the children in their reading comprehension lessons.

