



NEWSLETTER

NELSON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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HEADTEACHER MESSAGE



Dear Nelson Families,

As the curtain falls on the autumn term, I feel a wave of pride as I reflect on our school's achievements. Our children are making good progress in their learning, and visitors frequently comment on their remarkable courtesy and friendliness. It is hard to believe that just a year ago, our school didn't have our beloved goats or the allotment – a symbol of how quickly our school evolves and grows with each passing year. With a heart full of pride, I present this final newsletter of 2023. I must of course start with mentioning the wonderful Nativity play. Throughout last week, our youngest pupils in Early Years performed for our pupils and parents. Their talent and confidence on stage were simply mesmerising, and I always personally feel like Christmas has arrived whenever I watch them perform.

This week also saw a flurry of exciting activities. Year 3 went to the library on Monday, while Year 1 stepped into the enchanting world of the stage with their trip to the REP Theatre on Tuesday. I am sure the performance of "Little Red Riding Hood" has left them with magical memories. Our annual Christmas lunch on Tuesday was a resounding success! The children thoroughly enjoyed our traditional lunch, featuring Christmas music, turkey with all the trimmings, and the joyous crackle of Christmas crackers that brought smiles and laughter to every table.

In other news, I'd like to extend a big thank you to the school council who organised the after-school cake sale on Tuesday. Their efforts selling cakes and Christmas cards raised over £132 for the Rainbow Trust – a fantastic contribution to such a worthy cause.

Wednesday also saw the introduction of new assemblies to acknowledge the exceptional efforts of our pupils. This term, we honoured pupils with the 'Independent Learning Award', 'Vision Award – 'Capable', and Vision Award – 'Compassion'. Today, we also held attendance assemblies to recognise and celebrate the dedication of pupils who consistently put in their best effort to be present in school. Their commitment serves as an inspiration to us all.



A special congratulations to Diana in Year 6 for winning the Christmas card competition! Her creativity and talent earned her a well-deserved WH Smith voucher. We're sure her design will bring festive cheer to many.



The Twinkly Nativity was performed to both the school and our parents last week.

COLLECTION TIMES



SPRING 1

INITIALS A-K: 3:05PM

INITIALS L-Z: 3:20PM

DIARY DATES

Please note: These dates say "all day", but this is a generic setting on our calendar. Please check notification letters and marvellous me messages to get specific times of events.

MONDAY
8th January

All Day
Back to Nelson for the start of the Spring Term

All Day
Children return to school

WEDNESDAY
10th January

All Day
Year 2 Hippodrome Trip to see Jack and the Beanstalk

THURSDAY
11th January

All Day
Year 1 Parents Home Reading Workshop

FRIDAY
12th January

All Day
Year 2 Parents Home Reading Workshop

SATURDAY
13th January

All Day
Ex Cathedra Academy of Vocal Music Club

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WEDNESDAY
17th January

All Day
Year 2 Parents Maths Workshop

FRIDAY
19th January

All Day
School Council Meeting

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All Day
Year 1 Parents Home Reading Workshop

Our children also attended our Christmas raffle this morning which raised a great deal of money towards our school fund. This money will be reinvested back into buying things for our pupils, such as lunchtime play equipment. Many thanks for your generosity. This afternoon they have also enjoyed their parties, with KS1 even receiving a special visit from Father Christmas!

Important Information:

While we have a dedicated TikTok channel showcasing our adorable goats, kindly remember that TikTok's age restriction is 13 and so you must closely supervise your child if they are watching the videos on your account. To ensure your children can enjoy watching their antics independently, we will soon be migrating their videos to a dedicated page on our school website.

From the bottom of our hearts, we express our sincere gratitude to all families for your unwavering support and partnership. We wish you a peaceful and joyous festive break, filled with cherished moments and renewed energy for the year ahead.

School will reopen to pupils on Monday 8th January.

Warm regards,
Miss Forrest



ATTENDANCE

F2SK	88.00%
F2CB	88.00%
Y1KL	94.00%
Y1KB	93.00%
Y2TK	96.00%
Y2LB	94.00%
Y3CC	96.00%
Y3DD	95.00%
Y4RR	94.00%
Y4MS	97.45%
Y5ZR	95.00%
Y5AI	94.00%
Y6VD	95.00%
Y6DC	94.00%
Average	94.22%

Well done to 4MS who had the with the highest attendance this term - parents can collect their £20 voucher from the office. Unfortunately, two families have been fined from the council for poor attendance this term. One family has court costs of £433 per child due to late payment. I have also had many requests recently for leave in term time as families want to visit unwell relatives abroad. As I have said before, there are 13 non-school weeks a year that these trips can be made, and I am unable to authorise your children missing their education for this reason during the term. It is disappointing that so many families still left early this month for overseas travel, and I am sure the council will be fining them all when they return.

REMINDER

We have had some children in KS2 not completing their home reading. Please encourage the children to read at home, and check that they have completed it. This really supports the message we are giving in school.

<90%	Serious Concern
90%+	Significantly Concern
92%+	Very Concerning
93%+	Concerning
94%+	Needs to improve
95%+	Good
96%+	Very Good
97%+	Excellent
98%+	Outstanding
99%+	Wow!
100%	Incredible