

NEWSLETTER

NELSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

20/09/24



HEADTEACHER MESSAGE



Dear Nelson Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and rested after a wonderful summer break.

We were delighted to welcome back our staff on Monday, September 2nd, where we focused on essential training updates, including safeguarding, fire safety, and first aid. We also ensured our classrooms were ready to welcome back all the children. On Wednesday, September 4th, it was time for a new academic year to begin!

It was a joy to see the smiling faces of our children in Years 1-6 return to school. The atmosphere was, as always, positive and welcoming as children joined us for breakfast club and made their way through the school gates. Our staff were on hand to greet them with warm bagels and friendly smiles. It was clear that we had all missed each other over the summer, and it was heartwarming to see our children looking smart and ready to learn, (only a few reminders were needing concerning not wearing hooped earring's). As I walked around the school, it was wonderful to witness our children actively engaged back in their learning and excited to be back. It reinforced my belief that Nelson Primary School is a truly special place. Our Early Years team has also been busy conducting home visits and welcoming new families and children into their first days at school.

This academic year, we have many exciting plans in store, including beekeeping and even the addition of chickens to join our goats! Our ongoing theme of fostering compassion and capability among our children will also be further enhanced by the introduction of a new "C": community. We aim to create more opportunities for our children to give back to their community, and our subject leaders are working with pupil subject ambassadors to develop initiatives to achieve this. Please watch this space for more information as it becomes available.

We would also like to introduce two new members of staff: Miss Quayam in Year 5 and Miss Philips in Nursery. Both are exceptional teachers, and we look forward to welcoming them to the Nelson team. Additionally, we welcome Miss Begum to the senior leadership team as Assistant Headteacher.



Over the summer we created a new hideaway/retreat area for the children to play in.



Our newly installed flower/plant wall,



Regarding attendance, there have been some important changes that you can read about in the letter included in this newsletter from Sue Harrison at Birmingham City Council. Attendance will, of course, remain a key focus this year. A big thank you to the majority of parents/carers who make sure their children attend school regularly. Keep up the great work and ensure that children are not missing out on valuable learning opportunities.



We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to working together to provide the best possible education for your children. With Warm Regards,

Warm Regards

Miss C Forrest MBA NPQH B.Soc.Sci

Headteacher

Our trainee Bee Keepers

01/09/2024 to 31/07/2025

September 2024

19/09/24	All Day Bee Keeping Visit Calendar	
23/09/24	All Day Titanic History Workshops-Year 2 Calendar	
25/09/24	All Day School Governors Meeting Calendar	All Day Early Years Parent Workshop on phonics Calendar



IMPORTANT DATES

October 2024

08/10/24	All Day Early Years Parent Workshop on phonics Calendar
09/10/24	All Day Parent Coffee Morning with Miss Janagil Calendar
15/10/24	All Day 4RR Library Trip Calendar
21/10/24	All Day Ancient Greek Workshops-Year 4 Calendar
25/10/24	All Day Last day of half term

TERM DATES 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Monday 2 nd September	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 3 rd September	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 4 th September	Children return to school
Friday 25 th October	Children break up for half term
Monday 4 th November	Children return to school
Friday 22 nd November	Teacher Training Day
Thursday 19 th December	Children break up for Christmas
Friday 20 th December	Teacher Training Day



ATTENDANCE



July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence

I am taking this opportunity to write to inform you of some important changes the Department for Education is introducing regarding school attendance and the issuing of penalty notices when children are absent from school.

A new National Framework for Penalty Notices is being introduced. The new regulations will come into effect from the 19th of August 2024. The aim is to improve consistency in the use of penalty notices across England.

The national framework includes:

- A single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered of ten sessions (usually equivalent to five school days) for any unauthorised absence within a rolling ten school week period. The 10-week period may span different terms or school years. For example, two sessions of unauthorised absence in the summer term and a further eight during the autumn term.
- An increase to the rate of a penalty notice from £120 to £160 if paid within 28 days and £60 to £80 if paid within 21 days. If a second penalty notice is issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling three-year period, the notice will be charged at the higher rate of £160 with no option for this second offence to be discharged at £80.
- A national limit of two penalty notices that can be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling three-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another tool must be considered (such as prosecution or another attendance legal interventions).

This means that if you have applied for a leave of absence to take place from September 2024 and the school has not agreed to authorise it, you may receive a penalty notice at the level prescribed by the new framework.

Please be aware that new legislation does not allow schools to authorise any holidays in term time or authorise leave retrospectively.

The local authority is in the process of consulting with schools and partner agencies to develop a revised local code of conduct. The document will be published on Birmingham City Council's website.



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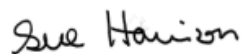
 RESHAPE

 RESTART

The Council believes good attendance is essential to support your child in getting the most out of their education and we thank you for your continued support.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to contact the school who may be able to offer support for your child and family.

Yours sincerely



Sue Harrison
Strategic Director of Childrens and Families

