

Welcome to the Autumn Term 2017 at Nelson! It has been wonderful to see all of the children coming back to school looking smart in their uniform and ready to learn. A special welcome to those children and families joining our school family this term. We are so pleased you have come to join our community!

We are spending the first few weeks developing and teaching the children about our new behaviour policy. We believe a positive partnership between home and school is crucial in promoting and maintaining high standards of behaviour and learning. Please find a copy of our new Golden Rules and our new Consequence System attached to this letter for you to discuss at home with your child.

Our emphasis is upon promoting and recognising positive behaviours as much as possible. To support this, we are introducing School Teams this term. Every child and adult in our school is a member of one of our teams: **Ruby**, **Diamond**, **Sapphire** and **Emerald**. Children making good choices can be given a team token to put in the team jar on our display in the hall. As always, if you have any questions or comments about our new behaviour policy or any other matter, please come and see me at school!

Thank you for your continued support.

Rachel Barker

## Attendance & Punctuality

The links between good school attendance and good educational outcomes are very clear.

Please help us to Reach our whole school attendance target 96% this year by bringing your child to school on time every day.

If your child is unwell, please phone the school office by 9:00am stating the specific reason for absence. Children arriving after 9:00am need to be taken to the school office where parents/carers will be asked to complete the Late Book.



## Named Clothing

Please make sure all of your children's clothing is named, including their PE kit, footwear and coat. This makes it much easier to return items to their owners when things go missing.

Please check class noticeboards to find out when your child needs their PE kit, swimming kit and wellies for outdoor learning this term. It can be upsetting for a child if they do not have the equipment they need with them in school each day.



## School Hot Dinners

With our new school term we have a new school lunch menu.

As always can parents and carers please inform the [school office](#) if your child has changed from their usual hot dinner to packed lunch or packed lunch to hot dinner and also if they would like the vegetarian or jacket potato option so our kitchen can cook the correct number, thank you.



### Site Security

This term we will be installing new fencing either side of the path coming into school from our Northumberland Street entrance. The fencing will run along both sides of the existing path and there will be two new gates; one for access to the Reception classrooms and one to access the Year 1 and 2 classrooms. These gates will be open at the beginning and end of the school day but will be locked at all other times. This means that access to school during the day will be through the main school office only. If you come into school during the day via the main school gate please make sure you close it behind you.

### Diary Dates

Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> June - Sponsored Swim Week 2

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Year R Trip to Gressenhall

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Parent Forum Meetings with Mrs Barker in the hall at 9:15am and 5:00pm.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Year 2 Trip to Easton College Farm

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June - New Intake Meeting for Parents & Carers of new Reception children

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Reports sent home for Parents & Carers

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Parent Teacher Meetings re: Reports

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Friends of Nelson Summer Festival & BBQ 3:00pm-5:00pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July - Year 1 Trip to Pensthorpe

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July - KS1 Sports Day (Y1 & Y2) 10:30am followed by...

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Whole School Teddy Bear's Picnic on the field - Parents, Carers and younger siblings are welcome to join us for a picnic lunch from 12pm. We will be collecting donations for UNICEF during the event.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July - YR Sporty Stay and Play on the school field

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Y2 Leaver's Assembly 1:30pm followed by Leaver's Tea Party 2:30pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - End of term

### Thank you!

All of the children have been enjoying using the new playground equipment at playtimes and lunchtimes.

Members of the School Council showed everyone the new equipment during an assembly and talked about how to look after it.

The new equipment was funded by the Friends of Nelson using the proceeds from their fundraising events. Many thanks to the Friends and to all those parents and carers who support the Friends events during the year.

