

Welcome to Autumn Term 2018!

It has been great to welcome all of the children back to Nelson ready for an exciting term full of learning! A special welcome to those children and families who are joining our school community this term - we're so pleased you've come to join us! ☺

We are also pleased to welcome some new colleagues to the staff team this term. Miss Lucy Kinna will be teaching full-time in Sycamore Class (Year 2), Mrs Suzanne Williams will be teaching Hazel Class (Year 1) on Fridays and Mrs Rachel Anstey-Sanders will be teaching Rowan Class on Mondays/Fridays.

Following the successful completion of the academisation process, Nelson Infant School is now officially part of the Evolution Academy Trust. We are looking forward to the additional opportunities and support that being part of the trust will bring to our school.

We continue to be committed to working in partnership with parents and carers and look forward to welcoming you to some of the events planned for this term (see over). We are always keen to share information about school improvement plans and to seek your views and ideas. As part of this, I will be holding monthly coffee mornings in the school hall starting on Tuesday 2nd October to which all parents and carers are invited. The beginning of a new school year is an important time to remind children, staff and parents/carers of our School Expectations. We are also spending time reminding the children of our Golden Rules and our consequence system. Please find copies of these attached to this newsletter for your information.

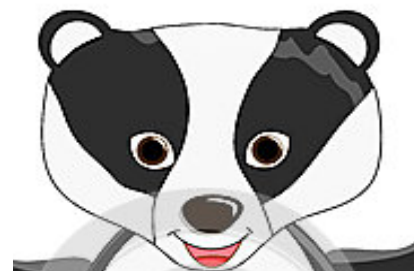
Thank you for your continued support.
Rachel Barker ☺



Attendance & Punctuality

The link between achieving well at school and good attendance is very clear. **Please make sure your child attends school on time every day.** If your child is absent, please call the school office by 9am explaining the reason for their absence. If you arrive late, e.g. after 9am, please take your child to the school office and sign the Late Book. The class with the highest attendance each week will win our 'Bertie Badger' prize and we will be holding regular Bertie Badger weeks to give children who are on time every day the chance to win a prize.

“School starts at ten to nine, Bertie says be on time.”



Personal Belongings

Please make sure all of your child's belongings are named, including their coat and their shoes. This makes it easier to find things when they go missing.



Toys

Teachers are always happy to see objects from home that are related to current class project work or special activities or outings that children have been doing at home. However, the children have all the equipment and resources that they need at school so we ask that toys are not brought from home. Any toys which do come into school will be given to parents and carers to take home or be put in the teacher's cupboard until the end of the day.

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Thursday 20th September - Open Morning at Swimming Pool, 9am - 10am

Friday 21st September - Jeans for Genes Non-Uniform Day

Friday 28th September - KS1 Nelson's Birthday Mix Up Day

Monday 8th October - Parent/Carer Learning Review Meetings 15.30 - 17.30pm.



Tuesday 9th October - Parent/Carer Learning Review Meetings 15.30 - 19.00pm.

Wednesday 10th October - Norse Taster Session for Parents 14.30pm in the hall.

Friday 12th October - School Disco 17.15 - 18.30pm.

Tuesday 16th October - Individual (& sibling) School Photos from 8.30am in the hall.

Wednesday 17th October - Year 1 & 2 Harvest Assembly for parents & carers at 9.15am.

- Reception Harvest Assembly for parents & carers at 2.15pm.

Thursday 18th - Friday 26th October - Half Term - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

School starts again on Monday 29th October

Lunches

Reminder to please inform the school office if your child decides to switch from hot dinners to packed lunch or packed lunch to hot dinners so the kitchen can cater to accordingly, thank you.

Likewise, if your child would like the Jacket Potato option please inform the school office.

A new Autumn menu will be sent home in the next few weeks and will be in effect once we return from the half term break on Monday 29th October.