

Staffing Update

This half term we have said farewell to Miss Wright and Miss Mata, two members of the teaching assistant team. We thank them both for their work at Nelson and wish them both all the best for the future.

We are really pleased to welcome Mrs Amanda Bonura (Year R TA), Miss Katie Reynolds (Year R TA), Mrs Rebecca Crisp (Year 2 TA) and Ms Andreea Cumpata (Year 2 TA) to the staff team and know that our school community will help them feel welcome.

Help us decorate our Christmas Tree!

Our school Christmas Tree is arriving this weekend and will be up in the hall from Monday 3rd December.

We would like to invite all children and families to make or buy a decoration at home and bring it to put on our tree. Please see Mrs Moore or Mrs Green in the school office for a name label for your decoration so we can return it to you at the end of term.

We will be donating our Christmas tree to St Martin's Housing Trust at the end of term.

Christmas at Nelson



Christmas Decoration Afternoon - Tuesday 4th December from 1:45pm

Parents, carers and younger siblings are invited to come and make some Christmas decorations with their child in their classroom. (Siblings will be able to work together with their adult in the class of their choice.)

Christmas Fair - Friday 7th December from 3:00pm in the school hall. All welcome! 😊

Christmas Performances

Each year group will be holding an individual Christmas performance this year, linked to the learning that the children have been doing at school.

Year R - Wednesday 12th December at 1:45pm in the school hall.

Year 1 - Thursday 13th December at 1:45pm in the school hall.

Year 2 - Friday 14th December at 9:30am in the school hall.

Parents and Carers are warmly invited to come and see their children take part in their year group's performance.

The Friends will be holding their annual Christmas Hamper Raffle at each performance and we are collecting any donations of Christmas hamper goods, e.g. chocolates, sweets, biscuits, wine, at the school office from Monday 3rd December. We are also collecting bags of sugar up until 14th December, to donate to local homeless shelters.

Christmas Dinner - Friday 14th December (apologies for change of date)

See reverse for details of date & menu changes.

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 14th December

Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumper/outfit to school. We will be collecting donations for Save the Children.

Class Christmas Parties - Tuesday 18th December

Children can come to school in their party clothes. Thank you to the Friends for providing party prizes, food and drink. 😊

Tuesday 18th December 3pm - School finishes for the Christmas Holidays.

Thursday 3rd January 2019 - School reopens for Spring Term 2019.

Thank you

Thank you to all children and families who donated items for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. We were able to fill 24 shoeboxes which is a wonderful achievement! A special thank you to Bertie's Mum (Y1) for helping us to pack the boxes.



Winter Weather

During the colder weather please make sure your child has appropriate clothing including, warm coats, hats, scarves, gloves etc & wellies on wet days.

All named please.

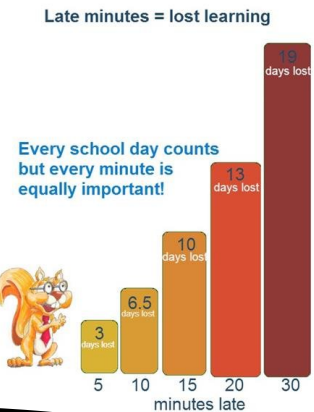


Attendance & Punctuality

We would like to say a big thank you to all of the families who have worked hard to make sure their children come to school on time every day this term. We have more children achieving at least 96% attendance than ever before.

We are pleased to have appointed Mrs Debbie Gower as an Attendance Consultant to help us work with those parents and carers whose children's attendance needs to improve. Mrs Gower will be producing regular attendance reports for all of the children and will be supporting Mrs Barker, Mrs Register, Mrs Moore and Mrs Green with meeting parents and carers when more formal intervention is necessary.

If you would like any advice or support with helping to make sure your child comes to school on time every day, please come and see Mrs Barker or Mrs Register.



School starts at Ten to Nine,
Bertie says 'Be On Time'.

Christmas Lunch Date & Menu changes

Christmas Lunch will now take place on **Friday 14th December** instead of Tuesday 11th.



Therefore the lunch choice on Wednesday 12th will be:

Fish Fingers & Chips with garden peas or baked beans
(V)-cheese and tomato frittata

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Pear & Ginger Cake



Apologies for any inconvenience caused.