

## Get Involved with Improving Nelson Infant School!

We continue to be keen to involve parents and carers in our school improvement plans and there are a number of opportunities planned over the coming weeks to give parents and carers the chance to share their ideas and get involved.

Parents and Carers are invited to join Mrs Barker for an update on our new Behaviour Policy at this half term's Parent Forum meetings at 9am in the hall on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Governors will be seeking the views of parents and carers about developing a set of core school values during Parent Teacher Learning Review meetings next week (see Diary Dates overleaf).

We are also keen to encourage parents and carers to come into school to help in classrooms and to support our hard-working Friends of Nelson Infant School group with fundraising events throughout the year. Any adults who come into school regularly to support the children are required to complete a DBS check. Please see Mrs Barker or Mrs Green in the school office for more details.

## School starts at 10 to 9, Bertie says be on time!

We will be holding a 'Be On Time' Bertie week next week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October as part of our ongoing efforts to ensure all of our children are coming to school on time every day.

Children will collect a Bertie the Badger stamp for their Bertie bookmark for each day next week when they arrive in their classroom by 9:00am. All completed bookmarks will be entered into a prize draw in assembly on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October to win an Orchard Toys game. Please help your child to earn their stamps by getting them to school on time every day!

Children arriving after 9:00am **must** be taken to the school office where parents/carers **must** complete the Late Book. If you would like further advice or support with your child's attendance, please come and speak to Mrs Regester, our Parent Support Adviser.



## Reading Mornings in Y1 and Y2

We would like to invite parents and carers to join their children in Year 1 and Year 2 for Reading Morning every Friday from 8:50am-9:15am in their classrooms. A selection of books will be available around the classroom for you to come and share with your child. The sessions will also be a further opportunity for you to talk to your child about the learning they have been doing at school.



## Toys

We ask that children do not bring toys, games or other objects into school from home unless class teachers have asked them to do so as part of current class work.

Any toys which do come into school will be returned to the parent/carer to take home or will be kept in the teacher's cupboard until the end of the day.



### **NSPCC PANTS Programme**

As part of our PSHE curriculum, we will be talking about the NSPCC PANTS rules with the children this half term. These simple rules are designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. Further details are attached and more information about talking PANTS, including a short film and a parent guide, can be found at

[www.nspcc.org.uk/pants](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants).

### **Bikes and Scooters**

It is wonderful to see so many children coming to school on their bikes and scooters each day. If your child 'parks' their bike or scooter in the bike rack at the front of school during the day, please provide a bike lock to help us keep it safe and secure.



### **Autumn Term Diary Dates 2017**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** Headteacher Parent Forum with Mrs Barker in the hall at 9am

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** Parent Teacher Learning Review Meetings 3:15pm-7:00pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** Parent Teacher Learning Review Meetings 3:15pm-5:30pm

Please sign up for an appointment with your child's teacher on the clipboards in their classroom from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 9:15am** Year 1 & Year 2 Classes Harvest Assembly in the hall

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2:15pm** Reception Classes Harvest Assembly in the hall

Parents and Carers are warmly invited to attend their child's Harvest Assembly. We will be collecting donations of tins, packets and dried goods for the local food bank in classrooms from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** School Disco in the hall 5:15pm-6:30pm

Tickets cost £2.50 and include drinks and snacks. Tickets will be on sale in the mornings and after school outside the school office from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** Individual School Photos

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** School open as usual 8:50am-3:00pm

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October-Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October** School closed - Half Term Holiday

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** School Closed - Staff Training Day

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** School reopens for second half of Autumn Term

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** Beech Class Campfire Sessions

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** Sycamore Class Campfire Sessions

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** Anti-Bullying Week Theatre Workshops in Y1 and Y2

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** Children in Need Non-Uniform Day

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** Headteacher Parent Forum 9am and 5pm in the hall

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Decoration Afternoon with Parent and Carers

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** Friends of Nelson Christmas Fair

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** Whole School Christmas Production 1:45pm in the hall

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** Whole School Christmas Production 1:45pm in the hall

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Dinner

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** Class Christmas Parties

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** School finishes for Christmas Holiday

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January** School reopens for Spring Term 2018

### **Fabric Needed! Can you help?**

We are collecting donations of pieces of fabric for the children to use in a design and technology project this term. If you have any old, clean sheets, curtains or other large pieces of fabric that you don't need any more, please send them into school.

Thank you for your help! ☺