

Nelmes Primary School

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September 2018 Newsletter

Welcome Back ☺

We hope you all have had a lovely summer. We have very much enjoyed catching up with the children and hearing all their summer stories.

Welcome to our new Reception intake and their families and welcome also to any new children we have starting at Nelmes this term.

Thank you so very much for your kind words, cards and gifts received at the end of the last academic year. This is most appreciated by all the staff.

Uniform

We sent out reminders about uniform expectations last term. The children all look very smart. If a child is not in uniform we will remind them verbally and parents/carers will also be sent a reminder via text. Please note that children's hair accessories should be a suitable size and school colours. I have noticed some overly large bows that are not appropriate for school. Thank you for your support in this area.

Clubs

Mr Copey will start sending out letters re-sports' clubs in the next week. As always the clubs mirror the sporting season and Havering competitions and so very few clubs will run for the whole term. Other staff also run clubs and letters regarding these will also be sent out in the next few weeks.

Important Dates for your diary for the year

Attached to the newsletter is a list of important dates for the whole school year. These include; Parents' evening, concerts, sports' day etc. Whilst we have tried to give you as much notice

as possible, please bear in mind that some dates may change if unforeseen events occur.

Upcoming Events for this term

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 17th October [3.30-5.30pm]

Thursday 18th October [3.30-7.00pm]

Individual/Sibling group photos

Friday 9th November 2018

Flu Vaccination [Reception –Year 6]

Monday 12th November

Reception Christmas Concert

Tuesday 4th December [9.15am]

Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Concert

Monday 10th December [9.30am]

Tuesday 11th December [9.30am]

Year 3 and 4 Christmas Concert

Monday 10th December [2.15pm]

Tuesday 11th December [2.15pm]

Year 5 and 6 Christmas Songs

Wednesday 12th December [9.30 am and 2.40pm]

Further information and letters about these events will be sent nearer the time. Please note each family is entitled to only two tickets for the concerts as space is limited.

Late

The register closes at 8.55am. If your child is late they must be brought in by an adult to the school office so that their attendance can be marked on the register. If children are collected significantly or regularly late at the end of the school day [end of day is 3.15pm], they will be placed in after

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school club and parents would incur the cost of this.

Absence

If your child is unable to attend school, please phone on the **first** morning and then send a note explaining the absence on the first day your child returns to school. We do chase up any absences as it is a safeguarding concern if we cannot ascertain why a child is absent.

We do not authorise any holidays. Please fill in the holiday form if you are planning a term time leave of absence as while it is **highly unlikely** to be authorised it is important we know why your child is absent. The local authority issues fines for unauthorised absences of 5 or more days, and they also send out warning letters for any amount of holiday taken. Please do not ask your child to give a different reason for their absence as it is unfair asking them to pretend they have been elsewhere. Thank you. If you are late returning from a holiday or break due to delayed flights or illness, please note evidence of this must be provided.

Our whole school attendance last year was 96.4% which is similar to last year and has us under our target of 97%. Thank you for your continued support in this vital area.

Homework

Please support your children in their learning by making sure they are reading regularly [at least 3 times per week], practising number facts and times tables and completing any given homework on time and to an acceptable standard. Please sign and make comments in the reading record to share your child's progress with their teacher. Thank you for your support in this essential area of your children's learning.

From Mrs Seymour – sQuid

Please ensure you have set up a sQuid account [cashless payment system for school dinners] if you pay for your child's lunch or pay for a drink. sQuid have sensibly removed the £10 limit and you can now top up with your chosen amount.

However please make sure that you do keep on top of your account as many go in to arrears – we do send reminders and call if this is the case.

Thank you for taking the time to read the reminders and information. The school Newsletter, dates and other letters are always available via the school website.

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Parents - Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2018		
Event	Date	Time
Reception 2019 intake tour	Thursday 18 th October Thursday 15 th November	9.15am
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 17 th October Thursday 18 th October	3.30- 5.30pm 3.30-7.00pm
Individual/sibling photo	Friday 9 th November	
Flu Vaccination R – Year 6	Monday 12 th November	AM
PTA Christmas Fair	Friday 30 th November	
Reception Christmas Concert	Tuesday 4 th December	9.15am
Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Concert	Monday 10 th and Tuesday 11 th December	9.30am
Year 3 and 4 Christmas Concert	Monday 10 th and Tuesday 11 th December	2.15pm
Year 5 and 6 Christmas songs	Wednesday 12 th December	9.00 am and 2.40pm
Christmas Dinner	Thursday 13 th December	Lunchtime
Term Ends	Wednesday 19 th December	
Spring Term 2019		
Term begins	Monday 7 th January	
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 13 th February	3.30-5.30pm
Parents' Evening	Thursday 14 th February	3.30-7.00pm
Term ends	Friday 12 th April	
Summer Term 2019		
Term begins	Monday 29 th April	
Key Stage 1 SATs	Throughout May	
Key Stage 2 SATs week	Wk beg 13 th May	
Class Photos	Friday 24 th May	
INSET – school closed to children	Monday 3 rd June	
Year 1 Phonic Screening	Wk beg 10 th June	
Year 6 PGL	Wk beg 17 th June	
Reception 2019 Intake meeting	Thursday 20 th June	7.00pm
Reception Sports' Day	Tuesday 2 nd July	9.00am
Infant Sports' Day	Wednesday 3 rd July	9.15am
Year 6 Leavers' Concert	Thursday 4 th July	5.15pm
Junior Sports' Day	Wednesday 10 th July	9.15am
Year 1 transition	Thursday 11 th July	9.00am
Parents Open Afternoon	Monday 15 th July	2.30-4.00pm
Year 6 Picnic	Monday 15 th July	5.30 – 6.30pm
Last day of academic year	Friday 19 th July	
Term begins for pupils	Thursday 5 th September 2019	