



Nelson News

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY — PLEASE READ

Monday 6 December

Y5 & Y6 Residential Trip Parents' Meeting 9.00am

Tuesday 7 December

Y5 & Y6 Football Team Away Game

Rec-Y2 Oral Health Zoom Coffee Morning

Wednesday 8 December

Y5 & Y6 Netball Away Game

Thursday 9 December

Whole School Christmas Lunch

Friday 10 December

Y4 Hampton Court Trip

Christmas Jumper Day, PTA Festive Activities After

School, Songs & Performances from Y6 and The Choir

Nelson Stars

Well done: Jesse, Aerin, Y6. Aryan, Eloise, Y5. Leo, Nelson Y4, Aysha, Liam, Y3. Rory, Jia Y2 Isla, Robina, Y1. All our stars received a certificate in our celebration assembly. These will be displayed in our studio. Keep up the great work!



Headteacher's Award

Ms Ward has given out a whopping 48 Headteacher's Awards this week. Our Y6's and the choir performed at the Light up Whitton event. We received great feedback from local residents and were so proud of all of you. Well done to: Mitchell, Jonathan, Marissa, Laura, Rio, Jacob, Violet, Dani., Kascper, Peter, Izabella, Henry, Kayla, Lily, Will, Sahr, Lola, Mitchell, Daniel, Henry, Xingchen, Jesse, Y6. Eloise, Lauren, Y5. Deena, Mia, Erin, Oliver, Lily H, Y4. Nisa, Sofia, Daisy, Ronja, Anayah, Maya S, Zakariya, Deniz Y3 and all of 3B. Rory, Jia, Y2. Sean, Freya, Isla, Jack Harry, Y1. Lyla, Kate, Inaaya Starfish Class.

They all received a Headteacher's award and will be entered into a raffle each half term to win a prize from Mrs Ward.

Children In Need

We raised **£518.78** for disadvantaged children everywhere. Well done and thank you for your generous donations.

Thank you

The PTA have been amazing as usual, from making hampers, organising Christmas festivities, buying and decorating Christmas trees to Rugby car parking, all in their own time. Please come along from 3.00pm, on Friday 10th December and enjoy the festivities and remember, to help if you can. Thank you to everyone for your hamper and chocolate donations. A huge thanks to all the volunteers this week who have helped make the hampers and sort the chocolate for the Tombola next week. A special thanks to Mary and Rachel, who have worked extremely hard to make our window display look amazing. For your chance to win one of these beautiful hampers, please buy your tickets all next week before the draw next Friday after school.



Spring Term Clubs

Most clubs have come to the end of their 10 weeks. Tennis & Cam's Multisports have a catch up session next week. Our Spring term clubs list will be handed out on the first day back at school and **MUST** be returned by Friday 7th Jan. We are waiting to see if any new guidance is delivered by the government during the Christmas holidays. This is a really tight turn around but we are confident that all forms will be returned in time for clubs to start back from the 10th January.

PTA News

It's with a really heavy heart that we have to postpone the school disco due to rising cases in the borough, which are currently at higher levels in Twickenham than this time last year. An indoor event in an enclosed environment, with 3/4 year groups, is a breeding ground for germs and there is a very high risk of a Covid outbreak which could put all the other events planned for the last two weeks at jeopardy. We are very sorry about this and we will do whatever we can to make sure the disco goes ahead soon. We are hoping to have the disco in the Spring Term – we can't promise when it will be, but we will make sure it is bigger and better than the one we had planned this time. On the plus side, we do plan to make our outdoor event on December 10th a little bit more special. This will include:

- Performances from the choir and Year 6
- Chocolate Tombola
- Tuck Sale
- Hamper Raffle
- Prosecco and Mulled Wine
- Snacks
- A visit from someone special

In order for this to be a success we really need all hands on deck and volunteers to make this extra special to compensate for missing out on the disco. Details on how to volunteer will be sent shortly, but if you have any ideas in the meantime please get in contact with us via nel-sonprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com or WhatsApp on 079444 63340. We really appreciate all the support so far and all the volunteers that have come forward, a lot of work has gone into this, but we want to make the best of an awful situation. We really thank you for your understanding and hope you will get behind our event on the 10th December.



Hanukkah

This week the children across the school have been learning about Hanukkah. Hanukkah, which is Hebrew for “dedication,” is the Festival of Lights. It is a celebration of the rededication of the second Jewish temple in Jerusalem. The Jewish holiday of Hanukkah lasts eight days to remember, and celebrate, the miracle of the one cruse of oil lasting eight days. From Sunday, 28 November and ends in the evening of Monday, 6 December



Items Wanted

We would like the following books if you have any spare. Shark in the Park, Elmer, Aaaaargh! Spider, Little Red Hen, Rainbow Fish, The Singing Mermaid, Zog, Monkey Puzzle, Guess How Much I love You, We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Lost (Oliver Jeffers), for our story sacks. If you are having a sort out, please look out for any of the items requested in the last few newsletters.

Whole School Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday, everyone will receive a free Christmas lunch. Anyone that has paid for their child's meal on Wednesday, 8th December through ParentPay, will be credited the £2.40 back to their ParentPay account. If your child does not like a traditional Christmas dinner, they may come to school with a festive packed lunch. Dietary needs have been calculated.

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NSPCC

We recently participated in the NSPCC online assembly **Speak out, Stay safe** in which their mascot Buddy, reminded children of their rights to speak out and be heard, be safe and get help when they need it. The assembly is designed to help children feel empowered knowing they can speak out and stay safe. The NSPCC created a virtual assembly (March 2021) you can access at home, introduced by Ant and Dec and David Walliams at

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

As Christmas approaches we are aware many may be considering purchasing devices or online games/videos for children and young people. We recently sent out **Five Top Tips** outlining how to set safeguards and filters on devices, information on ages restrictions for video games/social media apps and talking to children and young people about online safety. This information has been provided by Richmond Local authority and is a very useful resource in keeping children safe online. If you would like further information please do call into the school office.



Oral Health Programme



looking after little teeth



The Oral Health Promotion team will be hosting a Q&A session via Zoom for the parents and carers on:

Tuesday the 7th of December at 10 am

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://zoom.us/j/93034897274?pwd=TzN6V3VUMmRxQS9pWWp3aHpORk5aZz09>

Meeting ID: 930 3489 7274
Passcode: L93puj

Join us for a friendly and interactive session for top tips on how to look after teeth.

Coronavirus

Following the recent government updates, we recommend wearing a face mask at drop off and pick up time. We will be limiting parental visits into the school, but if you are in the building at any time, please ensure you wear a face mask (unless you are exempt) and complete a lateral flow test beforehand. If your child/children display any of the main COVID symptoms (cough, high temperature or a loss of taste/smell), please keep them at home and arrange a PCR test.

What if someone tests positive or has symptoms? Do they need to isolate? Self-isolate straight away and get a [PCR test \(a test that is sent to the lab\) on GOV.UK](#) as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

You should also self-isolate straight away if:

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 either according to a PCR test or a lateral flow device test – this means you have the virus. If you get a positive LFD test you should book a PCR test. A negative PCR test will override a positive LFD test.
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive (unless you are not required to self-isolate – see below if this applies to you)

you've been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive – [find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app.](#)

Pupils should only self-isolate if they have symptoms or if they get a positive PCR or Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test.



Christmas Plans please read the changes to Reception & Year 1

The festive season is nearly here. Below are our current plans for Christmas activities and performances in school. All of the events are COVID permitting and if cases were to rise in school, some events may be changed/cancelled at short notice. **Wednesday 8th December** - Christmas Lunch – This will be provided free of charge for your child. **Friday 10th December** – Christmas Jumper Day. Please come to school dressed in a Christmas jumper, something Christmassy or something brightly coloured.

Monday 13th December- Reception and Year 1 Nativity, 9.30am. **For Reception parents .**

Tuesday 14th December – Christmas Panto (Funded by the PTA)

Wednesday 15th December – Reception and Year 1 Nativity 9.30am **For Year 1 Parents**

Wednesday 15th December – Year 3 and 4 carols on the playground -3pm onwards (details below).

Thursday 16th December - Christmas Party day. You may come dressed in your own clothes and may bring a small snack for yourself (not to share). Please ensure no snacks containing nuts or fizzy drinks are brought into school.

Thursday 16th December – Year 2 Christmas performance (details below) 9.30am.

Thursday 16th December – Year 5 and 6 carols on the playground (details below) -3pm onwards.

Friday 17th December – Nursery sing along Christmas 11am.

Friday 17th December – Father Christmas will be visiting classrooms (from the door) and delivering presents to the children. **School will close at 1.30pm.**

Christmas Cards

Your child can still send Christmas cards to their friends but we ask they are sent only to their class/year group this year as we will not have our usual Christmas post box.

Christmas Performances

Currently we are planning for our Christmas performances (outlined below) to go ahead. We will space out chairs, ensure there is ventilation and recommend you complete a lateral flow before attending. However, if COVID numbers rise nearer the time, performances may be cancelled and will be filmed instead.

Reception and Year 1

Reception and Year 1 will be performing twice. **Monday 13th December**– for Reception parents only and **Wednesday 15th December** – for Year 1 Parents only.

Year 2

In year 2 ,our Christmas performance will be a concert that celebrates the religions we have learnt about this term. We will be sharing some interesting facts and singing songs to welcome the festive season.

Year 3-6

This year, children will be outside performing Christmas carols on the days specified above from 3pm for the school community to watch, listen and join in! You can collect your child from the performance area outside.

