



**Nelson
Academy
NEWSLETTER**

12th December 2014
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Diary Dates

Tuesday 16th December – Early Years
Christmas Performance
Wednesday 17th December – KS2 Carol
Service
Friday 19th December – last day of term

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH
Thursday 18TH December 2014**

A **HUGE** thank you to all the parents who kindly donated crackers for the children to have with their Christmas Dinner,

**IN THE CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER AND
SCHOOL CLOSURE**

A decision will be made before 7am and this will be made public via the Norfolk Esinet schools website:

www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk

This automatically messages KLFM and Radio Norfolk.

Please can we remind parents to inform their children that riding bikes and scooters are forbidden inside the school grounds. This is a Health and Safety issue. We have had a few very near misses with other children and pushchairs.

This also includes children that are in Nursery.

**Whole school
attendance percentage
for week ending:
05/12/2014**

93.1%

London	96.3	Durham	93.3
Edinburgh	92.1	Lancaster	96.2
Cambridge	97.6	Warwick	90.8
Leeds	92.9	Exeter	89.0
Norwich	90.0	York	90.3
Bristol	94.6	Oxford	94.3

Attendance has taken a serious knock over the last few weeks! We appreciate that the unfortunate sickness bug has been looming over us, but as a school we took immediate action, with a deep clean throughout the school when the bug first hit us.

Thank you to all parents who supported your children into a speedy recovery and getting them swiftly back into school.

Looking forward to getting back on track in 2015 with targets we can be proud of.

A huge well done and thank you to the 10 children from Nelson Singers who braved the cold and sang at the Riding for the Disabled carol service. You sang well and the people there were very appreciative. If you didn't receive a rosette and chocolate santa afterwards, please come and see me.

No Nelson Singers on Monday 15th due to staff training.

Mrs Westall

On Friday 6th February, Governors are holding Focus Group meetings for parents at 2.30 and 6.30.

More details will be given after the Christmas break, but we do hope many of you will be able to come to one of the meetings.

KS2 Carol Service

Wednesday 17th December 2014
2.15
School Hall

All parents welcome

School Dinners

There will be a slight variation to the lunch menu next week due to the end of term and there will be no break on Thursday due to Christmas Dinner.

Nelson Singers Dates:

NO Nelson Singers Monday 15th December - This is all due to staff training.

Children in York class have been learning to write in a journalistic style. They wrote newspaper articles to report on the Key Stage 1 nativity. Here is a just a sample of what they wrote.

Nelson's Nativity Play

It's that time of year again - warm hot chocolate, shopping, families round for a turkey dinner.

The Key Stage 2 children from Nelson Academy went to watch Key Stage 1 children's nativity. Their speaking was very loud and clear, and they had enthusiasm in their voices.

Many children wore amazing costumes and all acted very well! The costumes looked wonderful!

After a short time watching the wonderful children sing and dance, the ending was filled with the old, traditional carol – Away in a Manger.

Some children shared their thoughts with us. Katie Martin, from Leeds class, said she was enthusiastic and confident saying her words. "I felt really good about myself."

Lewis, from Leeds class, said "My costume felt a bit tickly because of all the tinsel."

The nativity was amazing and we would recommend anyone to watch it!

Reporter – Mila Varga

Nelson's Nativity

It's that time of year again – mince pies, presents, Santa and Nelson Academy's nativity play.

The little school rocked Downham Market with a stunning performance of the nativity this year.

This big play, performed by Year 1 and 2, involved singing, dancing and reading. This is a small glimpse of what it was like;

Young children singing and beautiful reading without scripts, which many people have commented on.

We interviewed Lewis, from Leeds class, to ask him about his costume. He said, "My costume felt tickly." We also asked Billy Jo from Edinburgh class how he felt. This is what he said;

"I felt scared because there were loads of people watching."

Reporter – Harvey Pepper

Christmas Fair

Many thanks to all children parents and staff for fantastic efforts at the Christmas Fair last Friday. It was a lovely atmosphere with the children very proud to show off and sell their goods. The final figure raised is still being calculated, but is looking like exceeding £500! Well done to all, it was a really great event. The trees look stunning around the school, and it really is beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

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