



**Nelson Primary School**  
Inspiring Ambition, Achieving Success

# Newsletter

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## Attendance

Reg	Average
Rec	93.6
Year 1	95.5
Year 2	98.4
Year 3	96.9
Year 4	96.5
Year 5	97.3
Year 6	97.0
Nursery AM	95.1
Nursery PM	92.6
School Average	96.4

Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
Well done to Year 2 who has the highest attendance of 98.4 percent. I have highlighted Nursery PM as well as Reception as their attendance is far too low. Please remember to send your child to school every day.

## Dear Parents/ Carers

This is the final newsletter for the Spring Term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work this term. We are very sad to be losing Ms O'Connor who is leaving Nelson today; we wish her well in her new ventures.

Next term is the season for our testing. Year one will be preparing for their phonics test; year two and year 6 for their SATs test. We will be meeting with you early next term so that you can help to prepare your children.

Fiona Cullen  
Head Teacher

## Term Time Leave:

Changes in the law mean that the Head Teacher no longer has discretion to allow pupils to take term time leave. If you take your child out of school for any reason you will receive a fine for £60 per child per parent. This means that the mum will be fined £60 for each child and the dad will be fined £60 for each child.

The government monitors school attendance. They look at persistent absence. If your child has attendance of 90% or less they are deemed persistent absences and we are asked to follow this up and refer to the Local Authority who could take you to court. At court the penalty is either a very large fine £1000 or imprisonment. Please avoid keeping your child off school unless they are very sick and certainly DO NOT TAKE THEM OUT OF SCHOOL WHEN THE SCHOOL IS OPEN. Please wait until the holidays

## Dates for your diary

31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 – 100 % Treat

3<sup>rd</sup> April to 18<sup>th</sup> April – SCHOOL CLOSED

Easter Holiday

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April Year 6 Easter School

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May - SCHOOL CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – Year 6 SATS tests

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May Work Week (details to follow)

Monday 29 May 2017 to Friday 2 June 2017- SCHOOL CLOSED Half Term.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July - LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM



## Roll of Honour

This is a special board next to Ms Cull's office. If a child does something special outside school or becomes a times table titan their photograph will be displayed for everyone to see.

Mahed Islam – T2 Times Table Titan

Arafat Shorif – T9 times Table Titan

Humaira Jahan – M2 – Times Table Titan

## Buggies and pushchairs

I am very worried that some of our children are being brought to school in a buggy or a pushchair. It is important that the children walk to school rather than ride in a pushchair or buggy. This will help them to develop and reach their physical mile stones

It's been proven that children who do some form of exercise, especially a walk before school, do better in class because they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn.

**Please do not ask your child to ride in a pushchair or buggy on the way to school.**

## Easter Assembly

We had a fantastic assembly by Year 4 to explain the events in Holy Week and Easter. The children acted out the story which was told very clearly by the narrators. The singing was excellent and many parents commented on how beautiful the acting was. A special thanks must go to the staff in preparing them and to Mrs Ghafoor for making the lovely costumes.

## Safety on the building site

I was very concerned to hear that one of our parents had parked in the building site area during Learning Review Day. This is not allowed because it is dangerous. Please do not park your car in the building site compound.



## Group Teen Triple P – Positive Parenting Program

Starts at Nelson school on Thursday 27th April at 2pm.

We don't have teenagers at Nelson but we are offering this course to parents and carers of year 6 pupils because we believe it is appropriate for children going through the transition to secondary school. Many Year 6 pupils are already experiencing hormonal changes and they may start to behave differently and be more influenced by their peers than by their parents and carers. They also start to develop more independence when they go to secondary school and, although this is a good thing, it may be a good time to think about different ways of encouraging positive attitudes and managing behaviour. Teen Triple P can help you adjust your parenting strategies to deal with a more mature child who still needs your guidance.

Letters will be sent to parents of Year 6 children at the start of next term. To enrol, simply come to the registration session on April 27th at 2pm. You are also very welcome to come if you don't have a child in Year 6 but have older children at secondary school.

