



# Newsletter

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## Attendance

Reg	Average
Rec	94.1
Year 1	95.5
Year 2	95.1
Year 3	93.2
Year 4	95.7
Year 5	97.1
Year 6	93.4
Nursery AM	88.0
Nursery PM	88.3
School Average	93.8

Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017  
Well done to Year 5 who has the highest attendance of 97.1 percent. I have highlighted Nursery AM as well as Nursery PM, Reception, year 3 and year 6 as their attendance is far too low. Please remember to send your child to school every day.

## Dear Parents/ Carers

The halls of school have been ringing with sounds from Chinese New Year Assembly rehearsals as Year 2 have been working hard this week to produce a fantastic assembly. Everybody really enjoyed the performance and the children loved showing the audience what they had learnt.  
Our building is progressing well, you can see that the steel frame has gone up this week, making it easier to see what it will look like. Next Friday is the last day before the half term holiday – please ensure your child attends every day next week.

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

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Book fair

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Parent Review Day – children only attend their appointment –

13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> February - School closed for Half Term

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March SPRING FESTIVAL WEEK (details to follow)

3<sup>rd</sup> April to 18<sup>th</sup> April – School Closed Easter Holiday



## 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.

Yohanan Kommuguri G11 Times Table Titan  
Sahithiyaa Nadesan M2 Times Table Titan  
Haris Ali-Khan M2 Times Table Titan  
Puneet Singh M2 Times Table Titan  
Romeo Neam-Read M5 Times Table Titan  
Rauffo Balayet M7 Times Table Titan  
Aesha Rahman Khan M5 Times Table Titan  
Daniyal Asif M5 Times Table Titan  
Nithusha Parameswaran M3 Times Table Titan  
Titan  
Yaqoob Ali M3 Times Table Titan  
Frances O'Connell M8 Times Table Titan  
Malam Fati M8 Times Table Titan  
Jeris Kirirasan T6  
Achieved stage 4 swimming  
Aswitha Balakumar G1  
Achieved stage 1 swimming

## Cyber Bullying

We are getting increasingly concerned about cyber bullying in the school. Several children are posting unkind messages or threats through this app. The issues are then followed up by the children at school. Please keep a regular check on your child as they use a tablet or phone or computer so that you know what they are sending out to other children. Please take time to know passwords, set time limits, and curfews. We are taking this very seriously indeed and children involved in this type of bullying will be reprimanded severely.

## Educational Psychologist drop ins

If you are concerned about your child's learning or behaviour please make an appointment in Reception to see our educational psychologist on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 from 9.30am.

## Countersigning Passports.

I have been asked by a number of parents to countersign their child's passport.

### Unfortunately I am not able to do this.

The rules for countersigning a child's passport are that I must know the parent as a friend, neighbour or colleague (not just someone who knows them professionally).

The government website states:

### ***"Who can sign your form and photo***

*Your countersignatory must:*

- have known the person applying (or the adult who signed the form if the passport is for a child under 16) for at least 2 years*
- be able to identify the person applying, eg they're a friend, neighbour or colleague (not just someone who knows them professionally)*
- be 'a person of good standing in their community' or work in (or be retired from) a recognised profession."*

I know that this is disappointing for parents, particularly if all your children have been to Nelson but the rules are quite clear and I must abide by them. Therefore, no member of staff will sign your child's passport form

If you would like to look this up online the link is below.

<https://www.gov.uk/countersigning-passport-applications>

