

WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I am delighted to welcome you all back to school after what I hope has been an enjoyable summer break. I would also like to take this opportunity to give a very warm welcome to all the new children who have joined us this week and their families.

It is with great passion and pride that I start this academic year as Acting Principal. Having worked at the school for several years I have a real sense of our school community. The children, parents and staff of the Nelson Academy really are what make it such an amazing place! My priorities are to ensure that the needs of all children are met, that every child is making progress in all areas of the curriculum and most importantly that every child feels safe and valued so that they can fully enjoy every opportunity to 'Achieve Through Learning'.

As a Senior Leadership Team we are extremely keen to work in partnership with parents and we look forward to seeing you at our Parent Coffee Afternoon on **Thursday 15th September between 2 – 3pm** in the small hall (see additional information from Mrs Sykes later in the newsletter). In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, queries or suggestions with regard to your child's learning or school life.

I am sure that for children, parents and staff alike this academic year will be full of challenges and opportunities, and that it will require hard work and resilience from us all but I also know that it will be full of smiles and laughter, and memories and knowledge which will stay with us all for a lifetime.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Sarah Wilson – Acting Principal and SENCO

Parent Coffee Afternoon

We would like to invite you to our first Coffee Afternoon! This is a chance for you to come along and meet other parents, meet the members of the Senior Leadership Team and most of all help us improve your child's school. We would like to hear your feedback - what do we do well, what would you like to see more of and what can we do better? This will be on Thursday 15th September between 2 - 3pm and we would love to see as many of you as possible for a coffee and a chat.

Mrs Sykes ☺

School Photographs – 26th September

Individual school photographs will be taken during the school day.

Photographs with siblings will commence at 3pm in the hall.



Friends Of Nelson Academy

The meeting on 13th September will be held in **York Class** and not in the small hall as stated in the letter. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. ☺

Fun Facts

- 1) Dogs see through smell.
- 2) The sun is over 300000 times larger than the earth.
- 3) The longest bone in the human body is the thigh bone, it is called the femur.
- 4) A T-Rex's brain was the same size as a walnut.

Dates For Your Diary 2016-2017

23rd September – Year 1 Phonics Meeting for parents at 2.30pm
30th September – Macmillan Big Coffee Morning
1st October (Saturday) – Moon Festival in Downham Market
8th October (Saturday) – ‘Friends Of Nelson Academy’ Race Night
Harvest Festival - Date to be confirmed
21st October - PM 'Friends Of Nelson Academy' disco
24th October - 28th October - Half Term
8th and 9th November 3.30pm – 6.30pm - Parent Meetings
Christingle Service – Date to be confirmed
‘Friends Of Nelson Academy’ Christmas Fair - Date to be confirmed
7th December – AM and PM – EYFS Christmas Performance to parents
14th December – AM and PM – KS1 Christmas Performance to parents
16th December - Autumn Term Ends - Children break up
4th January - Spring Term Begins - Children return to school
10th February – PM ‘Friends Of Nelson Academy’ disco
13th February - 17th February - Half Term
28th February and 1st March 3.30pm – 6.30pm - Parent Meetings
2nd March – World Book Day
24th March - Futures Fair for Year 5 and Year 6
31st March - Spring Term Ends - Children break up
18th April - Summer Term Begins - Children return to school
1st May - Bank Holiday
8th May – KS2 SATs Week
29th May - 2nd June - Half Term
12th June – Phonics Screening Check Week
19th June to 23rd June - Healthy Living Week
22nd June - Sports Day – AM = KS2 and PM = EYFS and KS1 with picnic lunch
29th June – Sports Day (reserve date) - AM = KS2 and PM = EYFS and KS1 with picnic lunch
30th June - ‘Nelson’s Got Talent’
7th July - End of Year reports go home
21st July - Summer Term Ends - Children break up

Congratulations to the staff in Glasgow Class (our Autistic Specialist Resource Base) who were recently nominated by parents for a ‘Stars of West Norfolk Team of the Year’ award. I am thrilled to say that they were successful in winning the award. This means that they now go forward to the next round of the competition which covers the whole of Norfolk. This will be held in Norwich on the 9th December. Good luck ladies!



Class Assemblies For The Year

Please come and join us for your child’s class assembly. These will start at 2.30pm in the main hall. Please sign in at the main office.

21st September – York Class
5th October – Oxford Class
19th October – Lancaster Class
9th November – Exeter Class
23rd November – Durham Class
25th January – Keele Class
8th February – Norwich Class
1st March – Carmarthen Class
15th March – Cambridge Class
29th March – Bristol Class
3rd May – Warwick Class
17th May – Leeds Class
7th June - London Class
21st June – Edinburgh Class
5th July – Belfast Class (Nursery)

Parking

A polite notice to ask that you keep the driveways of our neighbours clear when parking outside the school.

Uniform

We would like to say ‘Thank You’ for making the children look so smart on their return to school. Please can you ensure that all items are named.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please come and join us for the World’s Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 30th September 9.00am - 11.30am in the small hall. Staff will be providing the cake, we just need you to come along to buy it and eat it! If anyone would like to donate a prize for the raffle it would be greatly appreciated. Let’s all work together to raise some money for this amazing charity. Please see Mrs Wilson, Mrs Plummer, Mrs Sykes or Mrs Kosecki for more information.

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