



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I can't believe that this will be the final newsletter before we break up for the Summer holiday. Where did that year go to but WOW what a year it has been! As I sit writing this I am reflecting upon the year, the things we have all achieved, the opportunities that we have all been given and also the challenges that we have all faced....we have an awful lot to be grateful and thankful for ☺

I must start with the children, they are the reason why each and every staff member comes to school each day. We all love to watch the children grow and develop, and being part of their achievements, both personally and academically, is the most rewarding feeling. Furthermore, I think we are the lucky ones, we have the opportunity to work with the most enthusiastic, caring, hardworking, determined and resilient group of children....they are awesome!

Parents, you have shown the school great support over the year and as a staff team we are all very appreciative of this. I am also very grateful to hear all your feedback both positive and things to improve in the recent survey - more details to follow in the Autumn Term. We want to continue to work in partnership with you to ensure that your child's educational experience at the Nelson Academy is 'Outstanding'.

And finally to the amazing staff team that I have the honour and privilege to lead. Without each and everyone of them the Nelson Academy just wouldn't be the school that it is today. Their dedication and hardwork is unquestionable as is their care and support for the children and the school. I feel incredibly lucky to be a part of such an incredible team.

I hope you all have a wonderful Summer break and I look forward to seeing you all on the 6th September!

Many thanks for your continued support.
Mrs Sarah Wilson – Principal

Governor Awards - Summer Term 2016-2017

As you are already aware class teachers have been nominating two children each term to receive an award from the Governors. One child will have made excellent academic progress and the other child will have been an outstanding role model. The children will be receiving a group reward....this term it will be watching a film (Despicable Me 3) at the cinema and popcorn! Congratulations and Well Done to the following...

	Academic Progress	Role Model
Edinburgh	Edward	Callie
London	Aaron	Leighton
Leeds	Zack	Bernadette
Cambridge	Hugo	Ashleigh
Bristol	Chloe	Louie
Norwich	William-Michael	Connie
Warwick	Griffin	Jackson
Carmarthen	Ralph	Kamonde
Lancaster	Ronnie	Freya
Keele	Hayden	Oliver
Oxford	Abbi	Daisy
Exeter	Luna	Beth
Glasgow	Sam	Reuben



Noted Liars National Lottery Literacy Project

A huge well done to all the children in Year 4 and Year 5 who performed in the grand finale of the Noted Liars National Lottery Literacy Project at the Alive Leisure Corn Exchange in King's Lynn at the end of June.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to take centre stage by acting, singing and dancing whilst working alongside other children from within the Downham Market Cluster and professional writers and actors.

You were all amazing! Your enjoyment and confidence shone throughout the performance and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you.



Story Café Dates

Year 1 – Tuesday 18th July at 2pm
Year 2 – Thursday 20th July at 2pm

Drinks in School

A reminder that children should bring water to drink in school unless they have a medical condition that prevents this.

TRIM TRAIL

We are delighted that the trim trail is now being used by all the children in school on a rota basis.

PLEASE NOTE that the Trim Trail is for use by school pupils during school hours **ONLY** (9.00am-2.45pm) and we have established strict rules on this in order to meet our Health and Safety requirements.

Please support us by following these rules and I must stress that the school will accept **NO** responsibility for parents or children who do not comply with the above.



Lost property

Please could parents/carers and children check lost property before the end of term. Any items left will be disposed of or donated to charity. Many Thanks

Nursery News

Extended Early Education Funding – September 2017

From September 2017 if both parents work a minimum of 16 hours per week children may qualify for 30 hours of funding. Each of our nursery sessions is 3 hours long so this would equate to a place from 9am-3pm Monday to Friday each week. Parents must make the claim themselves, and the deadline for claims for the September term is 31.8.17. If you would like to know more please ask for an information sheet from Nursery. All children will still qualify for 15 hours funding.

Government Childcare Vouchers

We have now registered with the Government childcare voucher scheme which means that we can receive these vouchers towards payments. You can choose an amount of your wage to be paid via childcare voucher tax free, and for every £8 you deposit this will be made up to £10. Please visit the **Gov.uk** website for more information and to register.

Whole School Attendance Percentage

Week Endng: 7th July 2017

London	95.67%	Carmarthen	94.8%
Edinburgh	95.52%	Lancaster	96%
Cambridge	88.97%	Keele	98%
Leeds	93.2%	Exeter	98.1%
Norwich	92%	Oxford	99.05%
Bristol	93.93%	Durham	100%
Warwick	92.22%	York	100%
Glasgow	96.36%		

Well Done To: Durham & York



Week Endng: 30th June 2017

London	97.33%	Carmarthen	97.6%
Edinburgh	95.86%	Lancaster	99%
Cambridge	91.11%	Keele	96.67%
Leeds	95.6%	Exeter	94.76%
Norwich	95.6%	Oxford	90.48%
Bristol	97.5%	Durham	96.19%
Warwick	95.93%	York	99.17%
Glasgow	91.82%		

Well Done To: York

Dates for your diary

21st July – Summer Term Ends – Children break up

A date for your diary for next year....

Sports Day will be on **Tuesday 19th September** - AM = KS2, then a picnic lunch and PM = EYFS/KS1
Lets all pray for sunshine!!

Gingerbreads
out of school care
Holiday Club!
Meals provided
3rd sibling goes free
@ the Children Centre in Downham Market
Call to book 07908 310965
ALSO OPEN TO 4YR OLDS STARTING RECEPTION CLASS!!
24 - 28TH JULY
7TH - 11TH AUGUST
21ST - 25TH AUGUST
www.gingerbreads.club outofschoolcarenorfolk@gmail.com



Knight School

This summer, the 15th and 16th August
At Discover Downham Heritage Centre,
Downham Market



Join Sir Nathaniel and Lady Kathryn to see
if you have what it takes to be made a
knight of the realm.

Training to become a knight would happen
over many, many years - you've got two
days! Can you rise to the challenge?



Days will run from 10:30-16:00

Suitable for ages 6 – 12 years

£12 per child, discount available
for family groups.

Places are limited and must
be booked in advance

For more information and to book a place please
contact learning@discoverdownham.org.uk

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT

ANIMAL AGENTS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

animal-agents.org.uk



What's On

at Downham Market Library

Summer Holiday events for children and families! For further information, or to book where necessary, please ring the library on 01366 383073.

Children must be accompanied by an adult for these events.

Launch of Animal Agents Reading Challenge!

Saturday 8th July 9.30am—12 noon. Come along and sign up for this year's reading challenge! No need to book, just come along! Free event.

Amazing Creatures—A Story with Balloons!

Monday 24th July 2 - 3pm. Ages 3+. Booking essential. £3 per child.

Garlic Theatre Puppetry Company presents Little Red Robin Hood

Monday 31st July 2 - 3pm. Ideal for 3—8 years. Booking essential. £1.50 each or £5 per family of 4.

Knitting for Beginners for Families

Tuesday 1st August 1 - 2.30pm. Ages 5 +. £1 per person.
Booking essential.

Liam Carroll, Storyteller—Native Tales from Africa and America

Monday 7th August 2 - 3pm.

Ideal for 4—8 years but everyone welcome
£4 adult, £3 child, £12 family of 4. Booking essential.





Fun for Kids with the Dogs Trust

Monday 14th August 1.30 – 3pm. For children up to 12 years. Free event. Booking essential

A Magic Show and Balloons! With Crazy Corin

Monday 21st August 2 – 3pm. Ideal for 4–10 years. £3 per child. Booking essential.

Animal Agents Detective Academy!

Tuesday 22nd August 10.30am—12 noon. Ages 7+. Booking essential. £3 per child.

Liam Carroll, Storyteller—Local Folk Tales

Monday 4th September 2—3pm. Ideal for 4—8 years but everyone welcome! Booking essential. £4 adults, £3 child, £12 family of 4.



Summer Holiday Storytime every Thursday in holidays

10.30—11.30am. Stories and activities. No need to book. Free events.

Animal Agents Presentation Ceremonies!

Saturday 23rd September at 1.45, 2.45 or 3.45pm. Booking essential. Free event.



Daily Challenges and other activities!

Throughout the summer holidays we'll have a daily challenge for you to complete! Plus lots of colouring in, library hunts and other activities!