



PTA NEWS



No one can do everything, but everyone can do something

★ A New year to volunteer..!

If one of your New Years' Resolutions was to 'make a difference' in 2018, why not consider getting more involved with the PTA this year? We love to see new faces and we're always keen to hear new ideas. Come along to the next **PTA meeting on Thursday 18th Jan at 8pm** in the staff room at school - everyone welcome! We will be discussing & agreeing how the money is to be spent, as well as upcoming PTA events such as the School Disco, Rugby Car Parking and Summer Fair. **If you have any ideas and are keen to get involved do come along, or email us at: nelsonprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com**

NEW 'CHAIRS' FOR THE PTA

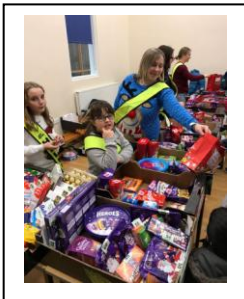
Last summer we gave a well deserved thank you & farewell to **Meg Wiggins** who has been our dedicated PTA Chairperson for the last 3 years. Meg decided to step down from the position of Chair, however continues to kindly help as a PTA Committee member & as Deputy Treasurer.

It was no easy task to replace Meg, however we were lucky enough to have two Co-Chairs to agree to jointly lead Nelson PTA going forward.

Welcome to **Sadia** (mum to Zain, Sami and Awais) and **Suha** (mum to Laith and Jude) who have done a grand job heading up the rest of the committee in organising the Family BBQ in September and the Winter Fair & Fireworks in December. Well done so far ladies!



Santa took time out of his busy schedule to visit all the Nelson school pupils on the **Christmas Party Day** in December. With help from the PTA, the children received a gift for their class. Some received books or rainy day games. Ask your child what Santa brought their class... A huge thank you to Santa and to the staff & PTA volunteers who helped make this event happen.



The **PTA Winter Fair & Fireworks** were a great success, raising just under **£4000..!** A massive thank you to all the parents, staff, children & families, as well as local businesses who helped make it such a fun event. **We hope you enjoyed the fireworks..!**



Nina, Suha, Meg, Sadia & Mary
The PTA Committee Chairs (old and new!) along with the Deputy Chairs for this year.



PTA - Dates For your diary 2018

Please look out for any date changes/amendments on the **PTA notice board** as you enter school each day, sign up to receive our **emails**, 'like' our **Facebook** page or follow us on **Twitter** (details below).

- Thurs 18th Jan PTA Meeting (at school) 8pm
- Sat 10th Feb Rugby Car Parking - England v. Wales
- Sat 17th Mar..... Rugby Car Parking - England v. Ireland
- March 2018 (tbc) School Disco (for all Nelson children)
- Sun 27th May (tbc) Rugby Car Parking - Aviva Premiership Final
- Sat 30th June..... PTA Summer Fair





★ Matched Funding

A big thank you to our new PTA Co-Chair Suha (mum to Laith in year5 and Jude in year4) who has managed to raise a fantastic **£3500** for the PTA through the 'Matched Funding' scheme with her employers, a global investment management firm.

A huge thanks also to Sandy (mum to Ria in year 3 and Harry in year 5) and her employers, HSBC, who have donated **£500** to the PTA through their 'matched funding' scheme for the 3rd year running. **How does it work?** If an employee fundraises money, your employer will then match that amount raised.

Ask your employer if they have a Corporate Social Responsibility or an Employee Giving Programme? If so, please consider adding Nelson PTA as a cause. You may be able to get donations in lieu of any volunteer hours you put in during Nelson PTA rugby parking days, fairs & events.

★ THANK YOU to ALL Rugby Car Parkers

Since the beginning of the school year (Sept 2017), the PTA have organised a total of **6 Car Parking sessions**, using the Nelson playground as a car park every time there was a major event at Twickenham Stadium.

To encourage new volunteers, we asked each year group to help out at a different car parking session - many new volunteers gave up their time at the weekends and helped to raise a staggering **£20,000..!**

A huge THANK YOU to all the car parking volunteers who helped to raise these valuable funds which **benefit all the Nelson children**. Particular thanks goes to **Year 3 and Reception parents who had the most new volunteers!**

Please do help out at the next rugby car parking in Feb & March if you can (see dates overleaf).

Tea towels and cards



We hope you all liked your greetings cards, tea towels and gifts products which were distributed before Christmas. A big thanks to the staff & PTA volunteers who made this project happen. Nearly **£1000** was raised from this project, so thank you to everyone who purchased the designs and contributed to this fantastic amount!

We have a limited amount of spare tea towels left. If you would like to purchase one at £4 each, please go to our website www.nelsonpta.co.uk for further information. They will be sold on a first come, first served basis..!

MONEY SPENT

Nelson PTA (Parent Teacher Association) raise money for the benefit of Nelson children and the whole school. Here are just a few activities we have spent the money on...



Swimming gala training sessions - years 3 / 4 / 5 & 6 children.
GOOD LUCK FOR THE GALA ON 8TH FEBRUARY SWIMMERS..!



Defibrillator (kept outside the School Office).
Life saving equipment for anyone having a cardiac arrest.



Coach trips for all year groups - **£3500** has been contributed by the PTA to help fund school trips this year. **£5000** will be spent on coaches for swimming lessons.



Christmas Dinner & Crackers for all Nelson children (Dec 2017)



Hoodies, Yearbook & BBQ Party for Year 6 Leavers (last July 2017)



Student diaries for all Nelson pupils.



Permanent Stage lighting in the Main Hall for all productions



Interactive Christmas Pantomime 'Aladdin'. For all year groups. (Dec 2017)



P.A System & microphone - as used at the Christmas Carols in the playground & Winter Fair (Dec 2017). Also to be used for Sports Days etc.

PLEASE HELP to Support your PTA, HOWEVER YOU CAN. THANK YOU.

