



# Nether Kellet Community Primary School

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## Events....

Borwick Hall Y1/2 Mon 28th Sept  
Borwick Hall Y5/6 Thur 1st Oct  
Borwick Hall Y3/4 Fri 2nd Oct

## Nether Kellet News

### Welcome Back!!!

Wow, what a strange few months it has been! We are

really delighted to be able to have all of our children back in school finally and it will be lovely for them to be able to see all their friends and teachers once again. We have lots of exciting learning planned this term linked with our whole school theme: Journeys and all the class teachers will be sending out letters detailing what they will be teaching across the curriculum. We are sure that you are happy to pass this responsibility back to us after months of home-schooling for many of you! We appreciate all of the work you have put into trying to recreate some semblance of school at home and we know how hard this task is especially for those of you who were trying to work from home too. Our focus over the next few weeks will be on settling the children back in, focusing on the basics in English and maths as well as giving the children all of the usual exciting learning opportunities across all curriculum areas. There will be some differences to "normal" school —children from Y2-6 will largely be sitting in front-facing desks with fixed places which presents challenges in terms of our usual teaching methods which incorporate a lot of collaborative group work. Assemblies will be separated into infant and junior so we can accommodate everyone in the hall in a suitably distanced way while still maintaining the community feel of our school. Arrival, breaks, lunchtimes and hometimes will be staggered and we have many rotas to ensure that we remain in bubbles and keep everywhere sanitised. From the children's point of view though I'm sure that they will find school as relaxed, fun and full of learning as ever!

*Every Journey Begins With a Single Step.....*

### Drop Off and Pick Up

Just a reminder about arrangements at the start and end of school. Please stick to the drop off and pick up times as listed for your child(ren) so we keep everyone safe and don't interrupt lessons unnecessarily. PLEASE PASS ON ANY INFO TO ALL ADULTS WHO COLLECT YOUR CHILD. PLEASE PARK CAREFULLY TOO.

Reception children—drop off 9:05am pick up 3pm (after different arrangements this week)

Year 1 and 2 children—drop off 9:05am pick up 3:05pm

Year 3 and 4 children—drop off 8:55am pick up 3:20pm

Year 5 and 6 children—drop off 8:45am pick up 3:10pm Please drop off at the earliest time and pick up at the latest if you have more than one child. All children go in and out of classroom doors.

**'Be inspired... achieve your potential'**

### LUNCHES

We will be serving school dinners as "take out" bags initially. A temporary menu will accompany this letter. Dinners remain free for Year R, 1 and 2 and are £2.30 for juniors. If you are in receipt of benefits and think you may be eligible for pupil premium (which gives free school meals and means the school receives additional money to meet your child's needs) please see Helen in the office

### Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle with fresh water in each day so we don't need to use the water fountain.

### Bags and Equipment

Please minimise the amount of "stuff" being brought in from home. Please ensure your child brings only the books they need to take back and forth in a bookbag if possible. No pencil cases, toys, etc. please. Please send fully named PE kit with bag named clearly on the outside. Please ensure all coats and uniform are named, we have loads of unnamed lost property.

### Milk and Fruit

From next week we will receive milk and fruit again for breaks. The fruit is free for children in Year R, 1 and 2 and milk is free for under 5s. A letter will be coming out to you for you to order milk if your child is in YR, Y1, Y2.



## Covid Precautions

In order to limit the spread of the virus and hopefully keep schools open from now on, we ask you to be vigilant in terms of symptoms and keep your children off school where necessary. If your child or a member of your household displays one of the main symptoms: shortness of breath, high temperature, persistent cough or loss of taste and/or smell, please keep your child off until everyone in the household has tested negative. If anyone in your household tests positive, please keep your child off for the 14 days quarantine period and keep them away from other children for this time. Procedures for sickness and diarrhoea are as they have always been (though this can occasionally be a symptom of Covid too) - please keep off school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. If your child displays any Covid symptoms then we will need to contact you to take them home to be tested asap. Please make sure you are contactable. Hopefully all of this is precautionary and we don't have a flare up of the virus locally. Please help us to keep everyone, including the staff, safe by observing current social distancing rules outside school too.

## Borwick Hall

After the disappointment of having to cancel any summer trips and visits, we are pleased to be able to go to Borwick Hall Outdoor Centre once again for our outdoor adventurous day. It is slightly more complicated this year as only one bubble can go at a time so we appreciate that this is less convenient for drop offs and pickups but it will be brilliant for the children to get a chance to go on a visit after so long I'm sure you'll agree. As usual, we will be subsidising this trip heavily using our sports funding money. All of the children from Y1-6 will be going during the week beginning 28th September.

your child. If you have any concerns, queries or questions please feel free to email: [bur-sar@netherkellet.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bur-sar@netherkellet.lancs.sch.uk) or your child's teacher's email, phone us or have a word with Helen or your child's teacher when you drop off or pick up. If it is a longer chat that you need, please make an appointment via one of these methods. If you are coming into school it would be appreciated if you could please wear a mask. Thank you very much.

## Clubs

As you know we love to run extra-curricular clubs for the children and usually have a wide variety on offer. We are currently assessing which clubs we can run safely and how these might work for example limiting them to one bubble or keeping socially distanced outdoors. We will send out details of any clubs we feel we can offer over the next week or so.

## New Developments...

While we were open for a limited number of children, we were determined to use the time and the skills of the staff to full effect! You will notice the Reading Shack that myself and Miss Metcalfe painted with book characters where we will set up book swapping when Covid allows. We have also developed our Nature Trail with fabulous nature tasks painted by Miss Molloy and our Run a Mile circuit with Miss Metcalfe's fitness tasks. Mrs Bowker has also been really busy over the summer transforming our outdoor classroom into a Nature Hub complete with birdwatching hide, numerous tasks and nature keys, children's nature poems as well as beautiful nature illustrations by Miss Metcalfe and the children. We are really looking forward to using all of these areas of our beautiful grounds in our learning and it's great to have something really positive to show for the time we couldn't have all our children in school!

## Communicating With Us

As you know, we usually have an open-door policy. It is tricky at the moment as we have to minimise the number of people on the premises. However, this does not mean that we are any less available to chat about anything related to

## Staff List

	Teachers	Teaching Assistants
Oak Class	Sophie Laycock Mon -Tues Wendy Keates Wed - Fri	Josie Molloy
Chestnut Class	Vicky Perry	Sophie Laycock Hannah Wilson (Claire Martin on mat. leave)
Sycamore Class	Rachel Metcalfe (Mon -Tues) Pearl Bowker (Wed - Fri)	Rebecca Lamb
Beech Class	Rebecca Starr Nicki Brough (Tuesdays)	Jane Wren Carol Sharpe
PE teacher	Nicola Hunter-Dale	
		Volunteers
Office	Helen Lawson	
Lunch Assistants	Marlene Byram Ann Haughian Jane Wren Sophie Laycock Rebecca Lamb Carol Sharpe	Sue Smith Ann Haughian Margaret Fancy Helen Jump Chris Stephenson
Lunch Server	Estelle Morgan	
		Governors
Site Supervisor / maintenance	Steve Taylor	Chris Stephenson (Chair) Barbara Bellis (Vice Chair) Chris Holdsworth
Cleaner	Michaela Taylor	John Bergus Peter Riley Sarah Mills
Non-teaching assistant	Ann Scott	Jane Wren Sarah Cook

### Parent Governor

Just prior to lockdown you may remember that I had sent a nomination form out for the vacant governor role. Zoe Smith has been a governor for the past four years and has served our governing body well throughout that time while also giving her time as a volunteer working with the children too. Thank you Zoe. Zoe's term of office ended in March so we have a vacancy for a parent governor as a result. The role would involve attending a full governors' meeting and a committee meeting each term. Meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm. If you think you may be interested or want further information, please do get in touch as we would love to have another parent join our governing body. If we have more than one parent interested we will have to hold an election. New nomination forms will be sent out soon but please chat with me if you think you may be interested.

### Parents' Phonics and Maths Evenings

We are still planning on running our phonics and maths evenings. These are aimed especially at new Year R parents in Oak class but they are also useful for all parents of children in KS1. Mrs Keates and Mrs Perry will be running these and they will cover phonics and maths for Year R to Year 2 with lots of fun and practical ideas for how you can help your child at home with their early reading, spelling and maths skills. We will be holding the workshops in the hall to facilitate social distancing and we ask parents to wear masks to make this extra safe. The phonics evening is on Thursday 24th September at 6pm and the maths evening is on 8th October at 6pm. We will send out a letter with a reply slip to get an idea of numbers nearer the time but please put it in your diary.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PARK CAREFULLY AND AVOID COMING DOWN THE ROAD NEAR TO SCHOOL, PLEASE PASS THIS MESSAGE ON TO ANYONE WHO DROPS OFF OR PICKS UP YOUR CHILDREN, THANK YOU.

**Best wishes, Nicki Brough, Headteacher**

**Term Dates:** Please try to avoid holidays in term time as they can't be authorised except in exceptional circumstances.  
 Half term : Mon 26th to Fri 30th Oct. incl.      Half term: Mon 15th—Mon 22nd Feb incl.  
 Christmas: break up 1:30pm Thurs 17th Dec      Easter break up: Friday 26th Mar  
 Return: Monday 4th Jan      Return: Monday 12th April