



# Nether Kellet Community Primary School

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## Events....

Parents' Evening—Wednesday 18th November 2020 from 1:30pm

## Nether Kellet News

### Phew!

tunate so far in not having to close any bubbles as many local schools have been forced to do - fingers crossed that continues and I haven't jinxed it! The great thing is that the children have taken the different routines and procedures in their stride and have been upbeat, positive and "can do" throughout. They have adapted to all sorts of new things and been very flexible. We have been able to keep all the KS2 children playing on the field with their wellies in school (their skills are developing in welly football!) It saddens us a bit when we think of all the exciting things like trips, visitors, whole school activities and school council events that we would normally be doing but we are delivering a full and exciting curriculum as always and the children clearly love being in school and back with their friends. Their behaviour has been amazing and the atmosphere around school is calm and cheerful both inside and out.

Poppies will be on sale after half term. There will also be other items such as wristbands, reflectors, pencils, etc. for 50p to £1.



### Admin. Stuff!

Thank you to everyone who has sent back all the forms we sent you a few weeks ago. If there is anything you haven't sent back to us yet, please do so ASAP as they are urgently needed, particularly your email address in the case of any school closure.

## Governor Election

It was brilliant to have 3 such excellent candidates standing in our recent governor elections. Thank you to Patricia, David and Adam for taking the trouble to stand and showing such interest in our school. Thank you also to everyone who voted, we had an excellent turn-out. In the end, Adam Bateman was voted in as parent governor, congratulations to him, he'll be joining his first governor meeting via Zoom in November.

We have appointed 2 new welfare assistants to help out at lunchtimes as our staggered lunches require quite a few staff! Kate McCallum and Victoria Lambert have started this week with Sycamore bubble. It's lovely to have them on board!

## PSHE

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) is now a statutory subject. It is a subject that we have always valued highly and the content is delivered in a cross-curricular way through our school general ethos, assemblies as well as PSHE lessons. We also cover aspects through Kidsafe and work with other agencies such as the police, fire brigade, school nurse, the Lifebus, NSPCC, Lancashire Mind, etc. PSHE covers Health and Wellbeing Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Economic and Citizenship Education. We aren't changing significantly the content of what we teach but we are required to open our policy on Relationships and Sex Education up to consultation with parents and governors now that staff have agreed it. The policy can be found on our website (along with our other PSHE policies) in the Key Information - Policies section. Please read it if you would like to and let me know any comments or queries so these can be taken into account when I finalise the policy. Thank you.

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## Parents' Evening

We have decided to operate our parents' evening via

Zoom this term so a letter will be heading out to you soon so you can select a time slot. We will then send you a specific appointment time on paper as well the Zoom notification via email. We are going to hold our parents' evenings on the afternoon and evening of 18th November. We will let you in from the "waiting room" in turn for your appointments. If you haven't used Zoom before, it's very straightforward and you just need to copy and paste the link into your browser.

## Harvest

Thank you so much for all

your amazing generosity in sending in harvest produce. Safenet were very grateful for the donations which they collected from school this week.

## RESILIENCE PROGRAMME

We do lots of work

with the children on being resilient and understanding that it's ok and normal to have worries and to find things tricky and there are ways of dealing with those feelings that will help us throughout our lives. We have been offered a great opportunity by Lancashire Mind to take part in a resilience programme called "Bounce Back". Year 5 and 6 children will be doing the sessions every Monday between half term and Christmas. The sessions will be led by Lancashire Mind remotely because of the current situation but hopefully despite the challenges it will still be a really good and worthwhile programme for all the children.

You may have noticed that we haven't been updating our website as much as usual recently. This is because we are soon to launch a brand new website. It has taken a lot of work and it isn't quite ready yet. Myself and Rebecca Lamb are trying to upload as much as possible of the content before it launches. Obviously a key aspect at the moment is the provision for learning at home in the event of isolation/ bubbles closing, etc. We want to get all this in place before its launch. Please see below for more...

## Maths Clubs

As part of the return to school after Lockdown,

schools are encouraged to provide additional provision, where required, to help address any aspects of learning that have been affected. We have noticed that lots of children's mental maths skills including recall of tables facts has deteriorated over Lockdown so we are planning to run some after school clubs in KS2 to provide additional support with this in a fun way. More details will be sent out shortly.

Please ensure that only healthy snacks are brought in for breaks: cereal bars, fruit, yogurt, cheese, crackers, bread sticks, rice cakes NOT chocolate or sweets. Thank you.

## Lost Property

We are going to put our lost property outside for each bubble to look at in turn. Please do check if any belongs to your child because we will need a take it to the clothes bank soon as we are overflowing! We will quarantine it between each time it is put out. Once again, please do ensure that everything your child has, including coats, lunchbags/ boxes, water bottles, are named.

## Self-Isolating

If your child has to be off school due to self-isolating,

we are here to support their learning still if they are well. We ask that they continue to read every day and Y1-6 practise their Maths Learning Journey, go on Timestable Rockstars (and IDL if they do it) every day. In addition, all classes will have a set of home challenges on our website which are just there for any children who are needing to be off but are well! We will be posting more home learning on our website over the next couple of weeks in case children need to be off. It will all be in the usual place in the Our Learning tab under your child's class. Teachers are also happy to communicate via email and telephone with individualised activities. When we launch the new website, activities and guidance will be in the Our Learning section under Learning at Home.

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