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Nether Kellet News

End of Term

We are almost at the end of a term that has been quite different in so many ways. We were very sad to have to close Sycamore bubble for the past week or so but the good news is that the children and parents in Sycamore have engaged brilliantly with all the at home learning and we have been delighted with the positive, keen attitudes of all the children and the amazing work that they have done! A big thank you also to the Sycamore Class team who have worked tirelessly since the bubble closure, over the weekends, on days off and in the evenings to make sure the children all have access to lots of exciting learning.

Usually, at this time of year, we would be updating you on all the Christmas arrangements. This year it will be a bit different but Christmas is still coming to NKCPS of course! We are putting together a socially distanced singing production with the nativity story with the help of Andrew Towers videoing which will be available on DVD.....hopefully it all goes well as the logistics of this are quite complex! We also have plans for lots of other Christmas fun activities. These include: toy morning, Christmas dinner, Christmas parties, a reindeer fun run in aid of St John's Hospice and much more.

Because we sadly cannot do a performance for parents and therefore are in class much more than usual, we will be spending more time on Christmas-related activities and crafts too.

Reindeer Fun Run

We know how much charity-run organisations such as St John's Hospice have been hit during the pandemic and the vital work that they do. We are therefore supporting them by holding a reindeer fun run in school on Monday 14th December. The children each have a pair of reindeer antlers to wear and we are asking for donations for the hospice to take part. The children are welcome to come in fancy dress that day to take part.

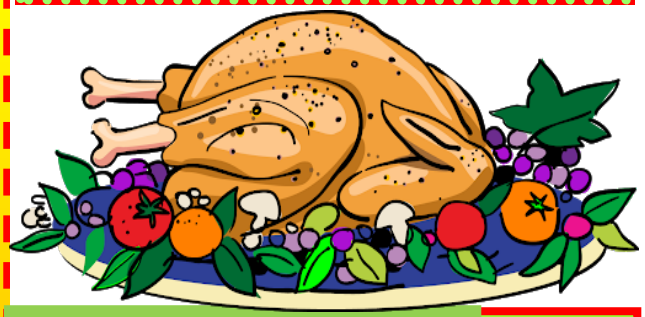
Events....

Friday 4th December - Filming of Christmas performance.
Thursday 10th December- infant Christmas Party- wear own clothes all day.
Monday 14th December- Reindeer fun run
Tuesday 15th December—Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 16th December—junior Christmas parties—wear own clothes all day.
Thursday 17th December—toy morning, break up at 1:30pm
Monday 4th January—return to school.

Last swimming will be Wednesday 9th December

Last guitar lessons will be Tuesday 8th December.

Last PE club for Sycamore will be Wednesday 9th December.



Christmas Dinner

We will be having Christmas dinner on Tuesday 15th December. The children will be in their own bubbles but will enjoy a festive feast as usual. If your child is in Chestnut or Oak Class, Christmas dinner is free of charge. If your child is in Sycamore or Beech Class, there will be a charge of £2.30, please return the form to order a dinner. If your child is in the infants, the only meal choice that day will be Christmas dinner so they will need a packed lunch if they don't want the dinner, we will assume they do want it unless you let us know otherwise.

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

Dukes Theatre

The children are really enjoying taking part in the Dukes Theatre project. It's much more of a challenge for us as we are leading the sessions and will be attempting to produce a coherent performance but hopefully it will all come together! We will video the resulting performances and put them on our website for you to see. Because of their bubble closure, Sycamore Class haven't been able to get started on theirs so they will do a shorter version! The children have really enjoyed taking part and being creative.

NEW WEBSITE

Our new website is all up and running. There are still some issues with reaching it through a Google search which our technician is trying to sort with Google but, in the meantime, please type in www.netherkellet.lancs.sch.uk.
As always, we are posting pictures of learning in school (and at home for Sycamore bubble). Home learning is under Our Learning if your child needs to isolate at any point.

Christmas "Performance"

We are planning a performance of sorts that is Covid-safe and can be conveyed to you on DVD. On Friday (4th December), Andrew Towers will be in school filming the children to put together a little video full of festive cheer! Please help your children to learn their song words before Friday as we are limited to only singing outside here! Friday will be a non-uniform day and we would like your children to come in "carol singing" type clothes: Warm/ Christmas jumper, scarf, woolly hat, gloves, warm trousers (no bare legs) and coats please. (Incidentally, please ensure your child has a coat with them every day. We want the children to be able to play out in whatever weather comes our way but one or two children don't always have coats here. Thank you).

Wishing you….

Let's hope 2021 is a good one!!

Mrs Bowker

Mrs Bowker has been at our school for over 9 years and, prior to that, she taught at many schools in a career spanning a few decades! She has contributed an enormous amount to our school in her very creative teaching; especially science and English, development of our garden and nature areas and her continual zest for learning, both for herself and the children in her class.
She has now reluctantly decided that the time has come to retire and she will be leaving us at Christmas. I know that she will really miss everyone here and we will miss her greatly and all her boundless energy and enthusiasm for teaching. I'm sure she will be back in - hopefully doing gardening and nature activities with the children but, in the meantime, we will be saying goodbye to her as one of our teaching team. I know that the children will really miss her too and I want to reassure Sycamore Class that we will do all we can to keep things going in a similar way for the rest of the year.
After Christmas, Sycamore Class will be taught by Miss Metcalfe on Mondays to Wednesdays and Miss Lamb (who is a qualified teacher) will teach on Thursdays and Fridays with a new teaching assistant supporting her. This means that a similar timetable and approaches to teaching and learning can continue. I'm sure that all the parents who have had children in Mrs Bowker's class will want to join with us in wishing her a very happy retirement and every good wish for the future. I'm sure she will still be popping in now and again!

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.

Christmas: break up 1:30pm Thurs 17th Dec
Return: Monday 4th Jan
Half term: Mon 15th—Mon 22nd Feb incl.

Easter break up: Friday 26th Mar
Return: Monday 12th April
Half term: Mon 31st May - Tues 8th June incl.