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**SEPTEMBER 2021**

**Events....**

- 20th Sept — Clubs start
- 27th Sept — Borwick Hall visit
- 30th Sept 6pm — Phonics for Chestnut and Oak parents
- 14th Oct 6pm - Maths for Oak parents

**Nether Kellet News**

**Welcome Back!**

It's lovely to see all of our children and parents once

again after the summer holidays. We are really enjoying being able to be back to "normal" in school. The children are now able to play together and we have had our first whole school assembly in the hall in almost 18 months! It is taking us a little while to remember what the old routines were but we'll get there! This term our whole school theme is Food, Glorious Food. We are planning to do lots of cooking of course and learn about food around the world and healthy lifestyles too. If any parents have cooking or baking skills that they are happy to share with the children (with assistance from staff of course) then please let us know. We are able to have parents in school now and it is always lovely to share hobbies and interests with the children. Just let us know. We are busy harvesting potatoes from our garden and planning recipes with those at the moment and will be planting more crops soon.

**CLUBS**

Hurray! We are finally able to return to the activity clubs we usually offer across the school. I will be sending a clubs letter out soon and clubs will start during the week beginning 20th September. We are looking for volunteers to help us with football club please so we can offer it to as many children across the school as possible as it is always popular! Please let us know if you can lend a hand on Mondays after school until around 4:30. Similarly, if any parents are able to assist with gardening club on Tuesdays or gardening and nature club on Thursdays, that would be much appreciated as we can be so much more productive with our gardening! As always, we won't invite Reception children to after school clubs in the first term as they get used to just being in school as experience tells us staying for the extra hour doesn't go well! Reception children will be able to come to a couple of clubs after Christmas and can come to lunchtime clubs straight away.

**Borwick**

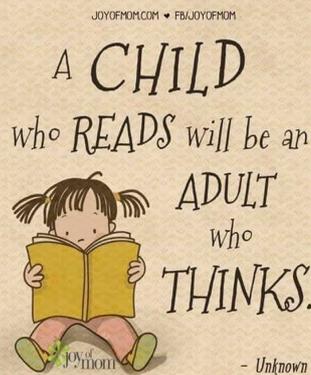
As usual, we will be using some of our sports funding money to subsidise our whole school visit to Borwick Hall for a day of outdoor adventurous activities. The children from Y1-6 will go on 27th September for the day. (Children from Reception will go in the summer term). As usual we ask parents to drop off and collect from Borwick. A letter will be sent out to you shortly with details.

Swimming starts next Wednesday: 8th September for Beech Class.

**Supporting learning at home**

We ask that all of our children read and are read stories to every day. It is amazing the difference that this makes to their progress and it is always clear to us when children are reading lots and being read to. Please also practise their maths learning journey targets and telling the time every day, once again, it makes a massive difference!

All of the children from Y1-6 will once again be learning to play a musical instrument this term: Y1/2 will be playing recorders, Y3/4 ukuleles and Y5/6 clarinets. If your child is in Y3-6 please send your £10 contribution in for hire of the instrument (school is subsidising the rest) asap. (There is no fee for recorders).



**"If you read just one book a day to your child, they will have read 1825 books by their 5th birthday!"**

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



## Planet Inspiration

As a school, we focus on developing the children's skills and attitudes as much as their academic progress. Our Planet Inspiration characters are: Independence, Perseverance, Cooperation, Communication, Creativity, Asking Questions, Decision Making and Risk Taking and we frequently discuss and refer to these with the children to develop their way of thinking and attitudes, especially to challenges.

Linked with this, we have a strong emphasis on developing the children's independence so do please help us in this by encouraging your children to take responsibility for their own things and remembering things that they need. We will sometimes just ask the children to bring something in or to do a small task at home, please do take their word for it as there won't always be a letter for parents. Also, wherever possible, please send things in with your children to hand in rather than bringing them to the office. Beech Class children became very independent coming in and out of school through all the Covid times so please encourage your Y5/6 child to walk to and from school from home or your car independently in readiness for high school.

## House-Point Reward

Just a reminder about the house-point reward that we introduced last term.

We will be continuing with the non-uniform day on the following Friday for the winning house. If your child tells you their team won, that means that they can come in non-uniform the following Friday. We will also try to post it on the website and FB page!

## General Reminders

Just a few things to remind everyone of as we start the new term:

- Please, please, please ensure that names are in EVERYTHING and are replenished if they wash off as our lost property box is always overflowing with un-named items!
- Please send your child with the smallest bags possible, ideally a bookbag and lunchbag/box not a backpack as we have very limited space in our cloakrooms for bags.
- Please send healthy snacks for breaktimes. As always, children in YR, Y1, Y2 can have free fruit each day. Please don't send crisps, chocolate, cake, sweets, etc. for break. Thank you.

## THE READING SHACK

We will finally be able to use the reading shack as we intended. Most of you will be familiar with the principle that the children bring a book to donate and take a different book that they would like to read. We will continue to have a rota for classes to take turns swapping books during the school day—we will start with Beech Class this week, Sycamore week beg. 13th and the infants week beg. 20th. We also invite parents to go into the reading shack before and after school with your child if you wish to swap a book for them, for yourself (there are adult books too) or for a pre-schooler. We just ask that the books are all left tidy when you've finished swapping. Thank you

## IDL

For those children who have been doing the IDL computer program before school, we are starting again this week. Your child can come into school from 8:40 onwards to do IDL from now.

Mrs Keates and Mrs Laycock will shortly be writing to Oak Class parents about phonics and maths introduction workshops. The aim of these will be to give you ideas on supporting your child's learning at home and understanding how we teach in school. Dates for your diary: 30th Sept 6pm - Phonics, 14th October 6pm - Maths

**Term Dates:** Please try to avoid holidays in term time as they can't be authorised except in exceptional circumstances.  
Half term - Friday 22nd October to Friday 29th Oct incl. Half term — Friday 11th Feb to Friday 18th Feb incl.  
Break up for Christmas —Friday 17th Dec at 1:30pm Easter — Monday 4th April to Monday 18th April  
Return to school — Tuesday 4th Jan Half term — Monday 30th May to 8th June incl.