



# Nether Kellet Community Primary School

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## Events....

- Mon 2nd Oct—Open afternoon 1:30pm
- Mon 9th Oct—Oak Class photo for paper
- Wed 11th Oct—Parents' evening
- Fri 13th—Chestnut Class visit to Lancaster
- Thurs 19th Oct—Beech Class visit to Liverpool Museum
- Thurs 30th Nov—Sycamore Class visit to Manchester Museum
- Class assemblies 2:30pm Fridays:
  - Chestnut—6th Oct
  - Beech—13th Oct
  - Oak—3rd Nov

## Nether Kellet News

### BORWICK

The children had a fabulous time at Borwick once again. As always, they get so much out of the days linked with our Planet Inspiration characters. They are all able to tell us ways in which they worked as a team, took risks, persevered and demonstrated resilience, communicated, used creativity to solve problems and were independent. We know that many of the children are stepping well outside their comfort zones at times and all are learning new skills and sampling new activities or developing their skills further in activities they have tried before.

### Theatre and Author Visits

We have had some great visitors to school so far this term to enhance the children's learning. School has paid for these visits as we believe they are so important to enrich the children's experiences and give them access to experts such as authors and actors. We have had a theatre workshop company in school working with all of the children from Y1-6. Y5/6 worked on a dramatization linked with Ancient Greece, Y3/4 linked with Ancient Egypt and Y1/2 linked with the Great Fire of London. This has been really enjoyable and engaging for the children and helps them to really grasp key events in history in a creative way that we build on in follow-up lessons.

We have also had the children's author and musician Chris Alton in. His books are based on themes linked with our Personal and Social education and P4C. Please do take a look: <https://www.chrisalton.com/books>. The children enjoyed the workshops and finding out about him as an author and his books.



## Parental Involvement

We know that one of the most important influences on children's progress at school is the degree to which their parents are involved in their education in some way. As mentioned in the last letter, this can be doing the 5 mins a day of maths targets, reading with your child and playing games as well as chatting with your child about their day. We are always keen for parents to come and chat with us about your child and any concerns you may have. Do look out for events where we invite you into school to find out more about how we teach and your child's learning.

Be inspired.....have belief and grow



## OPEN AFTERNOON

Our open afternoon for prospective parents is taking place on Monday 2nd October (this Monday) 1:30-3pm. Please mention to anyone you know with a child due to start school next year. We will be serving refreshments with donations going to MacMillan Coffee morning charity.

## Educational Vis-

We are studying some exciting topics in history this term and the children will be going on visits to museums and other venues to enrich their learning. Beech Class are heading to Liverpool to the museum to take part in workshops and a tour linked to Ancient Greece. Sycamore Class will be heading to Manchester museum, famous for its Ancient Egyptian exhibits. Chestnut Class will be going by train to Lancaster fire station linked with their learning about the Great Fire of London and how this gave rise to the fire service we have today as well as Lancaster museum.



## Reception Phonics and Maths

Thank you to everyone who attended the phonics evening for Reception parents. We are very keen to get to know our new parents and get you involved with your child's education. If for any reason you missed the session, please do chat with Wendy Keates or Sophie Laycock and they will be able to give you a brief run-down of key pointers to assist your child's learning.

We will be holding the maths evening on Thursday 12th October at 6pm and once again we would love to see you all there, particularly if you are a new parent or it is a while since your elder child started school (or Covid got in the way of such meetings previously!) It is a relaxed session of under an hour but will give you an insight into ways to help in your child's maths development.

**Term Dates:** Please try to avoid holidays in term time as they can't be authorised except in exceptional circumstances.  
Half-term — Monday 23rd — Friday 27th Oct incl.  
Christmas — Break up Friday 22nd Dec  
Back to school — Monday 8th January

Half-term — Friday 9th Feb to Fri 16th incl.  
Easter — Break up Thur 28th Mar  
Back to school — Mon 15th April

## Parking

Thank you to our parents and carers for observing our request not to park or drive too close to school past the turn off on Bridge Road. It makes a big difference! We are trying not to use the cones as we know these are something of an eyesore for local residents. It will be brilliant if everyone observes the restriction without the cones moving forward. Many thanks.

## Parents' Evening

We will be holding our parents' evening for all classes on the afternoon and evening of 11th October. We will be using School Ping to enable you to book appointments to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher this term. Please look out for the link which will take you to a booking area where you can select your own appointments.

## Clubs

Clubs are up and running and children are enjoying all the varied activities. Please can we request that if your child is not attending a club for any reason, you or your child need to let the staff member know ahead of the club. We have a duty of care which means if a child doesn't come to a club we have to investigate where that child might be which obviously takes time and sometimes means the activity at the club is delayed in starting for the other children. Thank you.

Best wishes, Nicki Bradbury