



## Nether Kellet Community Primary School

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## Events....

Mon 11th Sept Imagining History workshops  
Mon 18th Sept Borwick - Sycamore and Chestnut  
Mon 25th Sept Borwick - Beech  
Thur 28th Sept—Chris Allton author visit  
Mon 2nd Oct—Open afternoon 1:30pm  
Class assemblies 2:30pm Fridays:  
Chestnut—6th Oct  
Beech—13th Oct  
Oak—3rd Nov  
Sycamore—10th Nov

## Nether Kellet News

### WELCOME BACK!

We're back and ready to learn once again!

This term our whole

school theme is "Long, Long Ago" and each class will be learning about their history topics in creative, cross-curricular ways. Beech Class will be finding out about the Ancient Greeks and Sycamore about the Ancient Egyptians with Imagining History workshops for each soon! Chestnut are learning about The Great Fire of London and Guy Fawkes. Oak Class will be settling into school and learning all about the routines and exciting activities in the indoor and outdoor areas as well as the wider school!

### Uniform and PE Kit

As I mentioned in letters

before the summer, we have decided to revert back to separate PE kits this year. Our more relaxed and blended approach last year—with the idea that children broadly wore the same for PE as the rest of the day—didn't work for some children who weren't in suitable clothing for PE and hadn't brought the necessary kit with them. It also wasn't ideal for inter-school events when some children were in red and some in white. So:

- Children are still able to wear plain black trainers for school in place of shoes.
- PE kit should contain: plain black shorts, red polo (ideally with our logo) and trainers (they may already be wearing these or may wish to have a separate pair for PE). Pumps are optional and black leggings or joggers can be worn in colder weather for PE (but shorts the rest of the time).

PLEASE, PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING AND CHECK IT'S READABLE, we have an enormous amount of un-named lost property every term, such a waste, I hate getting rid of it when it could be returned to you.

Risk-Taking



Communication



Perseverance



Creativity



Independence



Cooperation



Decision-Making



Resilience



## The Whole Child!

As always, we will be developing every aspect of all of the children through the way we work with them. We will be reminding them frequently of the Planet Inspiration characters: perseverance, independence, cooperation, risk-taking, decision-making, questioning, resilience, communication and creativity. These attitudes of mind underpin all that we do with the children and how they learn to approach any task or challenge. Please encourage your child to develop these skills at home too, especially independence in sorting their things out for school each day and taking responsibility for their things and their learning! We will also be reminding them of their Rights and Responsibilities so that they understand the impact of their actions on others, both positive and negative and learn to be responsible in life generally and get on harmoniously with others. In addition to this, we always seek to value every child's abilities, aptitudes and talents and we fully appreciate that we are all unique and it's important to value that difference.

Be inspired.....have belief and grow



# Welcome to Oak Class!

We are really looking forward to getting to know our new Reception children as they join Oak Class this week. Mrs Keates and Mrs Laycock have been working hard over the summer to prepare the classroom and outdoor areas for lots of exciting learning! They will be assisted by Miss Molloy and Miss Palmer and the children will also get to know Jack (the cuddly Jack Russell) and Flash the (real) giant land snail! For all of you who are new parents to our school, please do just ask about anything that you're unsure about (we often forget what we have and haven't told you!) There is always someone in the office for queries you may have as well as Oak Class staff of course. Your children will have a great time and do lots of exciting learning (though they will think they have just been playing most of the time!)



Unfortunately, along with all of Lancashire schools, we are needing to put up the price of school dinners to £2.50 starting from now.

## Home Learning

Unlike some schools, we don't set formal written homework like worksheets. We do very much recognise the value of you making time to chat with your child about what fun things they have done each day and playing board games as well as reading daily with your child. Reading bedtime stories to them is so important and a lovely thing to do of course and helping them to practise their own reading is crucial to help them to progress with this vital skill to a point where they just love picking up a book! Children from Y1-6 also have their maths targets and those in Y2-6 have their Times-Table Rockstar logins—please support your child in practising their targets for just 5 mins per day - it makes a massive difference to their fluency and confidence! We will also be reintroducing Home Challenges linked with our theme. The idea of these is that they are varied and fun activities to pick from. They will be entirely voluntary but any that are completed will be celebrated and shared with the class and children will pop a ticket in the prize draw box to give them the chance to win a prize at the end of term (along with the Learning Journey prizes).

**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

## Parking

Please take care to be safe near to school

and avoid driving past the turn off.  
PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE AREA BETWEEN THE TURN OFF AND SCHOOL—we are trying not to use cones but the same rule applies as before to keep everyone safe. Please be courteous and considerate to our neighbours. Where possible, please walk to school or at least walk further by parking on the green to keep the area near to school as traffic free and fume free as possible. Thank you.

Our Clubs letter for this term will be making its way to you in the next few days. Clubs will start week beginning 18th September.

## Sports

As you know, we have had great success in sports competitions recently. We seek to give our children as many opportunities as possible to participate in sports, both competitive and non-competitive, via lunchtime and after school activities, specialist coaches and PE lessons. As a result, we have been awarded the coveted national Gold Sports Mark Award in recognition of our commitment to sporting opportunities for our children.

## Borwick Hall

As usual, we will be subsidising a day's adventurous activities at Borwick for Y1-6 at the start of the year (Reception will hopefully go in the summer term). This year, Borwick were unable to accommodate all 3 classes on the same day as they couldn't get enough instructors so Chestnut and Sycamore will go on Monday 18th Sept and Beech on Monday 25th Sept. A letter with all details will come out to you soon.

*Best wishes, Nicki Bradbury*

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