



Nether Kellet Community Primary School

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Events....

Wed 13th Dec—KS1 Christmas Play/ 1:30pm and 6pm. No Swimming
Thur 14th Dec—KS2 Christmas Play 1:30pm and 6pm
Thur 14th—Oak Class visit to Greenlands Farm for Christmas activities.
Fri 15th—Elf run
Mon 18th Dec—2pm Local Community Carol concert
3:20pm PTA mince pies and mulled wine.
Thur 21st Dec—Christmas Dinner
Friday 22nd Dec—break up at 1:30pm

Nether Kellet News

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

It is getting to that time of year again of course and things are very busy in school, keeping up with as many of our normal lessons as possible while practising the Christmas Plays and songs! Thank you to all of you who have been helping your child(ren) to learn their lines, song words and acting, it is greatly appreciated!

We have almost all of the costumes in now, thank you very much for your help in this too, it is an enormous help and the costumes look great, thank you!

Schedule for events:

NISCU nativity for KS1 and YR 29th November
NISCU assembly lessons for KS2 8th December
Christmas performances:

KS1 Wed 13th Dec at 1:30pm and 6pm
KS2 Thur 14th Dec at 1:30pm and 6pm

Tickets will be allocated on the basis of 3 tickets per family per performance initially and remaining tickets shared out to those who would like more and return their slip promptly.

Christmas visit for Oak Class to Greenlands Farm: Thursday 14th Dec.

Christmas singing for local residents:

Mon 18th Dec at 2pm—3pm

(The PTA are also serving mulled wine and mince pies after school on Monday 18th too).

Elf Run for St John's Hospice:

Friday 15th December—details to follow.

Christmas Dinner:

Thursday 21st December

Christmas Parties:

Dates to follow for the final week of term



Recent fundraising

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations of cakes for the School Council to sell for Children in Need. The dress-up and cake sale raised £254.00 in total, a great effort!

We also raised £125 for the Poppy Appeal this year too.

After the Christmas productions are over we will be doing our usual fundraising for St John's Hospice. This year it will be an elf run and all the children will run in elf hats. Representatives from the hospice will be visiting school during Monday's assembly to explain about the work of the hospice and the importance of fundraising and more information will follow.

Mad Science

Beech Class thoroughly enjoyed an exciting morning of experiments and investigations with Mad Science recently! They had an insight into the world of a scientist and the importance of being curious. See our website and FB page for pictures!

Be inspired.....have belief and grow



Internet Safety

Please be extra-vigilant in keeping

an eye on what your children are accessing online, particularly over the Christmas holidays when children might be on devices more. There have been a few indications recently that some children are accessing things that are inappropriate, often via Youtube or Tiktok. Please ensure that parental controls are in place and that you regularly check and discuss what your children are accessing (as the parental controls only give a certain amount of protection).

There is a great deal of information for parents out there including:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Clubs Non-Attendance

We will be sending out our new clubs letter in January and, as always, there will be many clubs on offer as it's something we pride ourselves in providing. All staff do the clubs voluntarily giving up their time. Please do ensure that if your child can't attend a club for any reason that you, or they, let us know. We have a safeguarding duty so we have to make phone calls to ensure that a child is safe if they don't arrive at a club which obviously eats into the club time for the other children. This terms clubs finish on Fri 8th Dec.

Please remind anyone your know in the village who may like to come to our Christmas singing on 18th Dec at 2pm to come along, they are most welcome!

Lost Property

Once again, we have a great deal of lost property. We frequently find clothing, lunchboxes, water bottles, etc. left around school with no names and sadly the children rarely claim these items, despite them being taken around school. Please NAME EVERYTHING as we can immediately return things to their owner. Please also come in and look in lost property (in the reading shack) if your child has lost anything as we know how expensive things

Local Councillor visit

In January, we will be receiving a visit from a local prospective councillor to talk with the KS2 children about local government and to do a Q&A session. The councillor is interested in finding out what issues are important for young people in the area. She also contacted me to say that, in knocking on doors, near to school, the biggest issue raised was parking on pavements and across driveways at drop off and collection time. Please do ensure that you park courteously to help relations between our neighbours and school!

KS1 Athletics Comp.

A team of children from Chestnut Class recently took part in an athletics competition against other local schools. The children competed in various events and races and we came 2nd overall, very close to the winners' score! Well done all of our athletes!



PING Calendar

We do our best to

keep the calendar on School Ping up to date so, along with the newsletter/bulletin, that is another way of keeping tabs on what is happening and when.

Best wishes, Nicki Bradbury

Term Dates: Please try to avoid holidays in term time as they can't be authorised except in exceptional circumstances.
Christmas — Break up Friday 22nd Dec 1:30pm
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
Half-term -