



# Nether Kellet Community Primary School

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## Events....

- Tues 9th Jan Football tournament am Lizzi Collinge, County Councillor, KS2 am
- Thur 11th Jan Life Education sessions/ Parents' session 8:50-9:10
- Mon 15th Jan football matches Slyne-boys'/girls' teams
- Tuesday 23rd Jan football matches Arkholme Y3/4 Y5/6
- Tuesday 30th Jan dodgeball comp.

# Nether Kellet News

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back to school and a happy new year to all our families. I hope you enjoyed some fun and relaxation over the Christmas period and Father Christmas managed to visit everyone!

As usual, all of the teachers have been busy planning exciting lessons and activities linked with our theme this term. The theme is "Our Blue Planet" so learning will include a focus on wildlife and nature in science, oceans and seas in geography and a range of maritime-linked topics for history.

We are focusing on textiles in both art and DT so we are looking forward to creating some lovely textile projects.



## Helen Lawson's Retirement

**As you will all be aware, Helen Lawson spent the past term handing over the reins of our school office to the capable hands of Vicky Leahy. A big task after Helen doing this job for 20 years (and the job has become increasingly complex!) Helen is finally leaving us to it and officially retired at the end of December. I know some parents may want to bring in a gift or card for Helen as she has been such a central part of our school for so long and we will obviously miss her greatly!**

## PTA

Our PTA have been doing an amazing job supporting our school and we are especially grateful to Emma, Hayley and Lauren (who seem to be at school during an awful lot of their "spare" time!) Last term, the PTA as a whole ran tuckshops weekly and organised a very successful movie night as well as the mulled wine evening and 100 Club. They are very involved in the life of the school and it is amazing for us to have parents who are so committed to helping raise money and stage events for both children and parents. Our PTA meets approximately once a half term and everyone is welcome. There are many members and other parents who give their time to helping and it's always a case of "the more the merrier"! If you can spare any time or have any ideas for the PTA then do come along to a meeting or chat with one of the current PTA or Ms Perry, they are very welcoming and keen for the PTA to include as many parents as possible. It may be that you can only help out every once in a while and that's fine, every little helps!

Be inspired.....have belief and grow



## LIFE EDUCATION

On Thursday, all classes will be doing a session with the people from Lancashire Life Education. They will also meet Harold the giraffe once again! They will be learning about various topics to help them personally and socially in life including dealing with feelings, making decisions and being ourselves. There is a session at the start of the day that parents are welcome to drop into to find out a bit more about what the children will be learning and how. This is from 8:50-9:10 if you want to pop into school when the children go in Katy, the Life Ed teacher will explain more! School funds the visit and, for any merchandise sold, school receives the money to offset the cost of the visit. Harold the giraffe scratch-art bookmarks will be on sale for £1 on the day.



## Sports

We have a football tournament on Tuesday with children from Y5/6 taking part. We have a match on the 15th Jan too and will have further football matches this term especially as the evenings get a little lighter allowing us to play after school. Ms Perry will be in touch about any matches with details for the team(s). We also have a dodgeball competition on 30th Jan (rearranged from last term). We involve ourselves in as much as possible with our local sports cluster to give the children as many sporting opportunities as we can.

## Clubs

Our clubs will start on week beginning 22nd January and the letter for clubs will be coming out soon with the array of clubs we are offering this term.

## Early Birds & Night Owls

The children did a great job of running the mile for the Elf run at the end of term. Please can we ask that all sponsor monies are returned by Friday so we can send it to the hospice. Thank you!

## Site Supervisor

You will be aware from recent messages that Juliette Mason, our site supervisor, has stepped down from the role and we thank her for looking after our school so well. We are delighted to have recruited Lee Coombe as our new site supervisor and he is looking forward to being part of our school community.

Our clubs are as popular as ever and are working well. The vast majority of parents are booking in advance. While we do try to be flexible and accommodate children at the last minute if circumstances change, it is really helpful if parents can book in advance as it helps us with staffing and planning of activities. Thanks

## LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE ENSURE ALL BELONGINGS ARE NAMED INCLUDING LUNCH BAGS/BOXES AND ALL CLOTHES AND FOOTWEAR SO WE CAN ALWAYS HAND THINGS BACK AND SAVE PARENTS MONEY!

*Best wishes, Nicki Bradbury*

**Term Dates:** Please try to avoid holidays in term time as they can't be authorised except in exceptional circumstances.  
Half-term — Friday 9th Feb to Fri 16th incl. Half-term—Monday 27th May to Tuesday 4th June incl.  
Easter — Break up Thur 28th Mar Summer—Break up 19th July 1:30pm  
Back to school — Mon 15th April