



## Nether Kellet Community Primary School

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### Events....

Mon 5th Feb—Football BLA  
Tues 6th Feb—Cross Country Y3/4  
Tues 20th Feb—Football Arkholme Y3-6  
Thur 22nd Feb—Muslim Culture Day  
Mon 26th Feb—Football BLA  
Fri 1st Mar—PTA Family Bingo 6-8pm  
Class assemblies Fridays 2:30pm:  
Chestnut 23rd Feb, Oak 8th Mar,  
Sycamore 15th Mar (no Beech Class assembly this term).

### Rockstars and Numbots

**We are having a big push on TTRockstars with the children, please support us in this as fluency in tables and regular practice is so essential in school and life. (Y5/6 children have recently been working on fractions, ratio and proportion and those with very fluent tables have found this much easier!) Parents of younger children will also be aware that we have recently subscribed to Numbots, this is proving very popular. Please encourage your children to use it regularly (I know many of the children don't need any encouragement as they just love it!) It will really support their school maths.**

# Nether Kellet News

## THIS TERM SO FAR

We've been busy as always learning around our whole school theme of Our Blue Planet. We have been working with textiles: weaving, sewing, embroidering and dying, etc in art and DT. In geography, we have been learning all about our seas and rivers and, in history, about the importance of the sea in our local history. Our writing focuses are also linking with our theme wherever possible, Beech Class have been writing biographies of Sir David Attenborough and writing their own stories linked to "Kensuke's Kingdom".

We had our Life Education sessions at the start of term which are always very valuable in developing the children's awareness of caring for themselves mentally, physically and emotionally and further developing our PSHE curriculum. Sycamore Class have also been having Kidsafe sessions on keeping themselves safe as part of our whole school programme with KS the monkey and Ms Perry, our Kidsafe trainer.



We have registered to be a "Plastic Clever School" which is organised by Kids Against Plastic and Common Seas Education and fits in well with our Blue Planet theme. Our School Councillors are delivering an assembly for the whole school and leading on some initiatives to reduce our single-use plastic. They will also be contacting families with requests for things you may be able to do to help. Many of you will remember that we were a hub for crisp packet recycling for some years. That scheme stopped because soft-plastic recycling is now in place in many supermarkets. We are conscious that many children bring food to school in soft plastic packaging: crisps, fruit snacks, cereal bars, biscuits, etc so we are going to reinstate soft plastic recycling in school and a member of staff will take it to a recycling point at a supermarket regularly. We know that Aldi, Tesco and Coop have these facilities locally. The campaign for Plastic Clever Schools is also about reducing single-use plastic in the community so any ideas you have, please share. At the moment in school, we are looking for more sustainable pens and gluesticks.

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## PARKING

We appreciate that at the moment with the roadworks, parking is even more of a challenge near school. We have had a resident ask us to remind anyone dropping off and collecting their child to still park considerately and not to block pavements or drive-ways. As always, we request that everyone parks further away and walks in and also ensures that the area near to school is kept clear with no parking or turning. We do know that some parents are making a big effort to park further away and it makes a big difference to children's safety and our neighbours.

I don't know if I mentioned at the time, but last year, along with all schools, we received some money to make our school more eco-friendly. After research, we had infra-red heating installed in all classes. It has been really successful, keeping us warm and using far less electricity.

At the recent PTA meeting, there was discussion and planning for upcoming events and fund-raising projects. As always, everyone is very welcome to come along to meetings and get involved in helping at events. The next event is Family Bingo on Friday 1st March 6pm—8pm.

## Medicines

If your child requires medication to be administered during school time, please ensure that you have visited the office and completed the required forms. Please also ensure that meds are handed in to the office and not to breakfast club or with the child themselves. If your child has an inhaler or other long-term meds in school, please ensure that this is always in date.



## Attendance

As mentioned via School Ping, please ensure that all absences are reported directly to the school office via email, phone, answer phone or calling in. Please also inform us for the reason for absence, nature of illness etc. If you know your child will be off for a number of days, for example after an operation or with an infectious illness, you can tell us that on the first day rather than contacting us each day.

## Next half-term

After half term, Year 6s will stop going swimming until after SATs as usual and Year 4 Children will go swimming instead. Letters regarding this will be coming out to Year 4 parents and goggle permission letters if your child wears goggles.

Also, please remember that gardening, football for Y1-3 and dodgeball clubs start.

## Elf Run

As you probably already know, our Elf Run raised an amazing £790.20 for St John's Hospice so we were presented with a giant cheque by the hospice. Thank you for your generosity.

*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.  
Easter — Break up Thur 28th Mar  
Back to school — Mon 15th April  
Half-term—Monday 27th May to Tuesday 4th June incl.  
Summer—Break up 19th July 1:30pm

## Sports

We have had a busy month for sports once again. Our football team played in a tournament involving all the larger as well as smaller local schools and we did brilliantly and came 2nd overall, just beaten in the final! We also competed in our cluster swimming gala and again came 2nd, a great achievement! We took part in a dodgeball competition this week with 2 teams from Year 5 and 6 and they represented the school brilliantly playing in that tournament with Harvey Sansom winning player of the tournament. We have had a couple of football matches postponed due to weather so hopefully they are played soon. We are starting to play in a football league on Monday at Bay Leadership Academy. Next week, all of Sycamore Class children will be taking part in the cross-country event at Warton school. They have been working hard in getting fitter and building stamina in the run a mile each day. It's a relaxed event with lots of children taking part.

