



# Nether Kellet Community Primary School

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## Events....

Tues 7th Jan Multi-skills club starts for Y1-3  
Thur 9th Jan Football tournament  
Monday 20th Jan All other clubs start  
Thur 30th Jan Cross Country Competition

## Nether Kellet News

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back to school and I hope you enjoyed some relaxing and fun times over the holidays. This term, our whole school curriculum theme is "Lights, Camera, Action". We have a big focus this year generally on speaking skills so we will be able to practise and hone those skills during this topic as we learn about film-making, news broadcasts, etc. Andrew, from Purple Video will be coming in to work with the children as he has in the past and those days are always brilliant, giving the children opportunities to learn what goes into making a TV broadcast. It promises to be an exciting term of learning with some great History topics, coding in Computing, dance in PE and digital Art! Beech Class will be learning all about WWII, Sycamore are learning about the Victorians and Chestnut will be learning about Beatrix Potter and famous inventors of communication methods such as the telephone. Oak Class are learning about David Attenborough and his amazing TV programmes. All classes will have links to our theme in their science, art, computing and DT learning. Curriculum letters from all classes will be coming out soon. Oak Class will also be sending out a new Stay and Play date shortly so do look out for that!

Please ensure that full PE kits are in school straight away. If your child plays lunchtime football please send in joggers/ spare socks as well as football boots so they don't get uniform muddy.

Clubs will start on Monday 20th January apart from Y1-3 multi-skills on Tuesday 7th. The letter for signing up will be sent out shortly.

### Christmas Plays

I know you will agree that the children did brilliantly in the Christmas plays. They really enjoyed the fun of performing with many of them stepping outside their comfort zones to perform in front of such a big audience. If there are any further orders of the film from Andrew, do let us know as he will probably still be able to send these through.



### Reindeer Rush

All of the children who were in school completed the Reindeer Rush with almost everyone running a mile and some running up to 3 miles! Well done everyone and thank you very much for the donations and sponsorship. We will let you know the amount raised when we hear from the Hospice!

### Oak Trip

Oak Class enjoyed a great day out at Wildlife Oasis seeing all the wildlife and also Santa! They saw so many animals and were full of stories about what they had seen and touched when they came back!

Be inspired.....have belief and grow



## Poppy Appeal

**Thank you to everyone for your donations for the Poppy Appeal. The volunteers who collected our contribution were very impressed as we raised a total of £150.12 which is a great amount for a small school!**

## Sports

In December, we had a swimming team from Beech Class take part in a swimming gala for small schools. As always the children represented our school brilliantly in their attitudes, behaviour and sportsmanship. All of the children did their very best with some really taking a risk to do something they were very nervous about. They came 2nd overall. Well done Emily, Bailey, Edie, Ruby, Autumn, Juliet, Mark, Ollie, Ben and Josh!

We are starting the new year with some more inter-school events. On Thursday, our football team play in a tournament organised by Morecambe FC, later in the month our KS2 children will be taking part in a cross-country competition at Warton school.

**Christmas Concert** It was lovely to see so many local residents at our Christmas concert and the children performed brilliantly; singing a mixture of carols and songs and dances from our Christmas plays.



## PTA

The PTA had a busy end of last term. Volunteers from the PTA and staff accompanied Santa for the Rotary appeal and raised money for our school. They also served refreshments at the productions and organised the raffle. As a result, they have raised a good amount of money for school. We will be looking at options for what that money will be spent on this year but, in the meantime, they have definitely committed to subsidise school trips to the tune of £2 per child per term which is a great help with the increasing costs of coach travel, etc. This will make the trips, which are so valuable to enhance learning, more affordable for parents and school.

## London

As some of you will know, we have been to London on a visit to Parliament and other sights on 3 occasions in the past. In order for this visit to take place, we have to apply to the Houses of Parliament for a visit, wait for about 2 months to see if we have been successful and then try to secure accommodation, train tickets, theatre tickets, etc. This year, we haven't been successful in securing a visit so, as it stands, we won't be going unfortunately as all the visits are booked up until Easter. Prior to applying, we did also have some concerns about whether we could make the trip affordable as our budget is not robust enough to subsidise the trip if the cost wasn't covered by parental contributions. It is a shame as it has always been a great trip but the two factors of not being allocated a slot and also having concerns about the finances mean that, for the time being, we haven't got plans to go. If anything changes, we will let you know.



*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 Break up on Thursday 13th February  
Return on Monday 24th February  
Break up for Easter on Friday 4th April  
May half term Break up Fri 23rd May  
Return on Wednesday 4th June  
Break up for summer Tues 22nd July 1:30pm