



Kell Bank News

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Issue 1



Welcome back to Kell Bank

We hope you all had a lovely summer. You will have noticed that there have been several improvements made over the summer with the painting of both classrooms and also the installation of cupboards in Class 2. This had been long overdue and makes for a much more attractive working environment for everyone as well as enhancing the pupils' work on the walls. The displays of work will look even better this year!

In Class 1 this term we will be working on activities based around the theme "Our Past". In Class 2, the children will be developing their geographical skills through the topic 'Wild Weather'. The school will host an open afternoon, later in the term, giving an opportunity for you all to come in and to view the children's work. We will keep you posted regarding dates.

Friends of Kell Bank Meeting Tuesday 15th September - 3pm

On Tuesday afternoon at 3pm at school our Friends of Kell Bank group will be holding a short meeting in the shelter in the playground to talk through the fundraising plans for this year and to plan for the upcoming Sheep Fair (Sat 24th September). We are really keen for all new parents/carers to join us as we would very much appreciate new, fresh ideas and support. Please come and join us for a chat and to look at how we can best fundraise for the pupils this year. The school really appreciates the support they receive from the Friends Group and it means that all pupils are offered all opportunities and we can continue to not request for financial support with school trips directly from parents/carers.

Help for the Sheep Fair



The main fundraising focus for this term is the Sheep Fair; this is always a very big fundraiser for the school. We need support with manning the stall on Saturday 24th September (we really need at least four people on the stall at any one time) and also baking and preparation of food on the Friday evening (23rd). A sign-up sheet will be put on Mrs Phillip's office window within the next week. Please can you sign the sheet to tell us how you are able to support. Thank you ☺

After-School Clubs

After School Clubs will start again this Monday 12th September and will finish at 4.30pm except Gardening Club which will finish at 4.15pm. The sign-up sheets are on the office window.

Monday - No Club

Tuesday - Sports

Wednesday - Gardening

Thursday - Drama, provided by AJ Academy of Performing Arts

Friday - Board Games.

N.B. The gardening club has only 12 spaces available. Please can we also ask that those attending this club have appropriate clothing, footwear and their own gardening gloves if possible.

P.E and Swimming

All pupils need to have their full P.E kit in school each Tuesday for their lessons with the Sports Coach, Year 5 and 6 pupils will also need PE kit on a Wednesday whilst Reception to Year 4 (inclusively) will need their swimming kit for the swimming sessions at Bedale Pool. It is also useful if PE kit is labelled clearly with your child's name as items of clothing can easily go missing otherwise!

Forest Schools

Our **First** Forest Schools session of the year will be on **Friday 16th September**. Please can we remind pupils to bring in wellies or sturdy walking boots, a waterproof jacket and trousers if you have them. Please can girls wear trousers for the day as it offers more protection.

It is essential that all skin is covered to protect from stings, bites and the sun.

Open Forest School Session

We are hosting an 'Open' Forest School session on Tuesday 4th October at 9.45am to invite pre-school children and parents to come and experience Forest School learning with us. Forest School is an opportunity for children to experience nature and the outdoor environment in a safe, secure and hands on way. Children learn best from first-hand experience, and playing, investigating & exploring together is what Forest School is all about. If you would like to come along or know of anyone that might be interested to experience a 'Forest School' then please pass on this message and get them to contact the school.





Vocal Tuition

There has been some interest in the vocal tuition within school, please let Mrs Phillips know if your son/daughter is interested and we can make enquiries for them regarding days/times/prices.

This Terms Payments

Dinner Money - The cost of a school meal from the 6th September is £2.30 and is only payable for pupils in Class 2. For the week the cost is £11.50 and for the half term will be £78.20. All credits will be carried forward.

Milk Money - The cost of milk is 10p per day and is payable for pupils 5 years old and over. For the half-term the cost will be £3.40.

Swimming Contributions - In order to provide swimming sessions for Reception to Year 4 pupils we ask parents for a voluntary weekly contribution of £2 to cover part of our costs. This provides extremely good value compared to external swimming lessons. For the next half-term the cost will be £14.00.

Trim Trail Update

We are very happy to inform you that the school has been awarded a grant of £10,000 by the Big Lottery Fund to provide a new Timber Trail to be built in the school field. As you know, the previous, well-loved trail was condemned following a health and safety inspection so last term the pupils got together to design their own new improved trail incorporating a range of challenging and imaginative play activities. The trail will also be built on an all-weather surface extending the opportunities for play for pupils throughout the year. Work will begin this half term, as soon as the grant monies have been released. I would like to thank Mrs Thompson for her hard work in completing the successful application bid.

School Uniform

It has been highlighted to us that there may be some confusion, when faced with the wide array of jumpers/ fleeces/hoodies etc on the Tesco website, as to which items should be purchased for wearing at school. The 'school sweatshirt' is our uniform for general wear during the school day. A 'school hoodie' can be ordered, if you wish, for use during P.E and the fleeces (half-zip, full-zip and reversible jacket) can be ordered for outdoor wear. We hope that clarifies the situation.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who collected Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. We have ordered some Stopwatches and Digital Skipping Ropes! They should be with us before October Half-Term.

Dates for your Calendar

- Tuesday 27th September - Year 1 Cluster Music Session
- Tuesday 4th October - Forest Schools Taster Session for Pre-School Children
- Thursday 6th October - Whole School Photographs
- Tuesday 11th October - Open Afternoon for New Starters
- Friday 14th October - Class 2 Trip to Castle Bolton
- Wednesday 19th October - Parent Consultation Meetings
- Friday 21st October - End of Half Term



Fundraising

Sign up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
Buy your school uniform from Tesco www.tesco.com/direct/kell-bank-ce-primary/11808.school
Donate while you shop, it's that simple.

Head Teacher Award

** Friday 9th September **
Freya B, Lazaro and Johnny




Heritage Open Day
at the **WORKHOUSE MUSEUM**
at the **PRISON & POLICE MUSEUM**
at the **COURTHOUSE MUSEUM**
Saturday 10th September 11am-4pm


free entry!
heritage open days

Ripon Museums invites you to visit all three museums FREE on Heritage Open Day. At the Workhouse Museum we have the laundry, rag-rugging, the schoolroom and a pop-up cafe. At the Prison & Police Museum we have finger-printing and prison-visiting with our convict in the cells and at the Courthouse Museum you can visit our holding cell, not normally open to the public. Come and explore our heritage!