



Kell Bank News

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Year 6 Leavers Service

Our annual Leavers Service was held in St Paul's Church last night and was attended by the children, their families and members of the community. The year 6 children recounted some of their favourite memories of their time at the school, while other children were very keen to share their stories about the Year 6s and wish them well for the future. It was a lovely service that celebrated the very happy and successful time that Millie, Oliver, Tegwen, Freya and Abigail have had at Kell Bank. We are very proud of all that our Year 6s have achieved in their time at Kell Bank and although we are genuinely very sad to see them go, we know they are ready to take their next step in the big wide world. *Kell Bank will miss you!* ☺

The Peace Child

Thank you to all of you who supported our school play on Tuesday. I'm sure you will agree with me it was a fantastic performance. Thank you also to all of you who baked and donated raffle prizes, we raised £290! A very big 'thank you' to all the pupils who have worked very hard this year, particularly the last few weeks with the rehearsals being fitted around all our other activities, and further thanks to the staff for their never-ending hard work and commitment. Finally, 'thank you' to all the parents/carers, family and governors for the support you show the school throughout the year.

First Day of Term

Our first day of term is Tuesday 5th September. The School Term and Holiday Dates for 2017/2018 are attached for your information.

After-School Clubs

A very BIG 'thank you' to all who have volunteered this year and made our clubs so successful. The garden is looking fantastic, we really appreciate the time you give each week. Our clubs will restart the second week back in September from Monday 11th September.

School Uniform

I love to see all the pupils in their new school uniforms in September. They always look so smart and ready to learn. As items are often new, please can we request that all pupils have all items of clothing and footwear clearly labelled. It is extremely difficult for staff to identify, which items of clothing belong to whom, if names are not clearly marked, initials written on the label will not take long but will save us a lot of time in school! Also a polite reminder that trainers, boots, jeans and jogging pants are not school uniform. Please remember to order your uniform from Tesco using the following link - www.tesco.com/direct/kell-bank-ce-primary/11808.school and give enough time to receive your items before the beginning of term.

P.E and Swimming

Can all pupils remember to have their full P.E kit in school on Tuesday 5th September. On Wednesday 6th September, the **whole** school will be swimming, so please be sure that all pupils have their swimming kit with them. All children should have black shorts, a white T-shirt and a pair of trainers to wear on the playground and field.

Waterproof Coats

Children need to have a water-proof coat in school **everyday**, we endeavour to have break-times and lunch-times outside whatever the weather and only have a very few spare coats for the children to borrow.

Next Terms Payments

Dinner Money - The cost of a school meal from the 5th 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 6 pupils we ask parents for a voluntary weekly contribution of £2.50 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.



Dates for your Calendar

Monday 4th September - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 5th September - First Day of Term

Thursday 5th October - School Photographs

Fundraising



If anyone has any new fundraising ideas for the school, we'd love to hear them! Below are a few things we have on the go at the moment...

Sign up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Donate your old money & foreign coins - place in the tub in the school office.

And finally...

It seems that the jungle drums have been beating for some time to the effect that I am retiring from the school. Well, it is true, but not until Easter 2018. This is eight months away, but because of the length of time it takes to appoint head teachers, I told the governors (and staff) at the end of the Spring term this year. The governors are looking to start the recruitment process in September, so there will be adverts out. I didn't want you to find out by seeing one of those, so hence this paragraph. Plenty to do before then...

WE WISH YOU ALL A FUN FILLED, SUNNY AND HAPPY SUMMER!!

Head Teacher Award

Friday 14th July - Luca and Ian



Summer Reading Challenge

This Summer there's something strange happening at the library - and that's where the Animal Agents come in! The Animal Agents love solving mysteries and they need YOU to help them crack their biggest case yet. Join the Animal Agents for the Summer Reading Challenge 2017 and help them uncover the truth.

Taking part is simple - all 4-11 year olds can sign up at Masham Community Library from Saturday 15th July until Saturday 9th September with the last date to register on Saturday 19th August. Sign up at Masham Community Library and read six library books of your choice to complete the Challenge. There are lots of goodies and rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part. All children who complete the Reading Challenge at Masham Library are entered into a Prize Draw to win a delicious prize kindly donated by Bah Humbugs (www.bahhumbugs.com). If you're not already a Library member, why not join to enjoy the Challenge?

On **Wednesday 9th August**, join us for **Animal Stories and Crafts from 10.30-11.30am**. No need to book, just turn up. For more information, call into the Library between 10am and 3pm, Monday-Friday and on Saturdays between 10am and 2pm or call 01765 680204. See <http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> for more information

Go Wild this Summer!

Nidderdale AONB's new Wild Watch project is challenging the people of Nidderdale to get out into nature this summer and learn about the fantastic wildlife of the area.

This summer, The Wild Watch project is giving you and your family a series of great opportunities to get outdoors and go a little bit wild! The Wild Watch project, being delivered by the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty team based in Pateley Bridge have put together a super events and training programme - starting this month.

There are a range of exciting activities to get involved in, from going out with experts to look for our reptilian friends - adders, slow worms and lizards, to having a go at pond dipping or minibeast hunting with the kids. For those that can stay out late, how about a bat walk in a local woodland, using bat detectors to locate our furry flying friends? And for those who like cutting-edge science and technology, Dr Dave Chesmore will unravel the world of bioacoustics, using the latest kit to listen in to the secret lives of insects.

"With the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund we are hoping to get lots of people involved in nature in the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Beauty, this summer," explained Alice Crosby, The Wild Watch project officer. We look forward to seeing you on one of these fantastic events - book now to secure your place.

Full details of all our events can be found on the [AONB website](http://aonb.org.uk). Places can be booked either [online](#), by ringing the AONB office on 01423 712950 or emailing aonbevents@harrogate.gov.uk

Do you own a bicycle?

If so please use the following Cycle Passport to record unique details and a photograph. If it should ever get stolen just hand the passport to the Police, it will assist us in identifying and returning your bike to you.

<https://northyorkshire.police.uk/content/uploads/2017/01/NYP17-0135-Leaflet-Cycle-Passport-Generic.pdf>