

Spring Term  
Friday 27th  
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KETTLEWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday News

### Message from Mrs Morton Lee

Farewell!

My last 'Newsletter'! I have described to several of you my feelings toward 3.30 on Monday are like being stood at the top of a ski run with a mixture of emotions surging through my veins, that sense of excitement and fear. The federation is in a good position and I know that Mr Norris and Mrs Boxall will take great care of it, bringing new experiences and fresh ideas with them. I know one thing for sure I will miss our children.

I have enjoyed working with all the children and staff. Taking pleasure from seeing the children learn new skills curriculum subjects but equally important I've seen them developing into good human beings. I've enjoyed sharing in their sporting and artistic successes and know I will miss those conversations where roles have been reversed and they've taught me about sheep or horse riding. My favourite snippet of conversation from last week was when one of the younger children said that only old people retire and that I wasn't old! He will go far! There are many anecdotes which I shall treasure from my time as a teacher and Executive Headteacher, but I promise not to write a book about them all.

I send all the children my very best wishes, I remind them that they need to aim high and work towards making dreams a reality.

### Message from Class Two

This week in Class 2 the children have been investigating the new topics for this term.

In English, we have started to learn about myths and legends, specifically the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur, which ties in with our history focus of Ancient Greece. This term we are tying science and geography together under the title of 'Water'. The children began to think about the three states of matter and we ran an experiment to measure the effect of evaporation.

We've had a few queries about the children's access to water during the school day in Class 2. The only change I have made is to encourage the children to have a good drink (and use the loo) during break times rather than when they come in after play, which was costing us around fifteen minutes of teaching time a day. The doors are always open during morning and lunch breaks and the children can access water whenever they like during that time. Children with medical needs, or sore throats if they're a bit under the weather, can of course, have their bottles with them in class.

## Message from Class one

In English this week we have begun to look at stories by Mairi Hedderwick, which include the character Katie Morag. These stories are set on the Isle of Struay, a fictional island in Scotland. The children used the map of the island to describe the setting of the story.



In maths this week we have been working on fractions. The children have been working on halves, quarters and thirds. We used practical equipment to help us to understand halves and quarters, then we looked at splitting shapes into different fractions.



In topic work this week we have learnt about Saint George. The children worked in groups to sequence and retell the story.

To help us with our science topic we have welcomed two new friends to our classroom. We now have two African land snails called Jo and Darcy!



We have ordered a larger house for them, but they have settled in nicely.

I may need a volunteer to look after them over half term though.



**How can  
Connie be so  
bendy?**

We had good fun programming the beebots this week. We put in instructions to make our beebots travel in the right direction.

Thank you to the school council who have helped plant some new seeds in our tyres. Hopefully the herbs will grow and will be used in the kitchen.

THANK YOU—We made £116.00 from our blue bags, thank you so much everyone.



## Message from School

Everyone is welcome to join us on Monday at 2 pm to say farewell to Mrs Morton Lee. Mrs Vetch our chair of governors will be saying a few words and then The Friends have organised tea and cakes for afterwards to 3 pm.

Thank you to all who donated to Mrs Morton Lee's leaving gifts, we clubbed together the monies from all four schools and bought some vouchers for her from John Lewis and also



had a plate made as a keepsake with all the children marking their finger print and initials, we are delighted with the results.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children who took part in the concert and performed in any way—you were amazing! I was so proud how you handled yourselves, thank you to all my little helpers, Arabella, Edward, Jake and Connie particularly. The performances were more about confidence and getting up in front of an audience and overcoming any fears! You all certainly proved you could do that and that was a massive achievement in such a busy hall. Well done—the event raised £400 towards the library refurbishment.

## Message from Chair of Governors—Anne Vetch

Ties such as these are a mixture of celebration of all that had been achieved and regret at someone's leaving. Mrs Morton Lee's retirement is no exception. We would like to thank her for all she has achieved in establishing the Federation on a sure footing enabling us to move forward with confidence and wish her all the very best as she moves to the next stage of her life. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

Anne Vetch Chair of Govs  
A reminder that the new EHTs Mrs Boxhall and Mr Norris will be available as detailed on the dates for diaries to meet with you as parents and carers should you be available.

This weeks Star Awards

Congratulations go to:

Jake White  
Edward Thornton  
Katie Robinson  
Olivia Huck

## Diary Dates

- 30.4.18—Mrs Morton Lee last day and farewell presentation at 2 pm all welcome.
- 2.5.18—Reception dance at Cracoe 9.30-11.30  
Mr Norris new interim Head available to meet from 3pm
- 4.5.18—Mrs Boxall new interim Head available to meet from 9 am
- 1.5.18—SATs club Y6
- 2.5.18—Tag rugby for all Class Two
- 3.5.18—SATs club Y6
- 7.5.18—MAY DAY—School closed
- 8.5.18—SATs club Y6
- 9.5.18—Tag rugby Class Two
- 10.5.18—SATs club Y6
- 11.5.18—Y4 off to Nell Bank with the cluster
- 14.5-17.5.18—Y6 SATS week
- 22.5-25.5.18—Y6 Residential to Cober Hill
- 25.5.18—School closes for half term  
SATS CLUB Y6 EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY  
Please do try and come along—Not long to go now!