

Spring Term
Friday 8th
June 2018



KETTLEWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday News

Message from Mrs Boxall and Mr Norris

Welcome back to the final half term of this school year. It is at this time that we start to reflect on the work that has taken place during the past year, and begin thinking ahead to the next academic year.

One of the most encouraging things that has struck us during the 5 weeks that we have been working as Executive Headteachers of the 4 schools in the Federation is just how well everyone supports the principles and the benefits of being a member of the Federation. It is very clear to us during our day-to-day time in the schools, how well the children, the staff, the governors and the parents embrace the concept of the Federation. This was very apparent at our Federation staff meeting this week, when we looked back over the year to identify aspects of our work that have benefitted through being in the Federation, and when we also considered some aspects we would like to develop next year. Here are a few snapshots from our meeting:-

- Joint activities for the children (e.g. visits, sports, music) so they get the enjoyment of being part of a larger group.
- Sharing the staff's experience, knowledge and expertise between schools so that the children in all the schools gain.
- Sharing resources, which enables us to give the children the opportunity to have more varied learning experiences (and helps financially).
- Joint planning amongst staff, so that all the children benefit from the best creative ideas for their learning.
- Developing future opportunities for whole year group teaching across the Federation.

It is obvious to us how well the staff know the particular needs of children who are in a different school from their own. As members of the Federation, the children are able to enjoy all the joys of being in a small school, whilst also gaining so many of the benefits of being in a larger school.

Definitely the best of both worlds!!

Message from Class Two

This week in Class 2 we have started our new maths topic of geometry. The younger children have been learning how to measure the perimeter of 2D shapes and the older ones have been estimating and measuring internal angles, for example. In science, we continued our investigation into the nature of water by learning how liquids turn to gas through evaporation and we ran an experiment on the playground to measure the effect and rate of evaporation of water.

On Wednesday the Year 5s spent the day at Skipton Girls' School, taking part in STEM activities (science, technology, engineering and maths). There were four different activities across the day, including building robots and developing perfumes. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves whilst learning, and Nathan Johnston won the prize for Best Chemist out of all the schools present, so well done Nathan!

Diary Dates

Message from Friends

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Summer Ball, on, Saturday 16th June at Kettlewell Village Hall, contact Melanie for tickets.

We need bric a brac for our stall at Buckden Gala on Saturday 16th June. You can bring it into school next week.

The Scarecrow rota is working its way around the families, Please try and do a slot for this, our main fundraising event. The festival generates around £8,000 a year for our school and we are very dependent upon the event being a success, please do your bit to help! WE NEED YOUR VOTE: Please log onto the website: caboodle@booktokens.co.uk. There is a chance we could win £500 in National Book Tokens to spend on new books. The more votes we receive the more chances we have of winning the tokens so GET VOTING NOW, PLEASE!

There will be a Friends meeting at school at 3 pm, on Friday 15th June and everyone is welcome to attend.

Message from School

We have such a busy and exciting term ahead of us.

The new library is now ordered and the forest school building will be installed on 20th June. We are also going to re-decorate school over the summer so lots of wonderful improvements to see when we come back in September.

Thanks to The Friends we are delighted to say we have placed an order with Oxford University Press for a brand new reading scheme for Class Two. This will be a fantastic new resource and will fit very nicely in our new library.

There are still a few parents who have not yet booked their parent consultation appointment, please can you contact school by either email or phone on Monday and let Mrs Briggs know when you would like to speak to your child's teacher.

w/c 11.6.18—Phonics screening week Y1

13.6.18—PARENTS EVENING KS1&2

14.6.18—PARENTS EVEING KS2

15.6.18—Y2 Woodland day at Parceval Hall all day

- Y6 Gisburn Forest cycling event

14&15.6.18—Countryfile in school to film and chat (only pupils with permission will be filmed and interviewed)

18.6.18—Y3 off to Ilkley Tennis Club all day

19.6.18—Class One Tropical World trip all day

- Y5&6 Rounders festival at UWS 1-3pm

20.6.18—Grassington Festival performance am whole school

21.6.18—Class One—Zoolab workshop

28.6.18—Y3&4 Tag rugby at Wharfedale rugby club 1-3pm

28.6.18— Y6 Transition Day to secondary schools

- Y2 Become Y3 for the day

2.7.18—Class one athletics at UWS 1-2.45pm

5.7.18—Skipton Girls Open evening for Y5 girls

6.7.18—Y5 & 6 Orienteering at UWS 1-2.45pm

11.7.18—Y6 Treat to Clip and Climb & Matrix Skipton

13.7.18—SPORTS DAY—from 2pm

19.7.18—School breaks up for summer

This weeks Star Awards

Congratulations go to:

Paige Taylor

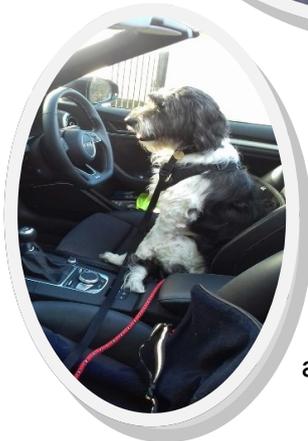
Jack Lusted

All Year 5

Message from Class one

In literacy this week we have been looking at the story of 'Handa's Surprise'. This is a story set in Africa which ties in with our geography work. The children had to think about the adjectives used in the story to describe the different fruits. They then had to fill their own baskets with different foods and describe them using two adjectives for each item. All the children did a great job.

In maths this week we have been focusing on right angles. The children had to be 'right angle spotters' and try and find as many right angles in the classroom as they could.



We had a very exciting show and tell this week. Mr Norris sent us some pictures of his dog Nadia to look at as the children had been asking him lots of questions about her. We all thought that she looked lovely and thought she was very clever as she could drive a car!

That wasn't all; we had a really exciting show and tell by Connie and her mum. They kindly brought their newly hatched ducklings, called Ellie and Sophie, into school to show everyone. KS2 joined us in the hall and everyone asked lots of questions.

