

Autumn Term
Friday 14th
September
2018



KETTLEWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday News

Message from Mrs Boxall and Mr Norris

The autumn term in all 4 schools is now well underway, but looking out of the window at the pouring rain, the long hot balmy days of the summer feel well and truly behind us. However, from talking to the children they still have great memories of the summer term, and also of the enjoyable holiday times they have spent with family and friends.

In addition to the term and holiday dates that were given in last week's Newsletters, we are also able to let you know the dates for the Parent-Teacher Consultation Evenings later this year. These important meetings, when you can meet with your child's class teacher to discuss his/her progress, will be held on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th November 2018, and Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th March 2019 in all 4 schools. The times and details of the arrangements in the individual schools will be sent to you nearer the time, but please make a note of the dates now.

As you will know from last week's Newsletter, and the letter from yesterday, we have regrettably had to suspend Woosh Club until we have been able to appoint an Assistant Leader. We realise and apologise for the inconvenience this will cause, but trust also that you appreciate the proper appointment process have to be followed. This is likely to be 2-3 weeks, after which we do hope that we will be able to re-open the Woosh Club as soon as possible.

Looking a little further ahead, November 11th this year is the centenary of the Armistice at the end of the First World War. To mark this, and also in connection with the KS2 topic this term, we are planning a workshop day and then a special commemoration for Friday 9th November, in conjunction with the other schools in our cluster. More news about this will be given in due course.

Thank-you to all parents who have completed and returned the consent, information and other forms to your child's school at the start of this term. If you have not yet been able to do so, we would appreciate it if you can do this as soon as possible so that all our records are up-to-date.

If you have anything you need to discuss about your child's learning or time more generally in school, in the first instance please do contact his/her teacher. If you need any additional help, please to then speak to the school's Base Leader, and then to either of us as Co-Headteachers - we can be contacted through your child's School Office, where there is a rota of our working days and schools. And of course, we are always happy to have an informal chat at the school gate at the start and end of each day. As I am sure most parents know, the school meals in each school are prepared on site following recipes planned by North Yorkshire County Caterers. These in turn meet nationally agreed standards for the nutritional content of school meals for children. The menu runs on a 3-weekly cycle, and a copy is available from each school on on the website.

Message from Class One

The reception children are settling in nicely and have enjoyed playing outside a lot in our outdoor area. They have really enjoyed playing on the bikes and scooters.



We have started our new science topic, Animals (including humans), and have been labelling the body and finding out how our senses work. We used our senses on the playground and recorded what we could hear, see, smell and touch. Next week we are going to experiment with our sense of smell and taste.

Diary Dates

- 18.9.18 Class two Cross Country event 1-2.30pm
21.9.18 Y6 Endangered species day 9.30-2.30 pm
24.9.18 Y5&6 Girls/Boys football at UWS 4-5 pm
25.9.18 Harvest festival at St Marys church Kettlewell from 2 pm.
27.9.18 Y6 Parents meeting ref: Cober Hill residential. 6 pm at Beamsley school
29.9.18 Y6 Girls selection tests at SGHS 9sm-1pm
4.10.18 Cross country finals for qualifying pupils at Giggleswick
9.10.18 Y3&4 Girls/Boys football at UWS from 4-5 pm.
9.11.18 Remembrance service for Y6 and the cluster at St Michael's Church, Linton, 9th November at 10.30am and will be led by David Macha.
15.11.18 Influenzas programme 9.30 am for pupils who have registered
1.12.18 Kettlewell village Christmas Party from 7 pm KVH
2.12.18 Kettlewell school Christmas Fair—Afternoon time tbc.
3.12.18 Federation Big Sing rehearsals all day at Grassington
6/7.3.19 Parent consultation meetings

Message from Class Two

Homework in Class 2 is changing slightly this year. This note is a clarification of the changes and a description of what you can expect your child to be bringing home each week.

Spelling. With the homework this week I have included the statutory spelling lists for Years 3/4 and 5/6. These are the words that the national curriculum states that every child must be able to spell by the end of Years 4 and 6 respectively. Please keep the sheet as a reference. Each week I will send home ten spellings from the list for the children to learn, and there will be a short test on Friday mornings.

Times tables. As from this academic year, the government has stated that, by the end of Year 4, every child must be fluent (with rapid recall) up to, and including, the twelve times tables. Every week I will send home a times table grid for the children to complete. If the younger ones struggle at first, the strategy I have shown them in class is to write out each times table on the reverse of the sheet in columns, using counting (eg. $1 \times 2 = 2$, $2 \times 2 = 4$, $3 \times 2 = 6$ etc.) and use it as a reference.

The homework each week will now consist of:

- ◆ English (punctuation and grammar work, with an explanation at the beginning to help).
- ◆ Maths (mental arithmetic, although they can of course use paper and pencil for workings out). The sheet contains a cross section of questions from across the curriculum, based on previous learning and to stretch their understanding. I only ask that the children attempt all the questions. If there are areas of difficulty please encourage your child to have a go, but if it proves too difficult, don't worry, they can speak to me about it when they return their homework books.
- ◆ A times tables grid.
- ◆ Ten spellings.

As there is more homework this year, I have extended the time in which the children have to complete it: the books will be going out on Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday please.

If there are any ongoing issues with your child's homework, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss the concerns.

Mr A. Scott

Playhouse dates

- Sept 27th
Oct 11th
Oct 25th
Nov 15th
Nov 29th
Dec 13th

Dec 19th—Live nativity around Kettlewell

Our stars this week



Paige Taylor
Jacob Lambert
Jack Lusted
Tom Harvey

Messages from School

Y6 Endangered species day at Upper Wharfedale School—Friday 21st September

Students have to produce a marketing pitch to encourage and persuade the rest of their year group to vote to SAVE their animal from extinction. Students will be split into groups of 4/5. In those groups students must organise themselves into who will do what and assign themselves with one of the allocated roles we will give them. Students are given a list of materials they can use in their presentation (laptop, pens, paper etc) each item will be given a unit price. Students will then be given a sum of money they can use to 'buy' their materials. They must think carefully how they manage their money.

Aim of the Day

- To learn about why certain animals are endangered.
- To learn about different habitats around the world.
- To develop personal learning and thinking skills, with a focus on team work, enterprise, research and presentation skills.
- Students to experience managing a financial budget.

All the pupils will need a packed lunch and they will come back to Kettlewell school to go home at 3 pm as normal.

Lunch and Milk monies

The school meal prices will increase from £2.20 per day to £2.50 per day from September 2018.

Milk will remain at 12p per day.

KS2 Cross Country event at Upper Wharfedale School—Tuesday 18th September

All Class Two will be taking part in a cross county event next Tuesday afternoon at UWS. They will do PE and swimming as usual in the morning and they will stay and have packed lunches and then do the cross country event in the afternoon. The children will come back to school to go home as normal at 3 pm.

Bun Money/rota

On Friday we have a bun sale in aid of a charity of the pupils choice. This term our charity will be MIND. All children in Class Two are put on a rota and bring buns/biscuits/cakes in when it is their turn. We ask that all parents send in 20p on a Friday if your child wishes to buy a treat. ALL THE BUNS NEED TO BE NUT FREE AS WE HAVE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL WITH ALLERGIES.

SENCO—Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

Our new SENCO, Orla Gibbons will be available to meet and greet parents of pupils with special needs, on Wednesday 19th September from 2.15 pm. Please could you complete the tear off slip indicating if you intend to come along or not.

Name.....

I will / will not be there to meet with Mrs Gibbons on Wednesday 19th September

Piano Lessons

Mr Sutherland comes into school on Mondays from 9.45 am to teach piano.

Accordion Lessons

Mr Hinchcliffe comes into school on Wednesdays from 2 pm to teach the accordion. The children all enjoyed a demonstration this week during morning assembly. If your child is interested in taking up the accordion please look out for the letters coming home next week.

Federation Choir

Takes place every Monday at 3.30 pm at Grassington school with Mrs Turvey—Everyone is welcome to attend.

Guitar lessons

Mr Anabel comes into school on Friday afternoons around 2 pm

All pupils who currently have any music lessons must remember to bring their music in on the relevant day and must remember to practice at home between lessons.

If your child is interested in any of the music lessons please let Mrs Briggs know.