



TRACTOR TIMES

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another busy week, visiting the schools, getting to know the children and meeting with parents. Thank you for all the suggestions parents have made, which we will consider moving forward. We would like to say a very big thank you to the children, staff and parents at Burnsall School during this week's Ofsted inspection; we will inform you of the outcome after we have been notified by Ofsted.

Children in all four schools have been particularly friendly and helpful towards us during our first couple of weeks working in the Federation. This is a great strength within each of the schools. Children are happy and well cared for within the safe environments of their schools.

Please remember if we are not in your child's school on a particular day, we can still be contacted via the school office.

Finally ... best wishes to all our Year 6 children as they take their SATs tests next week. You have worked extremely hard during the year (and in previous years too), so now it is your opportunity to show what you have learnt. We know you will do your best. Good luck!!!

Mrs C Boxall and Mr C Norris
Executive Co-Headteachers

Diary Dates

Please find below dates for activities this half term. Please make sure you check the list regularly each week on the Tractor Times.

We will send more details of specific events to the appropriate Year Groups during the course of the term.

Regular Activities and Events

Every Friday	3.00pm Praise Assembly – All welcome
Every Monday	3.30-4.30 pm Federation Choir. KS2 Children only
Sports Club	3.30-4.30pm KS2 Girls Wednesday 16/5
Kanga Sports Ultimate Frisbee	3.30-4.30pm Tuesday, 15/5, 22/5 (limited spaces)

Other Events and Activities

Monday 14 – Thursday 17 May	Y6 SATs Tests
Friday 18 May	Y6 River Trust Workshop (funded by Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust)
Sunday 20 May	PTA Red Tractor Run
Tuesday 22 to Friday 25 May	Y6 Cluster Residential to Cober Hill
Friday 25 May	Break up for half-term
Monday 4 June	Back to School

Class 2 Teaching Arrangements

Mrs Steeples will not be in again next week and instead we are delighted that Mrs Ingrid Baggaley will be teaching Class 2 again for part of next week. Mrs Pettavel, who will be covering Mrs Steeples' Maternity Leave, will be in school on the afternoon of Wednesday 9th May to meet the children.

KS2 – SATs 2018

We know that you probably don't need reminding but the KS2 SATs Test will be taking place soon, starting on Monday 14th May and finishing on Thursday 17th May. Please can you make every effort to avoid making any appointments, medical, dental, or otherwise during the mornings of this week? If it is unavoidable please contact Mrs Harrison, via the school office, to discuss it beforehand. Thank you for your help.

TAG Rugby for Years 4 & 5 – Next Friday, 18th May 2018

As Year 6 will all be out next Friday, the Year 4 children will join with the Year 5 children for Tag Rugby. **Please can you make sure that the Year 4 pupils (and the Year 5 pupils as well) all have their PE Kits in school?**

Parent/Teacher Meetings-

Class 1 & Class 3 – Tuesday 5 June and Wednesday 6 June

These meetings enable you to find out how your child is progressing with their learning and discuss any queries or concerns that you may have with your child's class teacher.

Please either add your name to the list on each classroom door from Monday, or alternatively contact Mrs Hardaker in the school office to make an appointment.

Class 2's Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held a little later in the term when Mrs Pettavel has had an opportunity to get to know the children.

PTA Red Tractor Run 2018

This year's **PTA Red Tractor Run** will take place on Sunday 20th May 2018, starting at 10:30 am, with Registration in the school hall from 8:30 am.

You can book online at www.bookitzone.com or by email to walms2002@yahoo.co.uk or on the day. The cost of entry is £12 for Adults and £3 for children.

Cracoe Friends

Cracoe Friends have the following event happening in the near future:

Roaring Twenties Prohibition Party

Saturday 12 May @ 7.30pm ('til late)

Kick your heels up, knock your drinks down and party like it's 1922!

Join us at the Cracoe Speakeasy as we nibble canapes, drink moonshine and swing the night away with live music from the amazing Sweetpea Music.

For more information go to <https://www.friendsofcracoeschool.com/roaring-20s-prohibition-party>

News from Class 3

In Literacy we have started writing bluebell poems inspired by the magic of the woods in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. I've been really impressed by the children's creativity and they've produced some great results. We've focussed on the use of metaphor, personification, similes and descriptions using the senses to create images in the reader's mind.

In Maths we have been working on capacity and volume. We have found out what the units of measure are for volume and how they differ to capacity. We have solved reasoning problems to explain how we know an answer to a problem.

On Tuesday, eight members of Class 3 represented our school at a Cricket tournament held at Upper Wharfedale School. We came second overall and we are all very proud of the children. WELL DONE.

On Wednesday, Mrs Marsden came to talk to the children about flooding as part of our topic on water and the children had to think about what they would do if the classroom flooded. They also found out about how floods occur and the possible problems people in flood zones face.

As next week is SATs week, Year 6 had their final SAT attack lesson on Thursday. I would like to say what a genuine pleasure it has been to teach you all. Thank you for coming back to school and putting that extra work in and thank you to parents for all your support too.

HOMEWORK

Year 5 - Please read at least 5 times in the week and do your Maths Mission.

Year 6 – All you need to do now is get plenty of sleep, drink lots of water and get some fresh air.

Have a lovely weekend together,
Mrs Harrison

News from Class 1

In Literacy this week we have focused on 'Katie Morag and the Big Boy Cousins'. The children discussed how the children's behaviour in the story made them feel. They choose a part they enjoyed and wrote explaining how the story made them feel and a reason for their choice.

In Maths Year 1 begun to learn about multiplication, comparing groups, deciding if the groups were equal or unequal. We have also begun to investigate how repeated addition is a way to multiply.

The children in Reception have been discussing groups of objects as well, making 1 or 2 groups 1 more or 1 less than the rest. We have used teddies at the beach, for example 5 teddies collect shells, can you show me 2 teddies that have 1 more shell than the rest.

In Geography we have been learning about the UK. The children shared what they already knew with the question 'Where do you live? The children had some fantastic answers, such as England, Grassington, in the countryside and Europe. We looked at the four countries that make up the UK, as well as capital cities, flags and symbols. We also discussed how we all live on an island, surrounded by sea.

Year 1 spellings are the days of the week. We have asked the children write a story using these spellings, they could retell The Very Hungry Caterpillar in their own words or write a simple diary of their week.



Next Friday, to celebrate the Royal Wedding, we will be having a Royal Tea Party in the afternoon. The children may come to school in their party clothes.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend together,
Mrs Tulley, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Buckley

News from Class 2

Written this week by Edie

We had lots of fun making our Greek myths. Unfortunately I lost in bingo but I had lots and lots and lots of fun. Next we did about money – I thought it was tricky. On Thursday morning we did a quiz. The quiz was called..."Poo did it?" On Thursday we did PE. We played "Fish & Chips" and Penalty Shootout.

In Maths we've been learning about money and today we went shopping.

We have learned all about the water cycle in Science and made our own mini water cycles so we could see how rain is made.

Have a lovely weekend together,
Mrs Baggaley, Mrs Naisbitt and Mrs Buckley