



TRACTOR TIMES

Autumn Term
Friday 14th September
2018

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Dear Parents/Carers

The Autumn Term in all four 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 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 her/his progress, will be held on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th November 2018, and Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th March 2019 in all four 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 (attached), we have regrettably had to suspend Woosh Club until we are 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 two to three 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 three-weekly cycle, and a copy is available from each school on the website.

Finally, it gives us great pleasure to welcome two new members of staff to the Federation - Miss Abigail Smith has been appointed as Class 1 teacher at Cracoe and Mr. Zach Bullock has been appointed as a teaching assistant at Burnsall.

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September Diary Dates

Tuesday 11 September	PM Y3/4/5/6 PE / Swimming at UWS PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY
Friday 14 September	AM School Photographs
Tuesday 18 September	PM Y3/4/5/6 Cluster Cross Country at UWS (during the normal PE lesson)
Friday 21 September	Y6 Endangered Species Day at UWS

Regular Activities and Events

Every Friday	3.00pm Praise Assembly – All welcome
Every Monday	3.30-4.30 pm Federation Choir, KS2 Children only

Flu Vaccination for children in Reception through to Year 5 inclusive

If you wish to have your child(ren) vaccinated against flu please can you complete the online form (one per child) as soon as possible. The letter from Harrogate & District NHS, setting out the details of how to access and complete the online form, is attached. We understand that there were not many responses when we sent the letter out in July, which is understandable as winter and flu seemed a long way away, but it is important to have children vaccinated where possible to reduce the spread of this unpleasant illness to more vulnerable family members and friends.

PTA Meeting

The first meeting of the PTA in the Autumn Term will be held on **Monday 17th September 2018** at **3.30pm** in the Staff Room. Our wonderful PTA raises loads of vital money for the school to support the children's learning and non-academic activities; please come along to the meeting to find out how you can help them continue their fantastic work.

School Meals Payments

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 pupils

A reminder there is a price increase in the cost of a school meal to £2.50 per meal (£12.50 per week). Dinners taken are recorded daily so your account is debited each day.

School meals are payable in advance via our secure online Parent Pay account.

Please keep a regular check of your Parent Pay account and ensure your payments are up to date.