



TRACTOR TIMES

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another very exciting week in the Federation schools with lots of events taking place that show the strengths of the Federation, as well as the achievements of the individual schools.

Congratulations to the Year 5 & 6 children from Cracoe who finished as Runners-Up in the Craven Area Cricket Final that was held at Settle Cricket Club yesterday afternoon. Well done to you all – that is a wonderful achievement! Well done also to all the children from all the schools in our Federation who have been taking part in the Tag Rugby tournament at Upper Wharfedale today.

It has been a very active week for outdoor events generally, as all the Year 2 children from the 4 schools have been working together today during their Woodland Day at Parceval Hall, while the Year 6 children from Kettlewell and Burnsall have enjoyed a day's mountain-biking at Guisburn Forest. The children from Grassington are due to go on Monday 25 June 2018.

Perhaps the highlight of the week, and certainly from the perspective of our Federation being showcased nationally, was yesterday when the BBC came to Grassington to film an item about small rural schools for their "Countryfile" television programme. Again, it gave an opportunity for all the Year 2 children to join together as the BBC filmed them working on a sculpture project for the Grassington Festival. Taking the theme of meadowlands, they worked in small groups to make beautiful giant flowers and colourful creatures from tissue paper and cane. The pictures show the children working together while being filmed, and then happily holding up their finished results. These will be part of the Grassington Festival Parade tomorrow morning, and we expect that the Federation will be broadcast in the *Countryfile* programme on Sunday 1st July.

The next few weeks will be equally busy with lots of great events taking place in the Federation.

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Diary Dates

Regular Activities and Events

Every Friday	3.00pm Praise Assembly – All welcome
Every Monday	3.30-4.30 pm Federation Choir. KS2 Children only
Tuesday Kanga	3.30-4.30 pm (dates as per letter sent home)
Wednesday Sports Club	3.30-4.30 pm Y3/4/5/6 (dates as per letter sent home)

Other Activities this Term.

Please check your Tractor Times each week, in case of amendment.

Monday 18 June	Class 3 Grassington Festival Cookery Demonstration-Grassington Square
Tuesday 19 June	Cluster Y5/6 Rounders –UWS (team of 9 children)
Wednesday 20 June	Grassington Festival Children’s Creative Workshop – whole school in the Town Hall during the school afternoon
Thursday 21 June	Class 1 Zoolab at Cracoe School
Monday 25 June	Y6 Cycling in Gisburn Forest
Tuesday 26 June	Cluster Y3/4 Tag Rugby Festival-UWRUFC
Wednesday 27 June	Y6 Polar Explorer Day-SGHS
Wednesday 27 June	Class 1 visit to Grassington Congregational Church- am
Thursday 28 June	Year 6 Transition Day & Year 2 Taster PE/Swimming at UWS
Friday 29 June	Dogs Trust Presentation in School
Monday 2 July	KS1 Multi Skills-UWS
Tuesday 3 July	8.30am School Council Meeting
Wednesday 4 July	School Sports Afternoon (in case of bad weather, alternative date Wednesday 11 July)
Thursday 5/Friday 6 July	Y5/6 Bikeability Training
Monday 9 July	Rehearsal Summer Concert-Grassington Town Hall
Monday 16 July	2pm and 6pm School Summer Concert-Grassington Town Hall
Friday 20 July	9.00 am Praise Assembly
Friday 20 July	3.30 pm School Breaks Up for the Summer Holidays





School Photograph - Tuesday 19 June

The photographer will be taking a whole school photograph and a photograph of the Y6 leavers. Please make sure your child has their red school jumper with them. Thank you.

Grassington Festival Events

Tomorrow, Saturday 16 June:

Grassington Festival Parade takes place tomorrow, Saturday 16 June. Taking pride of place, at least as far as we are concerned, will be the beautiful giant flowers and colourful creatures made from tissue paper and cane by the Year 2 children from all of the Federation schools whilst being filmed for *Countryfile*. If you have the opportunity to see these wonderful creations please do go along and watch the Parade.

Monday 18 June:

Y5/6 Cookery Demonstration in Grassington Square led by John Rudden of Grassington House.

Wednesday 20 June:

Festival Children's Day Activities in Grassington Town Hall

These activities take place during the normal school day. Consent is covered under the 'Annual Rolling Consent' completed by parents in September.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Quantum Theatre are performing A Midsummer Night's Dream on Saturday 23 June at Skipton Town Hall, starting at 7 pm. Tickets are available from the Box Office or 01756 792809. As the school's Summer Concert is a performance of this play it might be an opportunity for the children to see how other actors interpret and perform the play.

News from the Classrooms

Class 2

Another busy week in Class 2!

This week in Literacy we have been writing recounts of the Greek myth The Wooden Horse of Troy, in preparation for our drama and playscript work. Mrs Pettavel is really pleased with the effort everyone has made to use descriptive language, speech, time connectives and powerful verbs – keep it up!

In Maths, Year 3 and 4 have moved on from perimeter and length and have spent time finding the area of regular shapes, first by counting squares and then by making our own shapes out of square and half square tiles and counting the tiles. The Year 4 children have moved on to multiplying two of the side measurements to find the area. The Year 2 children have been converting centimetres into metres and back again and they've been using the symbols < and > and = to compare lengths. Ask them which number the crocodile eats!

In Science the whole class did an experiment to see which solids would dissolve in water to create a solution and which wouldn't. We made sure it was a fair test, measuring the amounts of water for each sample carefully, counting the number of stirs and using the same amount of each different solid.

In Topic the class has compared what life was like in Sparta and Athens and the children thought about where they would have preferred to have lived, given that they were very different city states.

As if this wasn't enough, we've done Grammar, French, Music, PE and Art. The Year 2 children have had an amazing time at the festival workshop, making giant creatures for the Grassington Festival parade and visiting Parceval Hall for the Year 2 cluster Woodland Day and the Year 3 and 4 children played tag rugby. It has definitely been a busy week!

We hope that you are finding the new diary style home/school records useful. We think the children like them and it helps them to see when they need to fit a bit more home reading in.

A couple of requests:

- 1.) Next week we will be tasting some Greek food in our topic work. I don't want to spoil the surprise (!) by listing the Greek foods that we will be tasting, **but I do need to know if your child suffers from any food allergies.** Don't worry if they don't like something; nobody will have to try anything they don't want to, so I only need to know about specific food allergies. Please email the school admin address, FAO Mrs Pettavel.
- 2.) We have enough boxes now for our Greek temples (which we will make during the week after next), but we need lots of old NEWSPAPERS! Any contributions will be gratefully accepted!

Have a lovely weekend – hopefully this glorious weather will hold!

Mrs Petteval, Mrs Naisbitt and Mr Willis

Class 1

Following our visit from Sophie from Ripon Museum the children requested to continue learning about 'cops and robbers'. We have used the story *Burglar Bill*. The children have written adjectives to describe Burglar Bill or Burglar Betty. They have also worked with a partner to write an open question to find more information about the characters in the story. Children volunteered to be in the 'hot seat', creating some wonderful answers to some challenging questions. The children have also made a mystery box, like the box in the story. All the children worked with a partner to write a riddle about what was hidden in their box. Their work was very impressive, and the mystery boxes are on display in the classroom for the children to read the clues and guess what's inside.

In Maths we have been learning about time. We have discussed what we do before and after school, as well as sequencing events from the morning, afternoon and evening. Year 1 have also been learning about days of the week, yesterday, today and tomorrow. As well as the months of the year. Please practise ordering the months of the year.

The children are very keen to create a bug hotel in the garden. We need to collect terracotta flower pots, sticks, moss, slate, fir cones, bamboo sticks, sheep wool, bark and dry leaves. Please donate as many resources as you can as it would benefit your child's learning.

Please remember school books will be changed 3 times a week but your child is free to read comics, library books and books from home as well. We would appreciate you recording every time your child reads, as each comment from home counts towards the 'reading 5 times a week' challenge. Please remember your child needs to bring their reading book to school every day.

Year 1 have spellings this week using a digraph we have learnt.

Have a great weekend together,
Mrs Tulley, Mrs Buckley and Mrs Middleton

Class 3

This week in Maths Year 5 and 6 have been working on presenting their holiday plans. They needed to consider times, prices, things to do and how to present it clearly to the rest of the class. Year 5 have also been doing number challenges:

I'm thinking of a number, I multiply it by 8, I add 4, I multiply it by 5, I subtract 9. I end with the number 211. What number did I start with?

Year 6 have been working on linear number sequences using algebra.

In Literacy, we have been writing our own play scripts. They have written some imaginative pieces.

In Topic work we have been finding out about the journey of a river, finding out the correct terms for each part.

We had a very exciting day on Thursday, when Countryfile came to film us working in our classroom and playing outside.

Year 5 and 6 have also taken part in the cluster Tag Rugby competition and we are all very proud of them. They were great team members.

HOMEWORK

Year 5 and 6 - Please read at least 5 times in the week and do your Maths Mission.