



TRACTOR TIMES

Spring Term
Friday 16th March
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Dear Parents/Carers

I thought spring was here but it looks like winter might nip us again this weekend. Please ensure that your children arrive at school with suitable clothing to play and learn outdoors.

The children in Year 5 have attended the 'crucial 'crew' event this week, which is provided by the emergency services and other organisations connected with health, well-being and safety.

Plans are moving forward to ensure a smooth transition of leadership to Mrs Boxall and Mr Norris. I'm meeting with them next Tuesday and Wednesday along with our Chair of Governors, Mrs Vetch, and Mr Ashby from NYCC. In due course I will let you know of the arrangements for you to have an opportunity to meet them both.

This term has flown by; a variety of Easter Celebrations and services are being organised across our four sites. Do watch out for news on times and places. I look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Morton Lee
Executive Headteacher

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.

Please let us know if your child would like to join in (KS2 children only).

Thursdays until May

3.45 -5 pm Year 6 SAT ATTACK Club

NO SAT Attack on Thursday 29 March

Other Events and Activities

Tuesday 20 March

Year 5/6 Netball Finals at UWS

Thursday 29 March

Break up for Easter.

Sports Relief

We are raising money for **Sports Relief** on Friday 23rd March 2018 (next Friday). You can dress up in either spotty clothes, as a famous book character or a famous sports person – “*whatever moves you*” really. £1 donation per pupil.

Key Stage 2 Art Exhibition

The Key Stage 2 Art Exhibition will be at Burnsall on Tuesday 27th March from 4 pm to 6 pm.

School Tea Towels for Sale

The new school Tea Towels are now available for £4.00 each or £7.00 for two. All children are on the Tea Towel.

Please see Mrs Hardaker if you would like to buy one, two or even more!



Easter Service Practice

Weather permitting (!!!) we will be going to St Michael's on Monday 19th March to have a practice for the Easter Service. We will be departing from school at 1.15 am and leaving church at 2.30 pm to walk back to school.

It would be wonderful if a number of parents/carers could volunteer to walk both ways with the children. If you are willing and available please can you let Mrs Harrison know first thing on Monday morning?

Fairtrade Café

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Fairtrade Café this afternoon.



Netball

Children from Years 5 & 6 at Grassington Primary School are representing the cluster in the High 5 Netball finals at Upper Wharfedale School on Tuesday 20th March.

News from Class 1

Using our focus book '*Lost and Found*' this week we have been learning how to write speech bubbles, thinking what a character might say in the story. We have also been learning about writing synonyms; words that mean the same as another word. We discussed words that mean the same as happy, sad and cold, using a thesaurus to help us find new words.

In Maths, Reception have been learning about shapes. We have focused on mathematical language to describe shapes. We have sorted and played games using the properties of shapes, i.e. '*I am thinking of*

a shape?. The children were encouraged to ask questions about the mystery shape, such as *'Does it have 3 sides?'*. We could only answer yes or no. The children engaged in making irregular and regular shapes using a given amount of sticks. If you would like to help at home ask your child to look for squares, rectangles, circles and triangles at home. Count how many they have found. Look for other shapes around the house.

Year 1 have been learning about measuring. This week we have focused on length and height and making comparisons. For example, can you find something that is longer than a rubber and shorter than a pencil? Please ask your child to compare objects at home.

In Science this week we have investigated floating and sinking. We went on to making a boat from foil, which we tested to find out if it would float or sink. We also tested it to see if it would carry the penguin and boy from our focus book.

Year 1 have new spellings this week. I am impressed with how well the children are using the words they have learnt in their writing. This week's activity is pyramid writing, which they have done previously.

Have a great weekend from Mrs Tulley, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Buckley.

News from Class 3

In English, we have been working on improving sentences to 'hook' our reading. We have tried different ways such as: 'the power of three'; if, if, if, then: and using thesauruses.

In Maths, we have been working on finding percentages of numbers. We have used the spider method which is to find 10% first, then you can find any percentage.

In Topic work, we have investigated Vincent Van Gogh's 'Chair', which many people believe is a self-portrait. We asked ourselves, *"If we were a chair, what chair would we be?"*

HOMEWORK

Please read at least 5 times in the week and do your Maths Mission. You also need to learn your words for the Easter service.

We have also set a challenge for Class 2 and 3, to design a gift made from recycled materials. Well done to all those who have completed their designs. Now you need to make it ready for judging on Wednesday 28th March.

Year 6 - SAT attack homework: If you bring your folder to school, you will be given time to complete it. This will also give you a chance to speak to me if there is anything you need help with.

Have a lovely weekend together,
Mrs Harrison

News from Class 2

This week Class 2 have been busy writing their diaries using a range of time connectives and fronted adverbials. They have carefully checked the helpful hints page as they worked to ensure they were including all other features.

We have also started our new maths topic of fractions this week where our multiplication and division skills will be used.

In Art, the children completed their African sunset pictures, having been inspired by the photography work of Paul Goldstein, using colour mixing, blending and silhouette images of the animals and plant life.

In Science we were set a challenge of designing our own lunchbox with the criteria that it needed to keep the food as cool as possible therefore the children created their own experiments to test out insulating materials.

Homework - Please remember to read 5 times a week and practise your Maths Missions.

Have a lovely weekend together,
Mrs Steeples

Monday 26 March : School Easter Service at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Linton

Our Easter Service is being prepared by all the children and is our opportunity to come together and celebrate Easter at Grassington School. So, everyone is invited and it would be lovely if as many of you as possible could walk to Church with us (setting off from school at 1.15pm), or alternatively meet us there for the Service. Parents will be able to take children home afterwards or staff will walk back to school with children where they can be collected at 3.30pm, as usual. The Federation Choir Club will take place as usual after school.

Please return the slip at the end of this letter to confirm the arrangements for your child/children by Friday 16 March at the latest. This is particularly important if you child normally travels home on the school bus.

Monday 26 March : School Easter Service at St Michaels and All Angels Church, Linton

Name of child/ren _____

Name of parent/carer _____

I will / will not be able to walk to church from school at 1.15pm.

My child will be collected at the end of the service by _____

My child will be collected from school at 3.30pm, as usual.

My child will be travelling home on the school transport bus at 3.30pm as usual.