



TRACTOR TIMES

Summer Term
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2018

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Dear Parents/Carers

The children have returned refreshed and have obviously had a good Easter break.

Year 6 pupils are putting in the last push before SATs which will take place during the week of Monday 14th May. The Year 6 pupils need to have lots of sleep and fresh air between now and then which will help them cope with any stress they feel they are under.

We know our children well; we know what they can and cannot do. No matter what the outcomes are, we know that the children will have tried their hardest. SATs measure a very narrow element of school life. It doesn't show what wonderful human beings we have in school or how kind and considerate pupils can be. Neither does it show our arts talents nor who our scientists are.

Year 6 will also be going on the annual Cluster residential. The cluster Headteachers have again decided to visit the very successful venue we went to last year. Mr Baines, Mr Scott and Mrs Braithwaite will be attending from our Federation along with Mrs Addy and Mr Cook. There may well be additional staff from the other Cluster schools and possibly even Mr Norris or Mrs Boxall.

Cracoe Friends are holding a sponsored walk this Sunday. Registration is at 12.30 pm in Cracoe's Cricket Pavilion. Refreshments will be served at the end of the walk.

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

NO CHOIR ON MONDAY 23 APRIL

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 -5.00 pm Year 6 SAT ATTACK Club

Sports Club

3.30-4.30pm KS2 Girls Wednesday 25/4, 2/5, 9/5 & 16/5

Kanga Sports Ultimate Frisbee

3.30-4.30pm Tuesday 24/4, 1/5, 8/5, 15/5, 22/5 (limited spaces)

Other Events and Activities

Tuesday 24 April	1-3pm Quad Athletics at UWS (team of 8) (letter on Monday)
Wednesday 25 April	9.15 am Special Assembly for Mrs Morton Lee (all welcome)
Wednesday 2 May	Reception & Y1 Dance Morning at Cracoe Village Hall
Tuesday 8 May	1-4pm Y5/6 Wharfedale Cricket Festival
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

Federation Choir has been cancelled on Monday 23 April

We apologise for any inconvenience arising out of the short notice.

Parent Pay -- School Meals

The school meal payment for this half term Tuesday 17 April to Friday 25 May 2018 is £63.80 (29 days @ £2.20). If you prefer to pay weekly the amount is £11.00 payable at the start of the week. Please remember that a school meal can only be provided if payment is received in advance.

All payments should be made via our secure Parent Pay system.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Information about parent evenings will be sent out next week.

KS1 Test Dates 2018

During the two week period Monday 30 April to Friday 11 May, the Year 2 children will be taking KS1 Tests.

Please try not to book any appointments during school time during the period. If this is unavoidable it would be helpful if you could discuss this with Mrs Steeples beforehand.

Thank you for your help.

School Tea Towels for Sale

The new school Tea Towels are still 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!



Kanga Sports

We have not yet received many slips back for Kanga Sports' Ultimate Frisbee after school club for this half-term. Another copy of the flyer is attached to this newsletter.

If your child is interested in taking part please can you make sure that you drop the complete slip in the office on Monday morning or let Mrs Hardaker know as soon as possible? Thanks

Cracoe Friends

Cracoe Friends have the following two events happening in the near future:

Sponsored Family Walk

Sunday 22 April @ 1pm (Registration from 12.30pm)

Three circular walks of 3, 5 or 8 km, starting and finishing at Cracoe Cricket Club

For more information go to <https://www.friendsofcracoeschool.com/sponsored-family-walk>

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 1

We hope you all had a super Easter holiday.

It's great to see the sunshine at last and we have started to develop our garden and outside classroom. The children have taken part in a survey, choosing their favourite areas. We then discussed with the children what they would like in both areas. They decided that they would like dens, a boat, a bug hotel, a mud kitchen and a vegetable/flower garden. Please can you help with the bug hotel, we need old flower pots, fir cones, hollow sticks and bricks with holes in. If you have any of these items we will gratefully use them in our hotel design for the garden.



As we spend time outside please make sure your child has a sunhat and sun cream to protect them when the weather is warmer. We will ensure the children are kept in the shade during the hottest part of the day and have plenty of water.

Our maths learning this week has focused on measuring weight/mass. Reception children have been comparing the weight of objects and using mathematical language to describe comparisons. Year 1 have been using units of measurement, such as cubes, pencils and marbles to measure the mass of an object, ensuring that they use the balance scales accurately.

As part of our new topic 'Landscape and Cityscape' we have begun to use the series of stories about Katie Morag. This week in Literacy we have discussed what we know about islands and investigated the similarities and differences between the Isle of Struay, where Katie Morag lives, and the villages in which we live.

In Science we have begun our investigation about plants. The children have planted a runner bean and over the next few weeks we will be observing how a bean grows. The bean plants will then be planted in our garden.

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

News from Class 2

It has been lovely to see the children return to school this week with many exciting stories about their Easter holidays. We have kicked off the week by introducing Greek Myths in Literacy. We analysed the key features using the story of Perseus and Medusa, which the children loved! We then compared this story with our class focus of Theseus and the Minotaur. The children will look carefully at the language choices, story and sentence structures used over the next couple of weeks ready to then create their own Myth.

In Maths we have continued our fractions work with the year 2s looking at finding fractions of amounts by sharing. Years 3 and 4 have been finding fraction pairs to make a whole. We all applied these skills on our lovely sunny Thursday to measuring length and finding fractions of these. The children have applied their skills very well this week and I have been really impressed.

We introduced our new Greek topic in Art by looking at the designs of Greek pots and the history behind them.

Have a lovely weekend together,
Mrs Steeples

News from Class 3

We are back!

In Literacy we have started our project on A Midsummer Night's Dream by watching the play and doing some drama to understand the four 'worlds'. We are looking forward to developing our understanding of the play over the next few weeks.

In Maths we have been working on finding the area of rectangles, triangles and composite shapes. Year 6 have worked out formulas to find the areas of rectangles and triangles too. We have learned the difference between perimeter and area. Year 6 have also found a formula for working out the perimeter of rectangles.

Our topic is 'Water' in Science and we have learned about the water cycle, learning a song about it and writing a detailed explanation, using scientific language too. We are also learning about the Ancient Greeks and have looked at some Greek art, creating our own designs in the same style.

HOMEWORK

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

Year 6 - SAT attack homework.

Please keep doing a bit each night, throughout the next few weeks, to complete the whole booklets. If you bring your folder to school, you will be given time to mark 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