



# TRACTOR TIMES

**Summer Term  
Friday 20 July  
2018**

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Dear Parents/Carers

The end of the academic year is always tinged with sadness, but also with happiness and the prospects of new beginnings. We say a fond farewell to all our Year 6 children, and other children, who are moving on to pastures new. Thank you for all the wonderful memories you have left us with, and for all your hard work during your time at Primary School. For some families it is the end of an era when the last family member leaves the school; thank you for all your support over the years and remember to keep in touch.

We also say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Brayshaw who is leaving Cracoe & Rylstone School. We appreciate all the support she has given to the children at Cracoe and across the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation as the Staff Governor. We wish her well in her new post.

Carly Metcalfe, our Woosh Club leader, will also be leaving to take up a University place in September; we would like to extend our thanks to her for her dedication and leadership of this important provision. The leavers events will be an opportunity for all school communities to come together to say their own personal farewells and offer their best wishes to all concerned.

We would like to confirm that the existing provision for before and after school care will continue next year, as it is at present. However, we are still trying to recruit a leader for Woosh club, we therefore need to delay the start of this club to the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> September, in the hope that we can employ a new staff member. We are also still considering the possibility of additional provision. Individual schools will notify parents/carers of school clubs in September.

We wish all children, staff, parents and governors a happy and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**Mrs C Boxall and Mr C Norris (Executive Co-Headteachers)**

## **School Meal Price**

As from September the cost of a school meal will be £2.50 per meal for all children who normally pay for school meals. This is to help cover the rising costs of providing meals in school. Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage 1) will continue to receive a funded school meal and any children in Key Stage 2 who are entitled to a Free School Meal will continue to receive them. The eligibility criteria for Free School Meals have not changed, so if you think you might be eligible please have a confidential word with Mrs Hardaker.

## **Parent Pay**

Please make sure your account is up to date over the weekend as Mrs Hardaker will be closing this year's account on Monday. Any Credits/Debits will be carried forward to next year.

We are still able to receive voluntary contributions for the activities the children have taken part in this term. If you have not already done so please consider Zoolab.

## **PTA & Dales Toffee Shop and Gift Vouchers**

Our wonderful PTA have paid for every child at school to receive a £1.00 gift voucher to be spent at the Dales Toffee Shop & Newsagents in Grassington as a special summer holiday treat. Every child in school today has been given their voucher.

## **PTA Meeting**

The first meeting of the PTA in the Autumn Term will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **News from the Classrooms**

### **Class 1**

Wow, it's hard to believe that we have completed a whole year at school. The children are all excited about the summer holidays. They have all worked very hard over the year and should be proud of their achievements.

Everyone has bought home a 'Summer scrapbook'. There is an explanation inside the book about how the children can use the book. We will be using the books when we come back to school in September, sharing and talking about the children's experiences over the summer in circle time.

The children have their sounds to keep practising over the summer. It may be on a sheet or a set of cards. We have also given the children their High Frequency Words. They will have their current year group words and the next year group words to practise.

Most importantly have a wonderful holiday with your child, have lots of fun, making fantastic memories together.

Thank you for all your support this year.

Best wishes Mrs Tulley, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Buckley

### **Class 2**

Well, we have made it! The last Friday of term! We have had an extremely busy week!

Our show 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' was fantastic! All the children sang and acted beautifully and looked stunning in their costumes and we are so proud of them all. A HUGE thank you must go to Mrs

Harrison, who worked tirelessly rehearsing and organising people, props and scenery, to make this the amazing success that it was.

On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon we made jewellery out of reclaimed beads and buttons and we made some of our own beads out of newspaper, too.

We haven't been doing formal Numeracy and Literacy, but Class 2 have unwittingly used their maths skills to solve murder mysteries and their Spelling and Grammar knowledge to solve thinking skills puzzles!

We have also made some lovely tissue paper flowers, with the Year 3 children reminding us of how they made them when they went on the farm trip earlier this term.

I think we are ready for our summer break!

Enjoy your holidays, stay safe and see you all in September!  
Mrs Petteval, Mrs Naisbitt and Mr Willis

### **Class 3**

Wow! What a week!

It started with our amazing two performances of A Midsummer Night's Dream. I was so proud of all our very talented young people, who not only learned their Shakespearean lines, but delivered them so confidently. We have fantastic children and I would like to say a big "**Thank you**" to them all.

Class 3 have learned about grid references and mapping this week. They learned how to use triple co-ordinates. They had to use what they had learned to create their own maps with contours, symbols in a key, grid references, orientation (north) and a scale.

We had our Year 6 Leavers' Service on Thursday. The Y5 read their poems they had created for Year 6. Year 6 shared their memories with us – it's amazing what children remember! They also sang '*Make Your Own Kind Of Music*', which is all about creating your own opportunities. We also found out what Year 5 thought they might be doing in ten years' time – whatever it is, I'm sure they will all be successful and happy. Year 6 are a great group of children and I am going to miss them.

Thank you for all of your support throughout the year and have a great summer holiday.

### **HOMEWORK**

**I'm not setting specific homework, but these are a few ideas of things you could do with your child:**

- **Go shopping – get them to work out totals in their head**
- **Have a meal out together – work out a 5%,10%, 15% tip**
- **Go on a bus/train journey and get them to work out the timetable**
- **Bake together**
- **Build something – follow the instructions**

- **Do an art project**
- **Go to the library and do the reading challenge – then write a reading recommendation or two.**
- **Write a letter to a relative or friend and post it**
- **Go on a walk and get your child to plan the route using maps**

**Our topics for next term are World War 1 and Forces in Science. The children are welcome to do some research on an aspect that interests them.**

Have a fabulous Summer Holiday!

Mrs Harrison