



TRACTOR TIMES

Summer Term
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Dear Parents/Carers

As you already are aware, we had a fantastic day at Grassington last week when all our Year 2s worked on sculpture projects with facilitators from Grassington Festival: we are really looking forward to seeing them on 'Countryfile' on July 1st.

The Governors and the Executive Co-Headteachers have been very occupied over the last few weeks, in balancing all the positive outcomes we have achieved through Federation, with changing circumstances and, as ever, financial challenges. We shared with you all, in person or by letter, this week, the strategic decision made around the vacancy created by Mrs Brayshaw's appointment to a school in Knaresborough and our subsequent plans to combine Class 1 at Burnsall with Class 1 at Cracoe, to be taught by Mrs Sandoe and Mrs McGee, as a job share, using both sites.

The details of this are still being put together by the Executive Headteachers, with input from staff and Governors, taking on board the comments and concerns we have received in parental responses and through consultation. It is our intention to keep you informed each step of the way and for you to be able to contribute to the process.

I must emphasise that this is a decision we have not taken lightly, and we have considered all our options extremely carefully. Although we acknowledge it is not perfect, it is the best viable option at the present time, as it allows us to meet some of our most significant educational and financial challenges whilst maintaining all four sites and keeping teaching posts at Burnsall and Cracoe secure.

Please be assured that these decisions have been taken with the upmost care, diligence and consideration to meet all our challenges in the interests of our children, and, as educators we look forward to what we consider to be exciting times ahead in unlocking all the potential of our Federation.

Mrs C Boxall and Mr C Norris (Executive Co-Headteachers) and
Mrs A Vetch (Chair of Governors)

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 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/new Reception starters in school
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
Tuesday 10 July	Class 3 River Study visit to Linton –AM / Year 6 Leaver’s Afternoon Tea at Mrs Fattorini’s house
Monday 16 July	2pm and 6pm School Summer Concert-Grassington Town Hall
Thursday 19 July	Whole School Service for Year 6 Leavers at St Michael & All Angels Church
Friday 20 July	9.00 am Praise Assembly
Friday 20 July	3.30 pm School Breaks Up for the Summer Holidays

Additional Notes

Wednesday 27 June:

Morning: Class 1 Visit to the Congregational Church. This activity takes place during the normal school day. Consent is covered under the ‘Annual Rolling Consent’ completed by parents in September.

Afternoon: Sports Day Practice – **Sports Kit needed for all children** (except Year 6 who are at SGHS that day)

Monday 2 July:

Afternoon: **Years 1 & 2:** Multi Skills Festival at Upper Wharfedale School - **Sports kit needed.**

This activity takes 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 1

In Literacy this week we have continued using *Burglar Bill* as our focus book. The children have impressed us this week with their independent writing. They have written a wanted poster for Bill, using adjectives to describe him. They have also written Bill a set of instructions about how to look after the baby he found, using 'bossy' words (imperative verbs). And finally, they have written a piece persuading Bill to buy certain objects from his swag bag rather than stealing them.

In Maths we have been learning about reading the time on a clock. We discussed what the numbers on a clock show us and what the hour and minute hands do. Year 1 have learnt how to read "o'clock" and "half past". Reception have made their own clock and used it to show "o'clock" times.

Yesterday the children visited Cracoe Primary School to see the animals from Zoolab. The children were fascinated with the snake, spider, African land snail, rat and many more. The children had the opportunity to hold or stroke these animals.



Due to the hot weather please can children bring in a clearly-named drink or water bottle, sunhat and labelled bottle of suncream?

Year 1 have spellings this week. Please return completed homework on Thursday. We are still collecting for our bug hotel.

Have a lovely weekend together,
from Mrs Tulley, Mrs Buckley and Mrs Middleton

Class 2

A very busy week in Class 2 this week!

In Maths we have started work on reading the time. Telling the time is one of those tricky topics that just needs constant practice, so mums and dads, aunties and uncles, nans and grandads, we need your help!

Please can you ask your child to tell you what the time is? Just ask them regularly throughout the day and get them used to minutes to the hour (for example 20 to 5), as well as minutes past the hour (for example 10 past 3). Don't worry about giving great long explanations - just a quick question now and

again regularly will help them to see the pattern. Please use a traditional analogue clock, rather than a digital one, for the time being.

In Literacy we have worked with a partner to write a playscript and created comic strips to retell the myth about King Midas. In Grammar we've learned about contractions, possessive apostrophes, homophones and revised the split digraph a-e, as well as the other sounds that make an a – *ai, eigh, ay* and *ey*.

Topic was interesting – your children all tried EVERYTHING! tzasiki, taramasalata, green and black olives, figs, feta, pitta bread and Greek yoghurt. I was really impressed at their table manners and how willing they were to try new foods. Next time they refuse to try something you've made, just remind them of the Greek food tasting lesson!

We've also made a start on our Greek temples, basing them on the information and designs we made by looking closely at pictures of the Parthenon.

I think we're all ready for a weekend and a rest!

Have a lovely time together and remember to check the time!
Mrs Petteval, Mrs Naisbitt and Mr Willis

Class 3

In Maths, Year 5 have been working on properties of shapes, finding perimeters and unknown angles in shapes too. Year 6 have been working on finding values in algebra.

In Literacy, we have been writing reading recommendations about books we have been reading recently and we have started to create our own myths and legends in group writing.

In Topic work, we have been finding out about gods and goddesses in Greek Mythology. Today Year 5, and some of Year 6, have also been making a delicious, Greek salad with pitta bread.

We are also very pleased to announce that we won the Cluster Rounders AND Cluster Tag Rugby tournament. Our tag Rugby team have been playing in the Craven Finals this afternoon.

HOMEWORK

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

Please learn all of your lines for *A Midsummer Night's Dream* – we will be rehearsing next week.