



TRACTOR TIMES

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Dear Parents/Carers

Farewell!

This is my last 'Newsletter'! I have described my feelings toward 3.30 pm on Monday to several of you as being stood at the top of a ski run with a mixture of emotions surging through my veins, that sense of excitement and fear. The Federation is in a good position and I know that Mr Norris and Mrs Boxall will take great care of it, bringing new experiences and fresh ideas with them.

I know one thing for sure I will miss our children.

I have enjoyed working with all the children and staff, taking pleasure from seeing the children learn new skills curriculum subjects, but equally important watching them grow up. I've enjoyed sharing in their sporting and artistic successes and know I will miss those conversations where roles have been reversed and they've taught me about sheep or horse riding. My favourite snippet of conversation from last week was when one of the younger children said that only old people retire and that I wasn't old! He will go far! There are many anecdotes which I shall treasure from my time as a teacher and Executive Headteacher, but I promise not to write a book about them all.

I send all of the children my very best wishes; to all of you I would remind you that you need to aim high and work towards making your dreams a reality.

Mrs Morton Lee
Executive Headteacher

Mrs Anne Vetch, Chair of Governors writes:

Times such as these are a mixture of celebration of all that had been achieved and regret at someone's leaving. Mrs Morton Lee's retirement is no exception. We would like to thank her for all she has achieved in establishing the Federation on a sure footing, enabling us to move forward with confidence and wish her all the very best as she moves to the next stage of her life.

We wish her a long and happy retirement.

Anne Vetch Chair of Governors

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. 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

Wednesday 2 May	Reception & Y1 Dance Morning at Cracoe Village Hall
MONDAY 7 MAY	BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed
Tuesday 8 May	1-4pm Y5/6 Wharfedale Cricket Festival
Friday 11 May	Year 4 Cluster Trip to Nell Bank
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

Class 2 Teaching Arrangements

Mrs Steeples will not be in next week and instead we are delighted that Mrs Ingrid Baggaley will be teaching Class 2 next week.

Just as a reminder, Mrs Kirsten Pettavel will be covering Mrs Steeples' Maternity Leave. Mrs Pettavel is already part of the Federation staff as she is currently working in Kettlewell Primary School and she has also worked at Burnsall Primary School. She will be joining Grassington's staff when Mrs Steeples Maternity Leave starts after half-term.

Mrs Pettavel will be in school on the afternoon of Wednesday 9th May to meet the children.

Reminder about informal "drop-in" sessions with Mr Norris and Mrs Boxall

Parents are invited to an informal 'drop-in' session with Mrs Boxall or Mr Norris, who will be in school on Tuesday 1st May at 3 pm (Mr Norris) and on Thursday 3rd May at 3 pm (Mrs Boxall).

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 school beforehand.

Thank you for your help.

Thursday Sports Afternoons at Upper Wharfedale School

May we gently remind all parents to wait outside the doors at Upper Wharfedale School before collecting their children, even if the doors are unlocked? In order to comply with necessary Safeguarding arrangements parents may only go in when specifically invited to do so by a member of the Upper Wharfedale School staff.

PTA Red Tractor Run 2018

This year's **PTA Red Tractor Run** will take place on Sunday 20th May 2018, starting at 10:30 am, with Registration in the school hall from 8:30 am.

You can book online at www.bookitzone.com or by email to walms2002@yahoo.co.uk or on the day. The cost of entry is £12 for Adults and £3 for children.

Quad Athletics

Well done to our team of KS2 Quad Athletics participants. We are proud of you all.



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!



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.

Cracoe Friends

Cracoe Friends have the following event happening in the near future:

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

In Literacy this week we have focused on the story 'Katie Morag and the Tiresome Ted'. The children discussed what they already knew about Katie Morag. The children then wrote their own questions to ask Katie Morag in a 'hot seat'. This is when an adult or children pretends to be a character from the story and answer the questions from the children in that role. Mrs Middleton took on the role of Mrs McColl to model to the children how to be in the 'hot seat'.

In Maths Year 1 have continued to learn about measuring and comparing weights. They have also been problem solving, such as:



How many cubes does the teddy bear weigh?
Explain how you know.

The children in Reception have been accurately counting and adding amounts and have been introduced to the part-whole model that is used in Year 1 onwards.



In Science we investigated the most common wild plant growing in our garden, but we were not surprised that it was the buttercup. We discussed that wild plants are sometimes called weeds and that do not need to be planted or looked after by gardeners. We were excited to discover that our beans have started to sprout.

In Art we have begun to learn about landscape artists, this week we are focusing our learning on Monet and his impressionist paintings of the gardens at Giverny. The children finger painted their own garden painting in the style of Monet.

Reception children have brought home the tricky words for Phase 2 to practise. Please can you encourage them to do their practice?

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

News from Class 2

We've had another busy week in Class 2!

In Maths, we have been continuing with our work on fractions. We have all been practising finding fractions of an amount, and then we have split into year groups to do more in-depth learning. Year 2 have looked at dividing multiple wholes into fractions, for example, working out that there are 8 halves in 4 wholes. Year 3 have been learning about tenths and how they relate to decimal numbers. Year 4 have been finding out about equivalent fractions and how to work them out, for example, one half is the same as two quarters, three sixths and four eighths.

In Literacy, we continued with our focus on Greek myths, taking the story of Theseus and the Minotaur as our example. We continued to think about what makes a Greek myth, including the hero, the mythical beast, gods and goddesses, a journey and a problem that the hero needs to solve. With these in mind, we have started to write our own stories in the style of a Greek myth. Next week we will be continuing these, working hard to improve our myths by adding as much detail as we can to the descriptions of the monsters, heroes and events in the stories.

We started a new topic in geography / science - water. This week we have looked at the different states of matter, solids, liquids and gases, and what these states are called for water - ice, water and steam or water vapour. We have also been describing how water can change from one state to another and what needs to be done to change state.

In PE, Years 3 and 4 have started playing cricket - we practised some of the basic skills required of catching and throwing. We also did our usual swimming.

Have a lovely weekend together,
Mrs Steeples, Mr Willis and Mrs Naisbitt

News from Class 3

In Literacy, we have continued our project on "*A Midsummer Night's Dream*". We have been looking at the relationship between the characters.

In Maths, we have been working on co-ordinates, reflections and translations.

In Science, we have looked at how water is cleaned and filtrated. We found out that even if we filter soil etc. from water, there is still going to be harmful bacteria in it.

We also took part in a Grassington Festival Samba workshop. To hear almost 50 children in our very own Grassington Primary Samba Band was fantastic!

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