



TRACTOR TIMES

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Dear Parents/Carers

During the summer holidays, I was in one of our local businesses where there was a poster behind the reception area that said, "*If we do well, please let others know. If there is something you do not like, please tell us.*"

The same maxim applies in each of the 4 schools in our federation, where everyone - staff, governors, parents - who has a responsibility for the children's learning does their best to get things right. And we do get it right for 99.9% of the time. But just occasionally, something does go wrong and there is a difficulty or issue that needs to be amicably resolved.

We do want any such concerns that parents have to be addressed and resolved as soon as possible, and we believe that this is best achieved if they contact the school directly about their worries.

Other ways, such as using Facebook, are much less effective for us to sort things out quickly, and unfortunately often draw in other people (sometimes who have no connection with school) or people who use inappropriate language. We would ask, therefore, that if parents have anything they wish to discuss, or any concerns that are worrying them, in the first instance, they should speak with their child's class teacher, then the school's Base Leader and then, if necessary, one of us as the Co-Headteachers. In that way, matters can be resolved, and the most important business - the children's learning, progress and well-being - can continue.

Woosh Club - we are currently going through the final stages of the appointment process for an Assistant Leader and we expect that this will be completed very soon. If everything goes smoothly, we hope to re-open Woosh Club on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at Grassington, possibly commencing on 15th October. We will let parents know the arrangements just as soon as we are in a position to give more details.

Reading - please would all parents do their best to ensure they listen to their children read to them every day for about 15 minutes? This is a simple, yet very effective way, for parents to really help their children progress.

And finally ..., it was a pleasure to go to the Harvest Festival for Burnsall and Cracoe schools earlier today, which was held at Rylstone Parish Church. The children sang and read beautifully - many thanks to them and to all the staff for preparing and leading the Celebration.

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October Diary Dates

Wednesday 3 October	Dogs Trust Class Workshops during the school afternoon
Thursday 4 October	2pm Harvest Service
Thursday 4 October	4pm Craven Cross Country Finals at Giggleswick School
Monday 8 October	Cluster Remembrance Event Workshop at Cracoe Village Hall during the school day (Key Stage 2 only)
Tuesday 9 October	4.00-5.30pm Y5/6 Cluster Football Tournament at UWS
Tuesday 23 October	Reception to Year 5 flu immunisations
Friday 26 October	School closes for half term

November Diary Dates

Monday 5 November	Training Day
Tuesday 6 November	School re-opens after half term
Wednesday 7 November &	Parent's Evening
Thursday 8 November	
Friday 9 November	Cluster Remembrance Event

Regular Activities and Events

Every Friday	3.00pm Praise Assembly – All welcome
Every Monday	3.30-4.30 pm Federation Choir, KS2 Children only

School Photographs

The very, very, last chance to get your school photograph orders in, in you haven't already done so, is **9.00 am on Monday 1st October**. The orders will be collected by the courier on Monday morning.

Call for Resources for Class 3

Over the next few weeks Class 3 will be doing a Science experiment involving 2-litre plastics drinks bottles. 10 bottles will be needed in total, preferably the 'normal' round cross-sectioned ones, not ones with odd-shapes. If you have any please could you bring them in to school unsquashed, rather than putting them in to your recycling bin?

We also need lots of 2-litre large plastic milk bottles with their tops on, for a separate project. Please make sure they have been washed out before bringing them in to school. Thanks.

This Week's Award Winners

This week's award winners are:

Class 1

Certificates

Tallulah — for her place value work in Maths

Angus – for sounding out and blending three letter words

Isla and Aaron – for finding 2 on a blank number track and identifying 1-more and 1-less.

Class 2

Certificates

Henry – for using different conjunctions to extend his sentences

Emma – for her excellent rounding to 10 and 100.

Class 3

Certificates

Rosa – for her amazing letters to and from the front line in World War 1

Oscar – for his increased confidence in mastering counting in powers of 10.

Thursday 4 October - School Harvest Service at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Linton at 2.00pm

Our Harvest Service is being prepared by all the children and is our opportunity to come together and celebrate Harvest as a school community. 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.

We will be collecting food items to donate to Skipton Food Bank, which is run by Skipton Baptist Church to provide food parcels to those in need in our community.

There will be a box in the entrance hall a day or two before the service, where any donations can be placed. The list of suggested items includes, in no particular order:

Rice, Tinned Rice Pudding, Custard, Toilet Rolls, Instant Coffee, Shampoo, Tinned Meat, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Soup, Tinned Vegetables such as Sweetcorn, Peas, Carrots, UHT Milk, Toothbrushes, Jam/Marmalade, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Fruit, Toothpaste, Shower Gel, Soap, Biscuits, Breakfast Cereal, Pasta, Baked Beans, Jars of Pasta Sauce, Tinned Fish, Quick-Cook Meals such as noodles, rice & pasta, Sanitary Products and Tea Bags.

Please return the slip below to confirm the arrangements for your child/children

This is particularly important if you child normally travels home on the school bus.

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