



TRACTOR TIMES

Summer Term
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Dear Parents/Carers

Children from across the Federation have been extremely busy this week. They have been practising for sports day, end of term concerts and services. Some year groups have participated in a range of Cluster sporting events. Well done to the Grassington children who won the Year 5/6 Tag Rugby tournament last Friday.

During this very hot weather, children have been very sensible about wearing sunhats and caps, drinking plenty of water and applying sun cream if brought into school. Staff have encouraged the children to enjoy the weather, but to seek shade during play and lunch times.

Thank you to all those parents who have returned the Wrap-around Care questionnaire. We will be considering all the responses, deciding on how we can move forward with the provision in a sustainable and viable way.

We only have three weeks of term left, during which time there are numerous activities going on in each of the schools, please refer to the newsletter for specific details.

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

Diary Dates

Regular Activities and Events

FEDERATION CHOIR HAS NOW FINISHED FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Every Friday 3.00pm Praise Assembly – All welcome
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)
No Sports Club on 4 July –School Sports Afternoon

Other Activities this Term.

Please check your Tractor Times each week, in case of amendment.

Monday 2 July	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Multi Skills – UWS – SPORTS KIT NEEDED
Tuesday 3 July	8.30am School Council Meeting
Tuesday 3 July	Y3 Visit to Winskill Farm – Extra Date
Wednesday 4 July	Y1 Cluster Fantasy Story Morning at Cracoe Village Hall - Extra Date
Wednesday 4 July	School Sports Afternoon (in case of bad weather the alternative date is Wednesday 11 July)
Thurs 5/Friday 6 July	Y6 Bikeability Training (not Y5 this year)

Monday 9 July	Rehearsal Summer Concert-Grassington Town Hall
Tuesday 10 July	Class 3 River Study visit to Linton – morning only 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	2 pm 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

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.

Wednesday 4 July: Sports Afternoon

The Sports Afternoon will take place on the football field starting at 1.30pm. The format will be same as last year, consisting of individual races when the children will compete against their year group peers.

Parents will be able to take children home with them at the end of the event. If you are unable to be at event children can be collected as normal at 3.30pm.

This is always a fun afternoon for everyone and we hope to welcome lots of spectators and helpers. There will be parent and toddler races, so put on your running shoes and join us.

In case of bad weather, our alternative date is Wednesday 11 July at 1.30pm.

Monday 16 July: Summer Show - Grassington Primary School presents ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’

There are two performances in Grassington Town Hall at 2.00pm and 6.00pm.
Tickets will be available from the school office from Monday and cost £2 each.
There will be room to accommodate siblings and other family members/friends in the Town Hall at each performance. All welcome. More organisational details will follow.

Yorkshire Water - Water Safety

Yorkshire Water have written to school to encourage us to remind all parents and children that whilst our local reservoirs might look like great places to swim in this hot weather, the water just below the surface can still be very, very, cold, and can rapidly cause ‘cold water shock’ which can be very dangerous. If you get the chance please take a look at #FloatToLive and #coldwaterkills on YouTube – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OBCFEEZe1U> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ile-FwNEafk> – they might just help you to save a life (parental guidance recommended).

News from the Classrooms

Class 2

There is no need for me to tell you that we’ve had an extremely hot week in Class 2!

I'm pleased to say how sensible everyone had been; wearing sun hats, applying sun cream several times a day and drinking lots of water – well done!

We've had quite a sporty week, with Years 3 and 4 going out for the rugby, a whole school sports day practice on Wednesday and the Year 2s having a taster of what swimming and PE at UWS will be like in September.

In Literacy, we've been thinking about information writing, using our 'Rivers' topic to work on finding information (atlases) to label and caption diagrams. This will lead to writing fact files and producing leaflets.

In Maths, we've continued to learn about telling the time, reading times in 5 minute intervals and to the minute. We've also looked at how we can use our knowledge to work out how long things take (e.g. a TV program) and at what time something will finish, if we know the start time and how long it takes.

We've looked at images of the Parthenon and worked in teams to make our Greek Temples and hopefully they'll be dry and ready to paint next week.

Three reminders:

- Please try to keep up with reading; 5 times a week if possible.
- Please remember PE kit for next Wednesday's Sports Day, with the right coloured T-shirt.
- Please remember smart clothes in a named carrier bag for the wedding scene in our show '*A Midsummer Night's Dream*'.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Petteval, Mrs Naisbitt and Mr Willis

Class 3

In preparation for Year 6 moving on to their secondary schools, the children were taken cycling to Gisburn Forest. They had a great time, enjoying the challenge and being in the outdoors. Year 6 also took part in Polar Exploration day at Skipton Girls High School with other Craven Schools. It was an opportunity for them to meet new people and use many skills they have learned already.

Year 6 have also had their transition day at their new secondary schools. They seem to have enjoyed the experience – getting to know their new classmates, routines and teachers.

In Maths, Year 5 have been working on mixed topic Mastery word problems. When we had transition morning Year 5 supported Year 4 with their learning, helping them break a code. The problems were fairly challenging and I was impressed at the children's attitude to learning by using our eight secrets of success (try new things, push yourself, improve, work hard, imagine, understand others, never give up and concentrate). The children have also written a letter to themselves to open on the first day back, reminding themselves of their strengths, what they have enjoyed learning about and what skills they want to learn next year.

In Literacy, we have been rehearsing for our end of term performance - *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. It was good to hear about the performance many of the children went to last weekend in Skipton. The children obviously enjoyed it and learned a few tricks from the professionals.

HOMEWORK

Don't forget to learn your lines for *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and work on 'The Drama' in your voices.

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

Have a lovely weekend together,
Mrs Harrison

Class 1

This week we have started our new focus book, *'The Snail and the Whale'*. We will be focusing on information writing about the animals in the story. The children also commented that they would like to make a volcano, so we shall be investigating how to make one in Science using bicarbonate of soda and white vinegar.

In Maths, we have been discussing seconds, minutes and hours. We have compared activities that can be completed in seconds, minutes and hours. Year 1 have also been comparing times using the vocabulary faster and slower, for example

Ricardo	Janet	Joan
		
48 seconds	57 seconds	51 seconds
Janet is _____ than Ricardo.		
Joan is _____ than Janet.		
Ricardo is _____ Joan.		

In Science, this week we have been discussing the different habitats animals and plants in the UK live in. The children worked with a partner to sort animals and plants into woodland, coastal, urban and pond habitats. Next week the children will be looking at habitats around school, as well as making our bug hotel. Thank you for the items brought in for the bug hotel. We still need flower pots, sticks/bark and bricks or stones.

We visited the Congregational Church this week. Reverend Peter showed the children the different parts of his church and explained how the church begun in the village. He also created a treasure hunt for the children around the church, matching photographs to the parts of the church.

Year 1 have spellings this week. Please return completed homework on Thursday.

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