



TRACTOR TIMES

**Summer Term
Friday 4 May
2018**

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Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to thank everyone in each of the school communities for the welcome that has been extended to us this week. It has been a pleasure meeting parents, staff, governors and (of course) children in each of the 4 schools as we begin our time as Interim Executive Co-Headteachers. If, due to work or other commitments, parents and governors have not been able to come into school during the week for one of the “drop in” sessions, we do hope that we will have the opportunity to meet you soon. If you need to contact us for any reason please do so through your child’s school admin team.

We have been very impressed by the work the children are doing and their enthusiasm for learning; by the dedication and professionalism of the staff; and by the amount of time and commitment the governors show for the well-being of each school.

For the remainder of the month, we will share our time between the 4 schools as equally as possible. The calendar below, which has been circulated previously, shows the days we intend being in each school – assuming there are no pressing reasons for us to be elsewhere. We will compile and circulate a similar calendar for June and July just before the half-term holiday.

Week	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.
2	7	8 K	8 B	9 C&R	9 G
	10 K	10 C&R	11 G	11 B	
3	14 K	15 B	16 G	17 C&R	18 K
4	21 B	22 G	23 K	24 B	25 C&R
Half term	28	29	30	31	June 1

Red = Mr. Norris Green = Mrs. Boxall. Blue = holiday

Finally - do enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and the Tour of Yorkshire as it passes through our beautiful dale. And ... look out for an aerial view of Kettlewell’s scarecrow.

Mrs C Boxall and Mr C Norris
Executive Co-Headteachers

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 LAST SESSION THURSDAY 10 MAY
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

MONDAY 7 MAY

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

BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed - NO FEDERATION CHOIR

Class 2 Teaching Arrangements

Mrs Steeples will not be in again next week and instead we are delighted that Mrs Ingrid Baggaley will be teaching Class 2 again for part of next week. Mrs Pettavel, who will be covering Mrs Steeples' Maternity Leave, will be in school on the afternoon of Wednesday 9th May to meet the children.

KS2 – SATs 2018

We know that you probably don't need reminding but the KS2 SATs Test will be taking place soon, starting on Monday 14th May and finishing on Thursday 17th May. Please can you make every effort to avoid making any appointments, medical, dental, or otherwise during the mornings of this week? If it is unavoidable please contact Mrs Harrison, via the school office, to discuss it 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.

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 continued our focus on the story 'Katie Morag and the Tiresome Ted'. The children have created their story map of the events of the story to retell the story to their talk partner. The Year 1 children have been using their map to rewrite the story in their own words.

In Maths Year 1 have been learning about volume and capacity, using everyday objects to investigate which container holds the most and the least. We have also begun to learn about multiplication, by counting in tens.

The children in Reception have continued to use the 'whole-part' model to find 2 numbers that can be

added to make a new number. The children have been given a whole number and can find the 2 parts that make that number. They have also been solving problems where they have the whole number and 1 part. The children discussed how they had to count on from the part to the whole number to find the other part. Fantastic learning.

In Science we have been discussing gardens and how we can design a garden, naming plants and flowers that they know. The bean plants have grown rapidly this week and we are planning to plant them in the planter in the outside classroom.

In Geography we have begun our learning about our country. This week we have discussed the similarities and differences between the town and the countryside.

Year 1 have some new spellings and some spellings to revise this week.

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

News from Class 2

In Literacy this week the children have learned to identify the features of a Greek myth. Working collaboratively they have created their own myth. Each group developed one feature striving to include interesting details. This work will lead into next week's learning; writing our own Greek myth.

Perhaps you could ask your child what the key features of a Greek myth are and to start thinking about their own myth?

In Maths, the children have been working with money this week. Some of them have worked on recognising and counting coins and notes, paying close attention to relative and comparative values, others have added money remembering to use decimals as they do so, another group has been ordering amounts and using rounding to estimate amounts of money. Providing your child with opportunities to handle money in 'real life' situations will enhance their understanding of the comparative values of coins and notes, as well as improving their grasp of the decimal system.

Perhaps you could let your child to pay for items whilst you shop and discuss amounts, totals and change?

Have a lovely weekend together,
Mrs Baggaley, Mrs Naisbitt and Mrs Buckley

News from Class 3

In Literacy we have continued our project on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. We have started writing a diary entry from either Hermia's or Lysander's point of view. The children have written some very creative pieces and I'm looking forward to reading them all this weekend.

In Maths, we have been working on converting units of metric measures. If you have some spare time this week, please could you practice the main units of measure with your child?

For example:

1 litre = 1000ml/100cl 1km = 1000m 1m = 100cm/1000mm 1kg = 1000g 1g = 1000mg

On Wednesday, Class 2 and 3 worked together making clay bowls. We all had a great time and the children all learned new skills. The bowls are drying nicely and are going to look fabulous once they are painted and varnished.

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 couple of 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 long weekend together,
Mrs Harrison