



TRACTOR TIMES

Summer Term
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2018

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Dear Parents/Carers

What another busy week for all our children. The Sports afternoons at Cracoe and Grassington, were great occasions. Children participated enthusiastically in events ranging from high jump to running races; even some parents participated in a sprint race. KS1 children went to Upper Wharfedale to join in a multi-sports day, which they thoroughly enjoyed. On Wednesday we were joined by Little Red Riding Hood, Bears, Ghosts and Princesses amongst other characters, as Year one children all met at Cracoe for a Fantasy Day. It is not just sporting activities in which the children excel, some have recently taken accordion exams and many are budding actors and actresses, in preparation for their end of term productions.

Thank you to all parents for supporting children in the learning of their lines and providing costumes for these events.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs C Boxall and Mr C Norris (Executive Co-Headteachers)

Dear Parents/Carers

The Governors are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Ella Besharati to the post of Executive Headteacher of the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation.

After a challenging selection and assessment process, involving Governors, NYCC School Improvement Service and the Diocese, and with the involvement of staff, pupils and parents, the Governors were unanimous in their decision, impressed by her commitment, enthusiasm, knowledge and engagement. Mrs Besharati is at present working as Head of effectiveness in a multi academy trust in the Leeds area.

She will take up her appointment in January 2019.

Mrs Anne Vetch
Chair of Governors

Message from the Governors

The Governors have decided to postpone the implementation of their plan to combine Class 1 at Cracoe with Class 1 at Burnsall. This is to allow parents and communities time to try to raise sufficient funds to address financial issues and to market the schools, with a view to attracting greater pupils numbers.

The situation will be kept under constant review by the Governors, the LA and the Diocese.

Diary Dates

Regular Activities and Events

FEDERATION CHOIR HAS NOW FINISHED FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Every Friday	3.00pm Praise Assembly, (except last day of term), – All welcome
Tuesday Kanga	3.30-4.30 pm (dates as per letter sent home)
Wednesday Sports Club	3.30-4.30 pm

Other Activities this Term.

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

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 9 July: Summer Concert Rehearsal

We will be walking to the Town Hall for a rehearsal during the afternoon

Consent is covered under the 'Annual Rolling Consent for Local Visits' completed at the start of the school year.

Monday 16 July Summer Concert Arrangements

There are two performances in Grassington Town Hall at 2.00pm and 6.00pm.

Tickets are available from the school office 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.

We will be walking to the Town Hall for the afternoon performance. Consent is covered under the 'Annual Rolling Consent for Local Visits' completed at the start of the school year.

Afternoon Performance : Parents will be able to take children home after the afternoon performance. Any children who are not collected will be walked back to school where they can be collected at 3.30pm, as usual.

Evening Performance: All the children need to be at the Town Hall at 5.45pm to get ready. Please make arrangements for your child to be collected at about 7.00 pm, if you are not going to be at the performance.

News from the Classrooms

Class 2

We've had another busy week in class 2!

We've continued to work on our information writing in literacy; linking it to our rivers topic work and creating fact files and a leaflet. We planned our leaflet layout using post it notes, so we could make alterations and now we're using pens to write out the information in best. Next week we'll add the labelled diagram we've been working on and some facts about river wildlife.

In maths we've done some fraction revision; finding unit and larger fractions of amounts, shapes and objects and we've also done our end of term assessments.

In science we planned a fair test and carried out an experiment to find the best conditions for evaporation (part of our water/rivers topic) and in topic we worked with a partner to find out information about everyday life in Ancient Greece.

The Year 3 children had an absolutely brilliant day out at the farm. They made and used bug catchers and worked as a team to create a beautiful piece of artwork, which is hanging in the entrance hall for everyone to enjoy.

We had a very successful sports day, with everyone doing their best for their teams and cheering each other on and the Year 2s had a chance to try out lots of different activities at their multisport afternoon!

I think everyone deserves a rest after all that!

REMINDER – please bring your costume into school on Monday in a named plastic bag

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Petteval, Mrs Naisbitt and Mr Willis

Class 1

In Maths this week we have been learning about positions and directions. We have all been learning about turns, whole, half, quarter and three-quarter turns. The children worked with a partner, taking turns to give instructions. The children have also learnt what a shape looks like before and after a turn.

This week the children have designed a bug hotel. We decided on the best place for our hotel and discussed what makes a good hotel. The children then used the materials they have collected to make 'Class 1 Bug Hotel'.



Year 1 had a fantastic morning with Mrs Middleton and Mrs Naisbitt at Cracoe Fantasy morning. The children took part in writing adjectives about a setting, deigning a potion, creating a collage and making a puppet.



While Year 1 were out all the Reception children took part in a balloon challenge. The children were asked to work collaboratively with a partner to build the tallest structure using the balloons and masking tape. There was lots of talk about making the structures stable and using balloons as supports. We were so impressed with how well the children worked together, listening to each other's ideas and solving problems together.



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

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

Class 3

This week in Literacy we have finished our fact files on Greek Gods. We have also been rehearsing for the school summer production.

In Maths, Year 6 have continued their learning of algebra and Year 5 have been solving word problems and done a 'whodunnit' mystery, which has used their skills from their previous learning.

Members of Year 6 have taken part in Bikeability training. The organisers commented on how good their behaviour was.

HOMEWORK

Don't forget to learn your lines for *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and work on 'The Drama' in your voices. We have our dress rehearsal at the Town Hall on Monday.

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