



TRACTOR TIMES

Summer Term
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2018

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the final half-term of this school year. It is at this time that we start to reflect on the work that has taken place during the past year.

One of the most encouraging things that has struck us during the five weeks that we have been working as Executive Headteachers of the 4 schools in the Federation is just how well everyone supports the principles and the benefits of being a member of the Federation. It is very clear to us during our day-to-day time in the schools, how well the children, the staff, the governors and the parents embrace the concept of the Federation. This was very apparent at our Federation staff meeting this week, when we looked back over the year to identify aspects of our work that have benefitted through being in the Federation, and when we also considered some aspects we would like to develop next year. Here are a few snapshots from our meeting:-

- Joint activities for the children (e.g. visits, sports, music) so they get the enjoyment of being part of a larger group.
- Sharing the staff's experience, knowledge and expertise between schools so that the children in all the schools gain.
- Sharing resources, which enables us to give the children the opportunity to have more varied learning experiences (and helps financially).
- Joint planning amongst staff, so that all the children benefit from the best creative ideas for their learning.
- Developing future opportunities for whole year group teaching across the Federation.

It is obvious to us how well the staff know the particular needs of children who are in a different school from their own. As members of the Federation, the children are able to enjoy all the joys of being in a small school, whilst also gaining so many of the benefits of being in a larger school.

Definitely the best of both worlds!!

Mrs C Boxall and Mr C Norris
Executive Co-Headteachers

Privacy Notice - General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Just before half term the children went home with a notice under the new regulations which came into effect on 25 May. If you have not already done so, please complete and return the slip on the end of the notice. If you need another copy please contact the school office.

Diary Dates

Regular Activities and Events

Every Friday 3.00pm Praise Assembly – All welcome

NB No Praise Assembly on Friday 15 June

Every Monday 3.30-4.30 pm Federation Choir. KS2 Children only

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)

Other Activities this Term. Please check your Tractor Times each week, in case of amendment.

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| Friday 15 June | Cluster Y2 Woodland Day- Parceval Hall |
| Friday 15 June | 11 am Years 3 & 4 Tag Rugby in School – KIT NEEDED |
| Friday 15 June | 1 pm - Cluster Y5/6 Tag Rugby Festival - UWRUFC |
| Monday 18 June | Class 3 Grassington Festival Cookery Demonstration-Grassington Square |
| Tuesday 19 June | Cluster Y5/6 Rounders –UWS (team of 9 children) |
| Wednesday 20 June | Grassington Festival Children’s Creative Workshop – whole school in the Town Hall during the school afternoon |
| Monday 25 June | Y6 Cycling in Gisburn Forest |
| Tuesday 26 June | Cluster Y3/4 Tag Rugby Festival-UWRUFC |
| Wednesday 27 June | Y6 Polar Explorer Day-SGHS |
| Thursday 28 June | Year 6 Transition Day & Year 2 Taster PE/Swimming at UWS |
| Monday 2 July | KS1 Multi Skills-UWS |
| Tuesday 3 July | 8.30am School Council Meeting |
| Wednesday 4 July | School Sports Afternoon (in case of bad weather, alternative date Wednesday 11 July) |
| Thursday 5/Friday 6 July | Y5/6 Bikeability Training |
| Monday 9 July | Rehearsal Summer Concert-Grassington Town Hall |
| Monday 16 July | 2pm and 6pm School Summer Concert-Grassington Town Hall |

Parent Pay -- School Meals

The school meal payment for this half term Monday 4 June to Friday 20 July 2018 is £77.00 (35 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.

BBC 1 Country File

A letter about **BBC1 Countryfile** filming at our Federation schools was sent out before half-term. We have not yet had all the permission slips back and we must have signed approval forms for your child / children to be involved in any filming which takes place. If we do not have a signed permission slip then your child will have to be excluded from the filming and any associated class activities.

News from the Classrooms

Class 2

Welcome back to Class 2, hopefully you had a lovely half-term break in the sunshine! We have been extremely busy this week!

For Maths Year 2 have been learning how to measure in centimetres and metres and comparing and ordering classroom objects, furniture and caterpillars in order of size. The children in Years 3 and 4 have been learning how to calculate perimeters, firstly by counting squares, then by making our own shapes out of squares and finally, by adding numbered measurements.

In Literacy we've been looking at how to turn verbs into shape poems and creating some of our own in our books and for our water display. In the grammar sessions we've covered work on verbs, connecting words, tenses, adverbs and nouns.

Science involved a very messy experiment to filter muddy water. We managed to get some very clean solutions, but decided we'd rather not drink them, after all!

We've continued with our Ancient Greece topic, creating a timeline of important events and we're collecting kitchen roll tubes and cereal or shoe boxes to make some Greek temples of our own, so if you have any spare, please send them in.

Just a few reminders:

- Please read with your child as often as you can (ideally every day) and let us know by writing in the blue reading record book.
- Please send in any Maths Missions folders that you may have at home, as we are collecting them in to see where everyone has got up to.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Pettavel, Mr Willis and Mrs Naisbitt

Class 1

In Literacy this week we have been focusing on stories from Africa that have a repeating pattern. We sequenced the story '*Bringing the rain to the Kapiti Plain*' and discussed the nouns and adjectives. In the story '*Handa's Hen*' we continued to discuss nouns and adjectives, along with number words.

In Maths Year 1 have been learning about fractions. We have investigated halves and quarters of shapes and amounts. We have been talking about a half being 1 part of 2 equal parts and a quarter being 1 part of 4 equal parts. Reception have been using money to buy objects in a role play shop, looking at prices tags and finding the correct amount of coins.

In Science we have discussed and sorted objects that are living, non-living, dead or never been alive.

This weekend I would like Year 1 to continue to practise their sounds in preparation for the phonics screening next week. The website 'phonicsplay.co.uk' has free games to play. Please use the phase 5 games.

From next week we will be changing the children's reading books **three** times a week. The reason for this is when we **reread** books together, our conversations around them get richer and richer. Our understanding deepens as we get to know the characters better and notice new things in the story. Researchers found that children's responses to questions during rereading grow in variety and complexity. Your child can also read books from home, comics and library books.

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

Class 3

This week in Maths Year 5 have been working on the topic of Time, interpreting and solving timetable problems. They have had to be able to input data by using the information provided and worked out through reasoning skills.

Year 6 have been working on dividing and multiplying numbers changing remainders into decimals. They have also worked in mixed year pairs to plan a holiday to Greece. Some have very expensive tastes!

In Literacy we have been doing drama, looking at the construction of playscripts and have written plots for our own plays which we will be writing next week.

In topic we have started our project on rivers, looking at the biggest rivers in the world and in the UK. We have also found out about the Battle of Marathon and have produced work to display in the classroom.

HOMEWORK

I have set Class 2 and 3 homework related to our collective worship and RE theme on Wisdom. I have asked the children to find out from a parent, an older relative or friend:

- **What is your favourite saying or proverb?**
- **What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given?**
- **What is the best piece of advice you could give to me (the child).**

Please write your answers down and hand them in on **Monday 11th June.**

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