

TRACTOR TIMES

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Dear Parents/Carers

What a change in weather between this week and last!

The children have enjoyed a full week at school. Over the past two weeks the children have had enrichment trips to Saltaire and York. The feedback from the staff and children was that these trips were great, with a huge amount of learning taking place.

The Governors have made great strides forward in finding Interim Headteachers for after I retire; you will receive a letter detailing the arrangements today. Let me reiterate that just because I am moving to the next stage of my life, doesn't mean that the Federation is crumbling. As I have said to all the staff the Federation is in a strong place and ready for the next stage of its journey. It has a robust structure and will just have a new Headteacher in due course.

You may notice whilst shopping in Tesco's in Skipton that Mrs Briggs from Kettlewell has organised a token collection in store, where shoppers can vote for a project or charity. We hope to gain funds to revamp Kettlewell's library which is more than tired. Please vote for them if you are in Tesco.

Mrs Morton Lee
Executive Headteacher

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.

Please let us know if your child would like to join in (KS2 children only).

**Thursdays from 25th January
until May**

3.45 -5 pm Year 6 SAT ATTACK Club

Other Events and Activities

Wednesday 14 March

Year 6 Crucial Crew at Eshton Grange (**8.45 am** at **Colvend** Car Park)

Friday 16 March

Year 5 Rewind to Easter (school hours)

Friday 16 March

No Praise Assembly – **Fairtrade Café from 2.30pm**

Tuesday 20 March

Year 5/6 Netball Finals at UWS

Thursday 29 March

Break up for Easter.

Parent Pay -- School Meals

The school meal payment for this half term Monday 9 February to Friday 30 March 2018 is £66.00 (30 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.

News from Class 1

In Literacy we have started our book '*Lost and Found*' by Oliver Jeffers. Our focus has been predicting what might happen in the story. We have also created a poster describing one of the characters in the story.

In Maths Reception have been counting carefully. They have also been learning about addition, by making a bus of chairs. The children then rolled a dice and put that number of teddies on the bus, then rolled another dice and added the next number of teddies. The children carefully counted the combined number of bears, then wrote an addition sentence. Year 1 have been continuing to learn about number bonds, firstly to 10 and then to 20.

In Science we have learning about what animals eat and how animals can be grouped into carnivore, herbivore or omnivore.

The children had a very enjoyable visit to the village library at The Hub. They were very excited when they returned, eager to talk what they had seen. The Year 1 children were extremely interested in the Dewey system and enjoyed finding books using the numbers. Thank you so much Mrs Headley for organising a very enjoyable visit for the children.

During our phonic sessions we encourage the children to pronounce the sounds accurately. To help you and your child hear how to say each sound there are several excellent websites that will support pronunciation. '*Geraldine the Giraffe*' by Mr Thorne can be found on YouTube, this is always popular with the children. This link is also helpful <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwJx1NSineE>

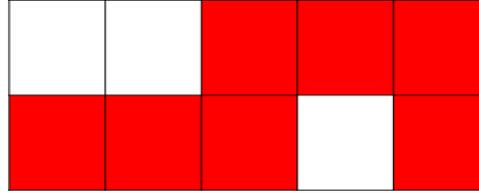
Wishing you a lovely Mothering Sunday weekend from Mrs Tulley, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Buckley.

News from Class 3

In English we have written our final drafts of our reading recommendations. Class 3 are taking part in a National Reading Challenge to vote on their favourite new author. They have six books to read and will vote for their favourite at the end of April. We have also started writing a mystery story using different types of methods to engage our audience.

In Maths we have been working on ratio and proportion as an aspect of fractions. We have moved on to finding percentages of amounts. It is important that the children recognise equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages – including how they can be shown in pictures of shapes and diagrams.

1. Calculate how many squares altogether ($2 \times 5 = 10$)
2. Count how many are shaded (7)
3. Represent this as a fraction ($7/10$)
4. Convert into percentage (70%)



In Topic work we have been finding out about Vincent Van Gogh and have started some artwork inspired by his sunflowers. We are busily getting our artwork ready for the Federation Art Exhibition at Burnsall in the last week of term. We have done some 'secret' work for Mother's Day too!

As we move nearer to Easter, we have been thinking about the significance of the cross in the Easter Story. Rev. Peter Thomas has provided us with activities and resources to help us deliver this part of the RE curriculum. Next week we will look at the Easter story in more detail. In Music Class 3 have composed their own Easter song to sing at the Easter Service.

HOMEWORK

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

We have also set a challenge for Classes 2 and 3 to design a gift made from recycled materials. The instructions are on the sheet that the children brought home on Tuesday. The plans need to be in by 16th March.

Year 6 - SAT attack homework. If you bring your folder to school you will be given time to complete it. This will also give you a chance to speak to me if there is anything you need help with.

Have a lovely weekend together,

Mrs Harrison

News from Class 2

This week Class 2 have started their learning about Africa and, in particular, how some people live there and they are exploring the differences compared with living in the United Kingdom. They have started looking at the features of diary writing in order to write a piece from their own perspective and one from a child in Africa.

In Maths, the Year 2 children have looked at how division must be done in a certain order, which is different to their discoveries about multiplications. They then looked at the links between the division sentences and multiplications. The Year 3s and 4s have been getting to grips with their use of the bus stop method as a formal written method for short division.

In Science, we have started looking at the way lunchboxes are made in order to plan our own experiments focusing on insulation.

Have a wonderful weekend together,

Mrs Steeples

Sports Update

The Craven Gala was held at Craven Pool on Tuesday 6th March and Wharfedale were in first after the individual events, but slipped to third place after the relays behind South Craven and Skipton. Mrs Willets reckoned that if we had been scored on the cheering Wharfedale would have won! Well done to all who took part.

Don't forget to register on the NY website by Monday 12th March if you qualified to take part in the North Yorkshire Cross Country Finals on the 22nd March.

Friends of Burnshall School 80's Fundraising Disco.

The Friends of Burnshall are having an 80s Fundraising Disco at The Craven Arms Cruck Barn on Friday 16th March from 7.30pm-11pm. Entrance only is £8.00 or £10.00 with return coach transport to and from venue via Hebden, Burnshall, Threshfield and Grassington.

There will also be a raffle with excellent prizes and a discounted Friends of Burnshall Bar in the Barn as well as an 80s tuck-shop and free 80s nibbles. There will be a great set from DJ Wilco. All proceeds from the tickets, the Friends bar, the tuck shop and the raffle go to Burnshall Primary School. There are only a handful of tickets left. Please email Alison at bidean@gmail.com to reserve or buy your tickets.

Monday 26 March : School Easter Service at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Linton

Our Easter Service is being prepared by all the children and is our opportunity to come together and celebrate Easter at Grassington School. 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. The Federation Choir Club will take place as usual after school.

Please return the slip at the end of this letter to confirm the arrangements for your child/children by Friday 16 March at the latest. This is particularly important if you child normally travels home on the school bus.

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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