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C&R News

A Note from Mrs. Boxall and Mr. Norris

We hope you all had a very good summer and that your children were eager to return to school. We welcome to the Federation and our individual schools, all those children who have started in Reception this term and all those children and families who have joined us for this academic year. Information about the curriculum and themes that the children will be studying will be shared with you.

There is always a tremendous amount of information we need to share with you at the beginning of an academic year, as well as a wealth of forms which have to be completed. We appreciate your time and support with this. Please do not hesitate to contact staff if there are any questions or information you still require.

Staff are working really hard to create stimulating classroom environments in which the children will learn and feel happy and safe. Thank you to Mrs Briggs at Kettlewell, who has spent a lot of time and energy securing a grant, to develop a super library area in the school - it is wonderful!

Some parents may be aware that both members of staff at Woosh club have resigned to go onto pastures new. We would like to thank Carly and Jenny for all of their hard work and dedication in running the club. We have been working really hard to replace these members of staff. Holly Wilson, who is TA at Kettlewell has agreed to lead the club, which will only be able to run **Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays**, for the foreseeable future. However, this can only happen, if we can secure a second member of staff (see note below). Thank you to those parents who have registered their children for the club for next week. We will need to inform you initially, on a weekly basis, as to the arrangements for the club. We apologise for the inconvenience that this will cause, but we are trying!

Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation Information for parents 2018-2019

We hope that the information in this newsletter parents will find useful and informative in preparing their children for the start of the school year. Any queries please contact the admin staff at school. This information can also be found on the Federation website.

Term Dates 2018-19

Autumn Term 2018

Staff Training Day	Monday 3rd September 2018
School Opens	Tuesday 4 th September 2018
School closes for half term	Friday 26 th October 2018
Half Term	Monday 29th to Friday 2 nd November (inclusive)
Staff Training Day	Monday 5 th November 2018
School Opens	Tuesday 6 th November 2018
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 21 st December 2018

Spring Term 2019

Staff Training Day	Monday 7th January 2019
School Opens	Tuesday 8 th January 2019
School closes for half term	Friday 22 nd February 2019
Half Term	Monday 25 th to Friday 1 st March (inclusive)
School Opens	Monday 4 th March 2019
School Closes for Easter	Friday 12 th April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Staff Training Day	Monday 29 th April 2019
School Opens	Tuesday 30 th April 2019
May Day Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2019
School closes for half term	Friday 24 th May 2019
Half Term	Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May (inclusive)
School opens	Monday 3 rd June 2019
School closes for Summer	Friday 19 th July 2019
Staff Training Day	Monday 22 nd July 2019

Absence During Term Time

The government advises schools that there is no entitlement to parents to take their child on holidays during school time. Headteachers would not be expected to class any term time holiday as exceptional. Therefore Headteachers will only be able to grant leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and this will still be at the discretion of the Headteacher.

We ask all parents to be mindful that taking a pupil on leave during term time interrupts teaching and learning and will disrupt your child's educational progress.

An application form should be submitted for pupil leave of absence. There is more detail on the school website and the application form can be sent electronically via the website. Alternatively a paper copy of the application form is available from the school office.

Reporting an absence:

Please contact the school office before 9am if you wish to report your child absent. For safeguarding purposes, this should be in person or by phone call.

Pick up and drop off

The school gate opens at 8.45am, if you arrive before then, your children must remain with you until a member of staff is on the playground. We blow the whistle for the children to enter the school building at 8.55am. This allows us time to get ready for the day and settle down ready to start learning as soon as possible. The school day officially begins at 9.00am, anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late.

The school day finishes at 3.30pm. Children then collect their coats and bags and will go with a member of staff to the school gate. They will only be allowed to leave the playground once a parent/designated person is there to collect them.

Please let the school office know if your child is going home with a different person to usual.

Please also let the school office know if you are running late. Thank you.

Dentist/Doctor Appointments

Where ever possible we ask that you make dentist/doctor appointments outside of school hours. Children leaving school for appointments during the school day should be signed in/out at the school office.

School Uniform

All children are expected to wear to wear our school uniform. This consists of:

- Navy sweatshirt/cardigan and pale blue shirt or polo shirt. These may be with or without the school logo
- Black, navy or grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
- Blue checked/gingham dress in the summer months
- Black shoes (Not Trainers)

And for PE....

- Red polo shirt or t-shirt
- Black shorts/ jogging bottoms or leggings
- Trainers/Pumps, with non-marking soles

Children should also have a suitable coat in school **EVERYDAY**, along with a hat in the summer term.

Please label all clothing clearly.

School Meals

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 pupils

All children in these year groups are eligible to receive a free school meal, cooked freshly at school every day.

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 pupils

A reminder there is an increase in the cost of a school meal to £2.50 per meal (£12.50 per week). School meals are payable in advance via our secure online Parent Pay account.

If you wish to pay for the full half term, Tuesday 4 September to Friday 26 October, the cost is £97.50 and your payment should be made as soon as possible. If you prefer to pay weekly please make sure your payment is made at the start of each week so that your account does not go into arrears. When paying online your account will show any balances outstanding /credits on your account.

Please keep a regular check of your Parent Pay account and ensure your payments are up to date.

If you think that you might be entitled to free school meals, even for a short period of time, please see the section below regarding Pupil Premium.

If you need reminder of your ParentPay login details, please contact the school office.

Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is designed to help children from low income families reach their full potential and to achieve higher academic grades at school. All children who are entitled to a 'statutory' free school meal can benefit from Pupil Premium.

If you are the parent of a child in Foundation/KS1 your child will currently receive a 'Universal Free School Meal' This means that all children of this age group are entitled to a free school meal regardless of their family's financial situation.

School receives extra funding in the form of 'Pupil Premium' for every child who is entitled to a Statutory Free School Meal. The child in turn benefits from this money during their time at school. We would ask that any parent, including those with children in Foundation/KS1 who feels they may be entitled to a Statutory Free School Meal to apply via the North Yorkshire County Council website. Full details and an application form can be found on:

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/25811/Free-school-meals>

This may not be relevant to you, but if at any point your circumstances change and you feel you may qualify, please visit to above website for further information.

PE and swimming at Upper Wharfedale School

Children in KS2 travel to Upper Wharfedale School weekly to take advantage of their specialist sports facilities, including the swimming pool. Please remember to send your KS2 child with swimming and PE clothes every Tuesday. In order to help cover the transport cost for this we ask that KS2 parents make a contribution of £2.30 per child per week.

These payments can be made in advance via our secure online Parent Pay account. If you wish to pay for the full half term the cost is £16.10 and your payment should be made as soon as possible. If you prefer to pay weekly please make sure your payment is made no later than Thursday each week. When paying online your account will show any balances outstanding/in credit on your account.

Please keep a regular check of your Parent Pay account and ensure your payments are up to date. If you have any difficulties please contact, the school office.

School Staff

Our school team this year is as follow:

Mrs C Boxall and Mr C Norris - Executive Co-Headteachers
Mrs O Gibbons - Base Leader, Class 2 Teacher, SENCo
Miss A Smith - Class 1 Teacher
Mrs S Webster - Higher Level Teaching Assistant
Mrs K Webster- Teaching Assistant
Mr P Baines - PE Teacher
Mrs W Turvey - Music Teacher
Mrs A Allen - Swimming Teacher (UWS)
Mrs J Willets - PE Teacher (UWS)
Mrs H Washington - School Administrator
Mrs P Philip- Admin Assistant
Mrs K Nicholson - School Cook
Mrs E Cowking - School Cleaner
Mr S Mawdsley - School Caretaker

Our Federation Senior Leadership team is made up of the Executive Headteacher and the Base leader at each school who are :

Grassington - Mrs E Harrison
Burnsall - Mrs W Thompson
Kettlewell - Mrs T Briggs

School Governors

Mrs A Vetch ,Chair of Governors - Local Authority Governor
Mr P Vernon, Vice - Chair of Governors - Parent Governor
Mrs N Child - Parent Governor
Reverend D Macha - Foundation Governor Ex-Officio
Mrs J Crawford - Foundation Governor
Mr R Stockdale - Foundation Governor
Mr K Horn - Foundation Governor
Mrs S Tywang - Co-opted Governor
Mrs N White - Co-opted Governor
Mr G Burcher - Co-opted Governor
Mr J West - Associate Member

Medication in School

If a child needs to take prescribed medication for an illness at school, we request that parents complete a medicine form (available in the school office) which details requirements.

Medicines should be provided to school only in the **original container, clearly displaying the dispensing chemist's label, showing medicine details and dosage as prescribed by the GP.**

Un-prescribed medicines (including Piriton, Calpol, paracetamol, cough/throat sweets or travel sickness tablets) **CANNOT** be stored in school. If parents wish to give these, they may arrange to come into school to administer themselves (having filled in a medicine form as detailed above), or must ask their doctor to prescribe the medicine for the child.

This is the same case for any homeopathic remedies; a registered homeopath must prescribe the remedy and this can only be stored in school/administered by staff if brought in the original container, clearly labelled as described above for any prescribed medicine.

Prescribed medication for children with long-term conditions (such as asthma or diabetes) needs to be available in school and also requires completion of a medicine form by parents. Parents must also check that the medicines kept in school are clearly labelled and up-to-date and must replace them as necessary.

Achievement Certificates go to...

This week we would like to recognise all the children for a fantastic start to the year with excellent behaviour and a positive attitude to learning and each other. They have all demonstrated the Christian Values of Compassion, Courage and Friendship.

Invitation

Over the summer holidays, parents and staff have been busy improving our school environment both inside and out. As a big thank you we would like to invite you to join us in school for coffee and cake next Friday afternoon at 3pm. This will give us the opportunity to thank everybody who has worked so hard in school over the summer and also to introduce you to our new Class 1 teacher, Miss Smith.

Music

Class music lessons with Mrs Turvey will continue in school on Wednesday/Friday mornings. We are already preparing for our Harvest Festival!

Mrs Turvey also offer an opportunity for Cracoe School children to have private piano, violin or keyboard lessons. She will send out further information next week.

Accordion lessons with Mr Harry Hinchcliffe start again on Wednesday 12th September. We all enjoyed his assembly yesterday. If there are any children who would like an accordion taster lesson, please let the school office



Enjoying reading with our new buddies.

