

Autumn
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A Note from Mrs. Boxall and Mr. Norris

Children in Need

It was very good to see and hear about the different Children in Need events that have been taking place in the schools today. Well done to the children (and thanks to parents who have helped) with the fantastic costumes, fancy dress and make-up. You all looked great! And, of course, it is very important that our children are taking part in this national event which supports so many children and families who are experiencing an enormous range of challenging circumstances.

Thank-you, everyone, and well done!



Other school events

Next week, we are continuing with our provision of joint activities that enable the children in the different schools to take part in shared learning experiences. All the Year 6s are joining together for a Maths and English day at Burnsall on Monday, and later in the term there will be similar events for other year groups.

We are now also in the season of School Open Days – Kettlewell's was on Monday this week, and next week Cracoe (on Thursday morning) and Burnsall (Friday afternoon) open their doors, with Grassington holding their Open Afternoon the following week on Wednesday 28th. We would like to invite and encourage you to visit one of the other schools in the Federation (i.e. one that your child does not go to) so you can see the learning that takes place there. No appointment is needed – just turn up!

School Administrators

As you are aware, Mrs Briggs and Mrs. Hardaker will be leaving their respective roles as School Manager at Kettlewell and School Administrator at Grassington at the end of this term. The position regarding these posts in January (as it stands at present) is as follows:-

- At Grassington, Mr. Chris Davey, who currently works there as School Administrator on Fridays, is going to work in the school office for 25 hours per week, each day from 8:00/8:30am to 1:00/1:30pm. This is a temporary arrangement until Easter, so during next term, we will be looking to establish a more permanent position for the summer term onwards.
- At Kettlewell, we have just "gone public" with an advert to recruit a School Administrator, also for 25 hours per week, from 8:00am to 1:00pm each day. We are aiming for this appointment process to be completed by early December.
- The class teachers at Kettlewell, Mrs. Helen Newey and Mr. Andy Scott, are going to share the Kettlewell Base Leader role.
- There will not be any change in school administrators at Burnsall and Cracoe.
- From January, Mrs. Val Berry is going to be the Schools' Business Manager for the whole Federation. Mrs. Berry currently works in some schools in the Federation as School Bursar, so she knows our context very well. She will spend 2 days per week in the Federation handling all the finance work and also other work such as procurement, contract renewal, oversight of policies.
- We have started the process of up-grading the telephone systems within and between each school so that contact between sites is much easier.

We will keep you informed of significant developments as they develop, and decisions as they are made. Please do, though, ask us if there is anything that you are unsure about.

Achievement Certificates go to....

Class 1: Maleeha for having such a kind, caring nature and being so responsible. For working hard and not giving up in maths even when she finds it a bit tricky showing the Christian Values of Generosity and Responsibility.

Class 2: Harris for trying so hard to make sure his writing is interesting and exciting demonstrating the Christian Value of Creativity.

And Ophelia for having self confidence and belief that she can tackle the tricky things in Maths demonstrating the Christian Value of Courage.

A Note from Class 1

Class 1 have been running to catch the Ginger Bread Man (Talia) this week. The children learned and acted out the story as well as mapped it out. They then created their own exciting characters to join the 'chase'.

The children will write their own alternative ending next week and will have the chance to bake their own ginger bread men following on from their work on instruction writing this term.

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our outdoor area resources to enhance the outdoor provision. When they arrive we would be very grateful for any help in assembling the bigger items.

The Reception children have begun mastering numbers to 10 this week. This will include comparing, ordering and forming numbers. They have already begun their 'Phase 3' sounds and have been working on their listening skills with 'Ginger Bear' this week.

A Note from Class 2

In English, we have been using the book 'A soldier's friend' to inspire our 1st person accounts of what it might have been like to head off to war. The children have used different types of sentences to create interest and impact for their readers. They have really worked hard on choosing words and phrases that will stir up emotion in the reader.

In Maths, Year 3 have started to learn the more formal method of column addition, using and applying their knowledge of place value. Year 4 have been challenging themselves and moving to using 4 digit numbers in column addition with the added bonus of problem solving! Year 5 have been working hard on column addition and subtraction with lots of exchanging. Year 6 have reviewed addition and subtraction and are now focusing on the formal method of column multiplication.

We have had a lovely end to our week by painting our diva lamps in beautiful vibrant colours - we even got the glitter out and it's not even Christmas yet!

A Note from Friends

Copper Challenge

Thanks to everyone who has already donated. Still lots of time to clear out those pesky 1ps and 2ps and send them into school for the school house copper challenge. House with the most money will get a treat.

IQ Cards

You should have all received the IQ card forms and information in the letter wallets last Friday. If you would like to order any wrapping paper, gift cards, Christmas cards or labels - please could you send in your child's design and payment by Monday 19th November.

Open Day

The School will be hosting an open morning on Thursday 22nd November. They would like Friends to support them with refreshments. Please let Helena or Tamsin know if you are able to help in any way.

Christmas Fair

We are starting to get organised for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 8th December. We need volunteers to bake cakes, mince pies, etc. for sale, to help on stalls and in the kitchen, to donate raffle prizes and chocolates for the tombola and to help spread the word far and wide so that we have lots of shoppers! Please sign up in the school office or let a member of the committee know if you are able to help.

Christmas Cards

Don't forget to hand in your Christmas Card Designs first thing on Monday morning to meet the Parish magazine Deadline. Thank you.



Diary Dates (new and altered Dates in Red)

Monday 19th November	Y6 Day at Burnsall School
Monday 19th November	Flu Vaccines for registered children
Tuesday 20th November	Class 2 Museum visit and guided WW1 walk in Skipton
Thursday 22nd November	School Open Morning
Monday 26th November	4.00-5.00pm Y5/6 'Turn up and Play' Basketball at UWS
Tuesday 27th November	3.30pm Bookfair in School
Thursday 29th November	3.30pm Bookfair in School
Thursday 29th November	Class 1 'Writing Day' at Burnsall School
Monday 3rd December	8.45am and 3.30pm Bookfair in School
Monday 3rd December	4.00-5.00pm Y3/4 'Turn up and Play' Basketball at UWS
Tuesday 4th December	Whole School trip to the Pantomime in Harrogate
Wednesday 5th December	Whole School to Grassington School for 'Big Sing' Rehearsals
Friday 7th December	Christingle making with Rev. David
Saturday 8th December	Christmas Fair
Monday 10th December	'Big Sing' afternoon and evening performances at Grassington Town Hall
Friday 14th December	Y5 Rewind to Christmas at Netherside Hall
Monday 17th December	Christmas Service at St. Peter's Church, Rylstone. Everybody Welcome
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20th December	2pm Nativity, mulled wine and mince pies in Cracoe Village Hall
Friday 21st December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 21st December	School closes for Christmas Holidays