



TRACTOR TIMES

**Autumn Term
Friday 19th October
2018**

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank-you to all the parents who have returned the reply slips for Tuesday's English & Maths Parents' Information Evening. If you haven't been able to return yours yet, please do so on Monday so that we have time to make adequate arrangements for the evening. All the details were in the letter you received earlier this week, so please check that for further information. Please remember that by coming to the meeting you will be supporting your children's learning and helping them to make the best possible progress. We look forward to seeing you at 6pm on Tuesday at Grassington.

On a similar note, in the week immediately after the half-term holiday, all four schools are holding their Parent-Teacher Consultation or Pupil Progress Evenings. Details of the arrangements for each individual school are/will be available from your child's school. Again, do please make an appointment so that you can find out how your child is progressing, and also, how you as parents can support their progress and learning.

Finally, a reminder that Monday 5th November is a Federation staff training day, so all the schools will be closed for children. Schools re-open the following day, and we are very happy to be able to say that is also the day that the Woosh Club starts up again.

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Regular Activities and Events

Every Friday 3.00pm Praise Assembly – All welcome
Every Monday 3.30-4.30 pm Federation Choir, KS2 Children only

October Diary Dates

Tuesday 23 October Reception to Year 5 flu immunisations
Tuesday 23 October 6.00pm -8.00pm Mathematics and English Information Evening for parents
Wednesday 24 October **Y3/4/5/6 Federation Visit to Eden Camp**
Friday 26 October **School closes for half term**

November Diary Dates

Monday 5 November	Training Day
Tuesday 6 November	School re-opens after half term
Wednesday 7 Nov & Thurs 8 Nov	Parent's Evening
Thursday 8 November	Y3/4/5/6 WW1 Day Event at Burnsall School
Friday 9 November	Cluster Remembrance Event
Thursday 15 November	8.30am School Council Reception Woodland Day at Kettlewell
Friday 16 November	Children in Need
Monday 19 November	Year 6 Day at Burnsall
Wednesday 21 November	PTA Meeting 8.00pm Devonshire, Grassington
Friday 23 November	6.30- 8.00pm PTA Disco at Grassington Devonshire Institute
Wednesday 28 November	1.30-3.00pm School Open Afternoon
Friday 30 November	Dickensian Character Day (in preparation for Grassington Dickensian Festival)

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

This year in addition to poppies being available in school we have again been supplied with a 'goodies box'.

We have a supply of erasers, reflectors, pencil sharpeners and pencils with a suggested donation of 50p and rulers with a suggested donation of £1. None of the items are suitable for children three and under. These items and poppies will be available from the school office from Monday.

Skipton Food Bank



On Wednesday we took Jack and Macy from our School Council to Skipton Food Bank to deliver your Harvest Festival donations. Philippa showed us around and explained how the food is sorted ready to be distributed to those in need. Thank you to everyone for your donations.

Parent/Teacher Meetings- Wednesday 7 November and Thursday 8 November

These meetings, held once per term, enable you to find out how your child is progressing with their learning and discuss any queries or concerns that you may have with your child's class teacher. From Monday, a list of available appointments will be available in the entrance hall. Please either add your name to the list, or alternatively contact Mrs Hardaker or Mr Davey in the school office to make an appointment.



Children in Need: Friday 16 November

School Council are planning our Children in Need event and are aiming to raise lots of money for this worthwhile cause whilst having oodles of fun too. We would like everyone to dress in Pajamas or Onesies and bring in a small teddy. We are asking for a £1 donation per child.

We are also planning a cake sale so would appreciate cakes/biscuits/buns as donations to our stall. The cakes will be sold for 20p-50p each so please send your child with money to buy cakes too. This event will take place on **Friday 16th November**.

Thank you,

Macy (School Council)

This Week's Award Winners

This week's award winners are:

Class 3

Certificates

Jack: Being a good ambassador for Grassington School

Macy: Working really hard on her poem and being a good ambassador for Grassington School

Jake: Mathematician of the week for explaining at a deep level why he checked his answers in the way he did.

Class 1

Certificates

Joshua: Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's with confidence and enthusiasm.

Georgia: Fantastic sounding out and blending in our English lesson.

Class 2

Certificates

Joshua: Excellent instruction writing

Amelia: Great effort with subtraction

Class 2 News

This week we've been working hard on our subtraction with exchanges. We've used our place value mats and counters and are now moving onto the traditional column method. Everyone has tried so hard with this and I'm really pleased with everyone's progress.

In English we've been writing instructions, using command verbs, time connectives, subheadings and bullet points. We wrote them about making our trenches, which are coming along nicely. They're dry now and in DT we're making sandbags, ladders, rats, duckboards and poppies to add to them. Hopefully you'll be able to see them on display when you come to parents evening after half term.

On Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays we have started our "reading for pleasure" sessions. We read for 10 – 15 minutes after lunch and we try to read books that are slightly longer. These books are kept in our trays and aren't the same ones as those that come home with the reading record.

Thank you all for handing in such lovely homework each Monday. I can see how much effort and support is going into the tasks!

Next week we are hoping to do an experiment in science which involves different types of string! If you have any spare, please could we have it? Lengths of 3 metres and above and different thicknesses would be ideal!

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the Autumn weather.

Class 3 News

This week in Maths we have been solving addition and subtraction problems using the inverse operation. We found that using the bar method helped us organise the missing number and working out what to do with the question. It showed us we need to use what we know.

2a. Complete the bar model.

5,204		
2,310	?	1,255

In Literacy we have completed our Horse Poems. These are poems written from the point of view of a War Horse. We have also started designing propaganda posters using real examples for inspiration. We noticed that many of the posters include modal verbs such as; ought to, should, could, will, shall, must and would.

In Science we have designed, engineered and built rockets which we will be launching. We have been investigating whether the amount of fuel affects the length of flight. Unfortunately our test flight ended in disaster – the rocket got stuck in a tree! Next time we shall attempt to calculate where the rocket will land.

HOMEWORK - I have set Y5 and 6 Spelling homework, Maths p.12 (Y6) Written adding and Subtracting (Y5). I have also set some Topic homework to be handed in on the first Tuesday back after half-term.

Class 1 News

In literacy we have been learning how to perform poems, using actions, loud clear voices and props. The children worked in groups to perform their poem to the others. We also talked about strategies to use when reading tricky words in the poems we were performing.

In maths Year 1 have been finding where numbers belong on a blank number line and today have begun to tell addition stories, year 2 have been counting in 2's, 5's 10's and 3's, looking at the pattern created by the numbers, both forwards and backwards. Reception have been sorting objects that had got in a muddle. They extended their learning by creating a zoo, with all the animals and insects in groups for the visitors to look at. Fantastic learning all week from all the children, well done.

We have started to send Book Baby home this week and I know the children are excited about the opportunity to share Book Baby at home.

Have a lovely weekend.