



TRACTOR TIMES

Autumn Term
Friday 26th October
2018

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Dear Parents/Carers

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of October; this half term has whizzed by! Children from all the Federation schools have worked extremely hard this term, enjoying their learning, we are all really proud of all of them.

Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend the workshops about supporting their children with the Maths and English curriculums. Julie Pattison, Maths adviser and Heather Russell English adviser, led workshops on the latest curriculums for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils. Besides highlighting the expectations in SAT tests, there was an emphasis on the positive ways that parents can support their children at home, not just by helping with homework but also reading together and incorporating fun games into everyday life. For those parents who were unable to attend, information and power points are available from the admin staff at each school; please ask if you are interested.

KS2 children from the Federation visited Eden camp this week as part of their work on the First World War. In the words of Joe, from Cracoe s& Rylstone Primary School, *"It was a really nice day and we learnt so much. I didn't realise that in the aeroplanes there were gas masks as well as oxygen masks. The Germans even had human torpedoes, I wouldn't fancy that job!"*

Children from the Federation, Threshfield and Boyle and Petyt Schools will be helping the Rev'd David Macha to lead a Remembrance Service at St Michaels and All Angels Church on Friday 9th November. Art work done by the children in workshops, held earlier this term, will be displayed in church and some children will share some of their written work as part of the service. Unfortunately, due to numbers, parents will not be able to attend the service.

Thank you to all your donations to this year's Royal British Legion poppy appeal – a worthy cause.

We wish you and your children a very safe and restful half term- especially if your children are attending Halloween and Firework celebrations.

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Executive Co-Headteachers

Regular Activities and Events

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

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)

December Diary Dates – early notification

Saturday 1 December	Grassington Dickensian (PTA Fundraiser)
Saturday 8 December	Grassington Dickensian (PTA Fundraiser)

Visits to Schools by the new Executive Headteacher

Mrs Ella Besharati, our new Executive Headteacher, will begin visits to our four schools after the half term, so feel free to introduce yourself if you have the opportunity! Her specialist expertise includes helping children look at their own learning in new and exciting ways, called 'metacognition'. Mrs Besharati is also already contributing to our strategic planning and we are looking forward to a smooth transition into the New Year, with a strong leadership team in place.



Hamper Donations

Many thanks from the PTA for all the donations received into school today towards the different coloured hampers – they are much appreciated!

Children's Disco

The PTA are holding a children's disco on Friday 23rd November at Grassington Town Hall from 18.30pm – 20.00pm. DJ Aggie will be providing the entertainment and we hope the evening will be a

fun social event for children and parents. Further information will be provided after the Half Term holiday. In the meantime if parents could share the event on our Facebook page or let others know we would be very grateful. <https://www.facebook.com/Grassington-School-PTA>

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 still be available in school after half term

REMINDER: 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. There is a list of available appointments 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 Pyjamas 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)

Y5/6 Friendly Football League

Chris Gregson from the Fountaine Inn has invited us to join a small football league along with Thornton in Craven, Threshfield and Cracoe Primary Schools. Starting in January, '5-a-side' matches would be played after school on a Friday on the football field, with one away venue at Thornton in Craven. There may be Division A and a Division B depending on the number of children who wish to join in.

Before we can confirm joining in we need to find a 'team manager' who could organise our team/s and referee some matches. If you feel you are able to help, please come and talk to Mrs Harrison or Mrs Hardaker after half term. Thank you.

Back to School for Parents



This Week's Award Winners

This week's award winners are:

Class 3

Jack - Mathematician of the Week
Jake - For his attitude to learning in Science.

Class 2

Niamh – For improving her sentences in her Eden Camp Report
Nuala – For working really hard with Miss Crosby on her Numeracy

Class 1

Emily - Mathematician of the Week for noticing patterns in number bonds to 20
Tullulah - For her hard work in Maths this week and not giving up
Eddie - For making his own story books.

Class 2 News

What a busy week it's been for Class 2!

On Monday and Tuesday we continued with our subtraction with exchanges work; using formal column methods and working with a partner to do Big Sheet Maths (reasoning and problem solving). Class 2 had the opportunity to lead collective worship on Tuesday and everyone wrote really moving prayers of Remembrance. We thought carefully about how young men and women, some the same age as our brothers, sisters and cousins, gave their lives so that we could live safely today.

The highlight of the whole week was our trip to the Eden Camp on Wednesday. Here we had the opportunity to really experience what conflict must have felt like, especially in the First World War

trenches. We learnt a great deal about submarines (and had a chance to look through the periscope), tanks, aircraft, munitions, medals, uniforms and much more besides. The incredible installations with their sound, smoke, light and smell effects made us realise what warfare is really about. We finished our tour with a quiet time in the Chapel of Remembrance, which served to remind us that these events actually did happen to real people.

On Thursday we were very kindly invited to watch Class 3 test their rockets! Class 3 were testing to find the amount of water and air needed to launch a rocket as high as possible. Some of them went really, really high and we all enjoyed watching them shoot up. They were all beautifully decorated and had great names, too.

On Friday we caught up with ourselves and wrote our Eden Camp Recounts and finished our guided reading. We also had a chance to make the soldiers, the barbed wire, duck boards and poppies for our own network of trenches, which are nearly finished now.

After all that, I think we're all ready for half term! There is no homework, so keep reading - books, newspapers, blogs, road signs, menus - anything! Have a lovely, restful break with your families and keep yourselves safe.

Class 3 News

This week in Maths we have been solving addition and subtraction using decimals up to 2 places. We thought about why we might need to use decimals in real-life situations. We have also talked about metacognition (thinking about thinking) and how we tackle problems efficiently. We found out that we complete learning tasks in different ways. A helpful website for you is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_sfNC5WPUU

In Literacy we have completed our propaganda posters using modal verbs. They are very striking and will be up on display when we come back after half term.

We had an extremely exciting day at Eden Camp on Wednesday. The children had a great time and learned a lot about life during WW2. "Great experience", "authentic", "very realistic" and "warsome" are some of the quotes from the children in Class 3.

In Science, we have tested our rockets, setting them off from the football pitch. We found our predictions were almost correct. We discovered the rocket needed to be a third full of water and two thirds full of air for it to fly for the longest time.

HOMEWORK - I have set some Topic homework to be handed in on the first Tuesday back after half-term. Don't forget to do your 'SPAR'kliest sparkler design for the competition to be handed in on Tuesday 6th.

Class 1 News

This week we have focused on poetry and performing poems in English. The children have worked in groups to create a list poem about finding objects in a characters pocket. For example in a pirate's pocket you could find a wooden leg, an old treasure map and a rusty telescope, etc.

In Maths we have been learning about addition using the *part-whole* model in Year 1 and *bar* model in Year 2.

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Reception have been learning about '4', saying animals that have 4, or not 4, legs.

We have sent home high frequency words in Reception, which are in their sound packets.

Have a wonderful half-term, have lots of fun and keep safe.

Mrs Tulley, Mrs Buckley, Mrs Naisbitt and Mrs Middleton

JOB VACANCY: BREAKFAST CLUB WORKER x 2 POSITIONS AT GRASSINGTON CE (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

Grade/Band: Salary – Band 4 SCP 9 -13 (fixed term until 31 March 2019)
(£1,120.31 to £1,162.83 per annum, pro rata) term time only

Vacancy Hours: 3 hours per week 7.30/7.45am to 8.30/8.45am Wednesday/Thursday/Friday

Closing date: Monday 12 November at 12 noon

We are looking for two cheerful and enthusiastic team players to become a valuable part of our small friendly school.

The successful candidates :-

- Will be passionate about caring for children and young people
- Have the ability to display positive social skills and encourage good behaviour in pupils
- Have the ability to establish constructive working relationships with pupils, parents/carers and colleagues
- Will be patient, caring and capable of using your own initiative and dealing with children in a sensitive manner
- Have enthusiasm and energy to enhance the provision for our children
- You will be a good communicator and be willing to have a flexible approach.
- Be prepared to undertake necessary training for the role (Food Hygiene, First Aid etc)
- Organise food provision for each day.

The Upper Wharfedale Federation is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate will be required for all posts. This post will be subject to enhanced checks as part of our Prevent Duty. We are committed to meeting the needs of our diverse community and aim to have a workforce reflecting this diversity

Please email or telephone Mrs F Hardaker, School Administrator, for an application pack.

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NB: The School Office is closed from Friday 26 October to Monday 5 November 2018.