



TRACTOR TIMES

Autumn Term
Friday 5th October
2018

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Dear Parents/Carers

At last we are pleased to inform you that Woosh club will restart on the 22nd October. The Management Committee met this week and confirmed the appointments of Hollie Wilson (currently a Teaching Assistant at Kettlewell) as leader of the club and Radka Hubenova (a parent of children attending Burnsall) as her assistant.

Attached to this newsletter is further information about the club, details for enrolment, fees and possible activities planned for the children. We appreciate the patience shown by all parents, whilst we have been going through the restructuring of the club. It is a much valued asset to our Federation and cluster of schools. We hope that all families who supported the club in the past will do so in the future, but above all we welcome new families and their children.

We have an important date that we would like all parents in the Federation to put in their diaries - **Tuesday 23rd October**. On that day, from 6pm to 8pm, we are holding a Parents' Information Evening at Grassington Primary School about English and Maths. The event will focus on the requirements of the English and Maths curriculum leading up to the end of KS1 and KS2. During the evening we expect to cover a range of topics, including:

- Examples of Yr2 and Yr6 assessment materials;
- Explanations of the end of Key Stage assessment processes;
- Expectations of children in all year groups in English and Maths;
- How parents can support their children.

The evening will be led by two specialist Local Authority Advisers - Heather Russell (English) and Julie Pattison (Maths) - and we are sure that we will all benefit greatly from their experience and expertise. Please do make a note of the date and time now. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. It is a unique opportunity to share with you all the requirements of the Maths and English curriculums, delivered by Local Authority Advisers.

Thank you to everyone who has attended the Harvest Festivals held by all Federation Schools; they have been an opportunity to celebrate the Harvests at home and abroad. Your donations will all be given to the charities which schools have decided to support.

Attached to this newsletter is a request to all families, friends and members of the communities for resources, which would help to develop and enhance our outdoor learning areas for our Reception children. Please spread the word - everything gratefully received!

Mrs C Boxall & Mr C Norris
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October Diary Dates

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| Monday 8 October | Cluster Remembrance Event Workshop at Grassington School during the school day Y5/6 (change of venue) |
| Tuesday 9 October | 4.00-5.30pm Y5/6 Cluster Football Tournament at UWS |
| Wednesday 3 October | Dogs Trust Class Workshops during the school afternoon (date change) |
| Thursday 11 October | 8.30 School Council |
| Tuesday 23 October | Reception to Year 5 flu immunisations |
| Tuesday 23 October | 6.00pm -8.00pm Mathematics and English Information Evening for parents |
| Friday 26 October | School closes for half term |

November Diary Dates

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| Monday 5 November | Training Day |
| Tuesday 6 November | School re-opens after half term |
| Wednesday 7 November & | Parent's Evening |
| Thursday 8 November | |
| Friday 9 November | Cluster Remembrance Event |

Regular Activities and Events

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Admissions to Primary School in September 2019

The Area Education Office has produced a letter outlining the admission procedure for children who are due to start school in September 2019. If you need this information for your child please find the NYCC letter attached, or contact Mrs Hardaker, School Administrator on 01756 752365, or email admin@grassington.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Applications must be submitted no later than 15 January 2019

Please pass this message on to any parents who you know may need this information

This Week's Award Winners

This week's award winners are:

Class 1

Certificates

Jacob, Forrest and Eddie are joint Mathematicians of the Week
Tallulah and Georgia – for practising their learning at home

Class 2

Certificates

Theo – for a huge improvement in his handwriting

Mabel – for adding three-digit numbers using place value charts and counters

Class 3

Certificates

Jack – for learning from his mistakes in Maths

Charlie – for his improved handwriting

Resources for the Outdoor Early Years Areas

The list of items our schools need for the outdoor learning areas for our Reception children includes, in no particular order:

Large cardboard tubes, Tyres of different sizes, **Clean (unbroken) Pallets**, Milk crates or delivery trays, **Old sinks**, Saucepans/frying pans in a variety of sizes, **Wooden spoons/cooking utensils**, Old tools i.e. screwdrivers, **Guttering/pipes/tubing**, Cable drums, **Logs/slices of tree**, Old weighing scales, **Old baking tins or muffin trays**, Picture frames, **Mirrors**, Metal coffee/tea pots, **Steering wheels**, Old adult t-shirts, **Plastic storage with lids**, Netting, **Old canoe/dinghy**, Camouflage-style material and **Old hard hats**.

Please can you ensure that any items you wish to donate are in a suitable condition, in other words clean and undamaged? By the way, depending on the responses we get, we may have to say *'thank you, but at the moment we have enough of that item'* – we hope you will understand.