



# TRACTOR TIMES

**Autumn Term**  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November**  
**2018**

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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you all had a good half-term, enjoying the rest before the build up to Christmas!

Thank you to all those parents who have attended parent consultation meetings this week. We hope you found them useful and have a clearer understanding of your child's progress academically, socially and emotionally. We do have an open door policy so, if you have any further queries, class teachers are happy to speak with you through a pre-arranged appointment.

All of the children in KS2 attended a World War 1 workshop on Thursday at Burnsall School; it was great to see so many of them dressed up. Thank you for helping with this. The workshops included an art workshop, whereby they made silhouette soldiers; a rationing and baking workshop; an opportunity to re-enact the life of a soldier- including drills, etc. and a code breaking workshop, but the highlight for many was the 'swing dancing'.

Today saw the Federation schools join with Boyle & Petyt and Threshfield schools for a service of Remembrance. Children read poems, stories and led prayers, they had written themselves. The art work which the children did earlier in the term was displayed in Church; it was amazing. The Order of Service itself is a valuable 'keep-sake', which can be kept and treasured in years to come.

Woosh Club has started this term; it will run on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. It is not too late to sign up to this after-school provision. Please contact a member of the admin team for more details. In the lead up to Christmas, if parents would like their children to attend on a one-off basis, this too is possible, but it must be booked in advance.

Please keep an eye on the calendar dates for each of the schools; it is already jammed-packed with a whole host of events.

Mrs C Boxall & Mr C Norris  
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

Wednesday 14 November	Class 2 & 3 Coram Life Education Workshops in school
Thursday 15 November	8.30am School Council Reception Woodland Day at Kettlewell School
Friday 16 November	Children in Need
Monday 19 November	Year 6 Maths & English Day at Burnsall School
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

Saturday 1 December	Grassington Dickensian (PTA Fundraiser) .rota sheet on main school door.
Wednesday 5 December	Federation 'Christmas Big Sing' Rehearsal and Class 1 visit to Santa's Grotto at Devonshire Institute
Thursday 6 December	Whole School Visit to <i>Jack &amp; The Beanstalk</i>
Saturday 8 December	Grassington Dickensian (PTA Fundraiser). rota sheet on main school door.
Monday 10 December	Federation 'Christmas Big Sing' - 2.00pm & 5.45pm at Devonshire Institute
Wednesday 12 December	Class 3 visiting Grassington Lunch Club to sing at Devonshire Institute
Friday 14 December	Y5 Rewind to Christmas at Netherside Hall
Wednesday 19 December	2.00pm Whole School Christmas Service at St Michael & All Angels Church, Linton
Thursday 20 December	'Wear your Christmas Jumper Day' in aid of Save the Children Christmas Dinner Christmas Parties
Friday 21 December	9.00am Praise Assembly 3.30pm School Closes for Christmas

### Wednesday 14 November 2018: Class 2 & 3 Coram Life Education

Coram Life Education are visiting to lead some workshops that form part of our PSHE curriculum work.

Class 2's workshop is based on 'Friendships'.

Class 3's workshop is based on 'Decisions'. Through the use of audio visual material and role play the children will discuss legal and illegal drugs (including alcohol) and their effects. They will explore aspects of peer dynamics and risk taking and how choices and behaviours can affect dreams and aspirations. There will be a session on puberty for Class 3 in the afternoon. If you would like any more information please ask Mrs Harrison on Monday or Tuesday.

### **Children's Disco-please update with details from the flyer in purple folder**

The PTA are holding a children's disco on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. The cost is £3 per pupil or £5 for two children from the same family. 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>



### **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 16<sup>th</sup> November**.

Thank you,

Macy (School Council)

### **Reminder : 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 by Friday 16 November. We will then let you know if we are able to join the league.

Thank you

### **Grassington Beacon to Commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the First World War**

This a Grassington Parish Council event which will take place on Sunday 11 November 2018. We understand the times to be:

6.55pm Blessing,	7.00pm Light Beacon,
7.30pm Rocket Launch,	8.00pm Procession into Grassington.

## **This Week's Award Winners**

This week's award winners are:

### **Class 3**

Philip - Mathematician of the Week  
Macy - For her superb presentation of her homework.

### **Class 2**

Niamh B – For lining up her HTU in column addition and subtraction  
Nuala – For always remembering to use her writing window.

### **Class 1**

All of Reception – Mathematician of the Week  
Isla and Angus – For sounding out and blending to read words.

## **Class 2 News**

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term break.

We've had a short, but very busy week in school. On Tuesday and Wednesday we started work on worded one and two step problems in maths; reading the problem carefully and deciding which operations and in which order to do them. In English we planned and started to write our bonfire night recounts, specifically looking at how we can sort our writing into paragraphs.

On Thursday we had an amazing time at the World War 1 Workshop at Burnsall Primary School, where we did decoding, art, dancing, singing and baking activities with all four of our federation schools. Thank you so much to everyone for dressing up so magnificently and really getting into the spirit of the event.

Friday saw a more poignant tribute to the Fallen, when we joined with all the other schools in our cluster to take part in a Remembrance Service at St Michael's Church in Linton. Class 2 shared some of their prayers of Remembrance as their contribution to a very moving service.

Please bring all homework books to school on Monday (even though there wasn't any homework), so that I can stick in the next task and spellings to be learnt.

Have a peaceful weekend with your families,  
Mrs Pettavel

## **Class 1 News**

Today we joined with our friends from Threshfield Primary to commemorate Remembrance Day and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War 1 at the Congregational Church, led by Rev'd Peter Thomas.

The children listened to extracts of letters from soldiers and their families from Grassington, Threshfield and the neighbouring villages.

We then went outside to the memorial area to place a poppy in remembrance.

Have a lovely weekend together.

Mrs Tulley, Mrs Buckley, Mrs Naisbitt and Mrs Middleton

### **Class 3 News**

This week in Maths we have been working with multiples and common multiples. Next week we will be moving on to factors of numbers.

In Literacy we have presenting our homework research and memorial designs to the rest of the class. We thought about the key aspects of a really good presentation.

We had an extremely exciting day at Burnsall School. We made yummy, scrummy World War One style cookies; learned to march, salute, sing songs and dance; codebreaking; and drew soldier silhouettes.

We have also started to learn about Diwali, a religious festival celebrated in different ways across the world by Hindus.

Today we took part in the Cluster Remembrance service at Linton Church. We listened to poems, prayers and letters written by different children from the schools. We also read the role of soldiers who died in both wars from our local villages. Our poppies were on display inside and outside the church. If you get chance, please go and see them – they will be on display until Monday.