

Autumn Term

Friday 14th
December 2018

Grassington CE (VC) Primary School



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Tractor Times

Dear Parents/Carers

We are bursting with pride following the Big Sing on Monday!

The Town Hall in Grassington was full for both the afternoon and evening performances. Thank you to parents, grandparents and friends who attended this event. The children were fantastic; it was very evident that they were having a lot of fun, as they confidently performed in front of such a big audience.

Well done to all of them!

Thank you to Mrs Turvey who has spent so much time during the last few weeks rehearsing the children. The Federation Choir also deserves a mention singing quite a complex carol with enthusiasm.

Next week is extremely busy - Christingle Services, Nativity plays, Christmas lunches and parties are all scheduled (please refer to the diary dates in the newsletter). It is a very exciting and important time of year for our children, but as we rejoice and celebrate this wonderful season, they must not forget the true meaning of Christmas.

As we approach the end of term, we are pleased that Mrs Besharati has had the opportunity to visit all four schools, to say hello to the children before she takes up her position in January. The Interim Headteachers, staff and governors have had several meetings with her too, to ensure a smooth transition in January. We know that one of her priorities at the start of term will be to meet as many parents as possible.

Have a restful weekend and we hope that your Christmas preparations go smoothly!

Mrs C Boxall & Mr C Norris
Executive Co-Headteachers

Dickensian (PTA Fundraiser)

A massive thank you to everyone who helped at the two Saturday Dickensian Festival events. Whether you donated mince pies, home-made baking, tombola prizes or your time (which was very much appreciated) – THANK YOU!

A special mention also to the members of school staff who helped set up and/or came in on their day off to also help.

*****Over both Saturdays we managed to raise an truly impressive £2,085.29 !!!*****

This money will help subsidise trips, activities, equipment etc. organised by school to benefit all of our children in the New Year.

UPPER WHARFEDALE PRIMARY
FEDERATION



Regular Activities and Events

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

December Diary Dates

Monday 17 December	Rehearsal for Christmas Service at St Michael & All Angels Church, Linton
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
Friday 21 December	9.00am Praise Assembly 3.30pm School Closes for Christmas

January 2019 Diary Dates

Monday 7 January	INSET DAY—School is closed to pupils
Tuesday 8 January	School reopens to pupils — First day of the Spring Term

Thursday 20 December:

'Wear your Christmas Jumper Day' in aid of Save the Children and the school Christmas Dinner

All the children are invited to come to school dressed in their Christmas Jumpers and Party Outfits. May we suggest a donation of £1 per family towards the work of Save the Children

We would be very grateful for donations of party food. There is a list of food items in the school entrance for parents to choose from and if each family could offer an item it would be very helpful. We also need some assistance on the day from 1.30pm to 3.30 to help set up the party food and clear away at the end. **Please let us know if you are available to help**

Parent Pay

Please check your Parent Pay account and make sure you payments for School Meals, Breakfast Club and School Visits are up to date before school closes next week.

If your child normally has a packed lunch but is having a School Christmas Lunch next Thursday please remember to make your payment via Parent Pay.

Christmas Big Sing

Message from Mrs Anne Vetch, Chair of Governors

I have just come back from the Federation 'Big Sing' at Grassington Town Hall. What a splendid evening it was! The singing was brilliant – I could hear every word - and the children had mastered some really tricky musical phrases. I was most impressed. They managed to raise the roof, and their enthusiasm, their working together and the way the older children looked after and helped the younger ones, were a joy to behold. Thank you to all the children, the staff, and especially Mrs Turvey, for making it all happen. It made me feel very proud to be part of the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone associated with the schools and the Federation for all their hard work and support over the past year and wish everyone a Merry, Peaceful and Safe Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Canvas Shopping Bags

Working together with the children at school, and Arncliffe based artist Kitty North, the PTA have produced some canvas shopping bags to sell. The children were asked to write down what they liked most about Grassington Primary School. The words around the illustration are a reflection of the main words children responded with. These are available for £4.00 each and would make a lovely sustainable Christmas gift. Please contact the PTA or enquire at school if you would like to make a purchase.



PTA Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will take place on Tuesday 22nd January from 3.00—4.00pm at school. In recent years we have always had a team of willing parents on board, but some of these parents now have/will have children at secondary school and as a consequence are slowly moving on with other commitments. We are a friendly bunch and welcome all parents to our meetings. If you can, please do get this date in your diary and come along and join us – you can have a direct impact on your child's/children's educational experience at school.

If you would like to speak to a member of the PTA for more information then please don't hesitate to contact us, either via the Facebook page or e-mail: grassingtonschoolpta@gmail.com.

This Week's Award Winners

This week's award winners are:

Class 3

- Year 6— For their work on volume and nets of cubes.
- Philip— For working really hard on improving his presentation.

Class 2

- Nicole — For being such a polite and kind friend.
- Tamsin — For trying really hard to partition her numbers.

Class 1

- Angus— Mathematician of the week—for creating wonder repeating patterns.
- Ellie— Mathematician of the week—for working confidently and independently this week.
- Hannah — Mathematician of the week—for confidently adding coins and notes.

Class 1 News

This week we have been listening to the Nativity story. We have used different books and discussed how the stories are similar and different. The children have used story spoons to retell the story in their own words. Reception have drawn a Nativity picture and have written labels using their phonics to write independently. Year 1 have sequenced the story and Year 2 have written the story using a story map.

In Maths Reception have been investigating patterns, Year 1 have been adding more to a part to find the whole and Year 2 have been counting coins and pounds. Please can Year 2 children practise counting money at home? We have counted the pounds first and then the pence. We have written amounts of pounds and coins using “and” instead of a decimal point, for example £5 and 45p.

In Design and Technology, we have been tasting ‘dippers’, such as carrot sticks, bread sticks and peppers with a dip. Once the children have chosen their favourite, we have the favourite dip and dipper at our Christmas party.

By the way, if you have any small-sized unwanted socks, pants, skirts, trousers/shorts, etc. you could donate to school we would be grateful as the current stocks of ‘spares’ to use when children have accidents are getting very low.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Tulley, Mrs Middleton, Mrs Naisbitt and Mrs Buckley

Class 2 News

What a fantastic Big Sing we all had on Monday! Everyone sang beautifully and really got us into the mood for Christmas and we are all so proud of all the children.

We've got back to work now and in Maths Year 4 are working on multiplying 2, 3 and 4 digits by 1 digit (carrying) and Year 3 are busy tackling grid multiplication, which will lead to formal multiplication methods. We've been particularly focusing on the 6x, 8x and 9x tables, so please practise chanting these with your child.

In Literacy, we have analysed and written a poem in the style of Christina Rossetti, as well as doing a few handwriting sessions. We need to make sure we're all using cursive script, starting on the line, leading in and joining our letters.

We're looking forward to our Nativity Service in Church next week and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us.

There won't be any homework (including spellings) now until January, so keep reading and practising tables and we'll start proper homework again next term.

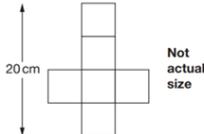
Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Pettavel

Class 3 News

This week started with our fabulous 'Big Sing'. I was so proud of Class 3 who helped the younger children in our school. They learned their words superbly, knowing when to do 'their' bit. Class 3 also went to sing at the Luncheon Club Christmas dinner. They were fabulous and the older members of our community really enjoyed listening to their lovely singing voices.

We finished our letter writing this week and have worked on using apostrophes for contracted words. In Maths, Year 6 have been learning how to do long division and Year 5 have been solving multi-step division problems. Today, Y6 did a challenge involving working out volumes of cubes, using the dimensions of a cube and making cubes of different volumes. They used specific vocabulary such as length, width, depth, dimensions, net and cubed. This is an example of a question in last year's SATs test which just shows the depth of understanding the children need to have.

22 This is the net of a cube.



20 cm

Not actual size

What is the **volume** of the cube?

They had great fun making cubes with different dimensions and this afternoon they used what they had found out to make decorated Christmas boxes.

Next week we are looking forward to doing our Nativity play, our Christmas party, Christmas Jumper Day and carol singing at Ghyls Top.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Harrison and Mr Willis