

Autumn Term

Friday 21st
December 2018

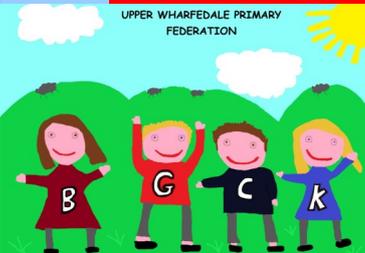
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Dear Parents/Carers



An atmospheric, moving experience can only describe the Nativity held at Kettlewell on Wednesday. Children from the school were involved in scenes from the Christmas story, which were acted out at different locations in the village.

This was only one of the Christmas events within Federation schools which have happened this week. We have much enjoyed the celebrations which have taken place and our congratulations go to all the children for performing, singing and reading so well in the Nativities, Christingle and Carol Services. Many thanks to the staff who have worked with the children to produce such memorable events. We hope you enjoyed them as much as we did. The Christmas parties are always a highlight of the festivities within the schools. Thank you to parents who contributed food towards the party teas. It is rumoured that even Father Christmas visited some schools!

We must give our thanks to Kayleigh, Julie, Colin and Jonathon for cooking such delicious lunches all year, without doubt the Christmas dinners were enjoyed by all!

It is with great sadness we bid farewell to Fiona Hardaker, our Admin Officer at Grassington and Tracy Briggs, our Base Leader at Kettlewell. They have shown dedication, care, commitment and enthusiasm to our schools over many years. We wish them both well in the future and thank them for everything they have done.

***We would like to wish you all a very Happy
Christmas and wish you all the best for 2019***

Mrs C Boxall & Mr C Norris
Executive Co-Headteachers

A Special Message From Mrs Hardaker

A huge thank you to all parents and friends for your part in making my last day at Grassington School such a happy memory. It was very special that so many of you who were able to come to my leaving assembly yesterday.

I'm overwhelmed by the warmth of kind words and hugs I've received and the generosity of your gifts of fabulous pottery and the gorgeous flowers from the PTA.

I have been so fortunate to be part of such a happy, friendly and caring school.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all,

Mrs Hardaker.

Wear your Christmas Jumper Day

'Wear your Christmas Jumper Day' in aid of *Save the Children* raised £40.65, an excellent total and the children all looked wonderful.

Parent Pay

Please check your Parent Pay account and make sure your payments for School Meals, Breakfast Club and School Visits are up to date.

Pupil Attendance

At Grassington Primary School we believe that attendance at school is important and that regular or frequent absences can lead to poor progress and lower attainment, thereby preventing children from achieving their full potential.

Quite simply, every day your child is absent or late impacts on their education and opportunities to enhance their future. Your support is vital. We feel that every member of our school community should make attendance a high priority.

How can you help?

- Please inform the school as early as possible and before 9.20 am on the first day of absence.
- Comply with the rules on keeping your child off-school if they have been sick, or have diarrhoea, until they have been 'clear' for 48 hours to prevent the bugs spreading to other children and adults and, similarly, complying with the rules for other infectious diseases.
- After a period of illness, make sure your child makes a prompt return to school.
- Discuss problems concerning attendance with the class teacher or one of the Headteachers.

We want all our pupils at Grassington School to achieve their full potential; please don't let your child miss out — every school day counts.

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. 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

- Oscar – For stepping into the role of Innkeeper for our dress rehearsal
- Rosa – Mathematician of the week - for her fabulous progress throughout the term.
- Nancy – Mathematician of the week - for her fabulous progress throughout the term.

Class 2

All of Class 2—For their performance at the Nativity

Class 1

- Sophia— Mathematician of the week - for naming and recognising 3D shapes
- Reuben— For not giving up when facing a challenge
- Emily— For looking after Hettie at the Christmas Party

Class 1 News

Wow, what a busy few weeks we have had leading up to Christmas. The children have worked so hard and have been counting down the days to the Christmas holiday.

This year we have sent home a Christmas reading bookmark to record stories the children have read to them, stories they read, etc. We would like the bookmarks to be returned to school when we return to school after the holiday.

We are also sending home a planning sheet for the children to start thinking about what they would like to learn about our new theme of 'Plundering Pirates'. Please support your child by talking to them about pirates and recording their ideas on the sheet, which also needs returning to school when we return.

Most importantly have a wonderful Christmas, have lots of fun and enjoy this special time of year together.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Mrs Tulley, Mrs Naisbitt, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Buckley

Class 2 News

We started the week off by making a lovely surprise for our families at Christmas - ooops! nearly gave the game away; you'll have to wait and see

On Tuesday we started recycling our plastic bottles into Christmas decorations, using our Posca pens and glitter. We're looking forward to hanging them on our trees.

On Wednesday we did a dress rehearsal of our Nativity in school and then we did the real thing at Church - we were so nervous, but we tried our best and we think we did an excellent job!

On Thursday, none of us were hungry, because Colin made us a delicious Christmas dinner and then we had some brilliant games and even more food, but this time it was party food. Amelia and Theo won in our class, with their amazing hat designs and Mabel and Sonny won Pass the Parcel.

On Friday we had praise assembly and then a quieter making morning and a film to finish off the day.

Merry Christmas to all!

By Maia and Amelia

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year. Have a lovely break and see you all in January, Mrs Pettavel

Class 3 News

We've come to the end of a very busy term and are all looking forward to spending time doing even more Christmassy things with our families.

This week we've been carol singing at Ghyls Top. The children sang superbly and also did a craft activity with some of the residents. Mrs Hardaker and Mr Willis accompanied the children and said how wonderful they were.

On Wednesday, we had our Church Nativity Service. The children sang beautifully and helped the younger members of our school. On Thursday we said "Bye and Thank you" to Mrs Hardaker and the children read their 'thank-you' letters.

We wore our party clothes and Christmas jumpers in aid of Save the Children. School Council did a collective worship on where our donations would be going and how they can help to improve the lives of children both in the UK and across the world.

We had our Christmas dinner and party yesterday afternoon. Colin did an amazing job and the food was delicious. The children enjoyed traditional party games, party food and, at the end of the afternoon, Santa made a visit.

I would like to say a big, "Thank you" for all your cards and gifts. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for a new term.

Have a lovely holiday,
Mrs Harrison and Mr Willis