

Autumn Term

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>  
November 2018

Grassington CE (VC) Primary School



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# Tractor Times

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another good week for children from different schools getting together for learning events. Following on from the Maths and English day last week for all Year 6 children, this week the Class 1 children from Burnsall and Cracoe got together at Burnsall for an exciting day of learning together.

We expect there will be more of these joint learning days as we seek to bring children together, enabling them to learn with children of their own age, share ideas and discuss solutions to problems.

There are now just three weeks of term left, and this weekend marks the start of the season of Advent. As we approach Christmas there will be lots of exciting events and visits taking place at each of the different schools, but one joint, not-to-be-missed event is the annual **Big Christmas Sing**.

This will take place on Monday 10 December with two performances in Grassington Town Hall at 2pm and 6pm, involving all the children from all the schools. If you have not yet ordered your tickets (at £2.50 each), please get in touch with your own school office as soon as possible.

Details of travel arrangements, drop-off and pick-up times, etc. will be sent to you separately from each school. We would like to give our thanks to Mrs. Turvey for co-ordinating our Big Christmas Sing, organising all the music and rehearsing the children.

Even though there are Advent and Christmas to look forward to, we do also have regular school-work to complete for the term, part of which are the end of term assessments that will be taking place in the weeks ahead.

Mrs. Basharati has visited Burnsall and Cracoe today to meet the children in those schools, and she will be visiting Grassington and Kettlewell just as soon as she can get a date in the diary.

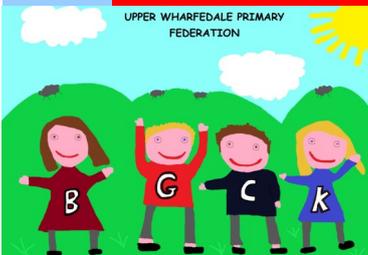
Mrs C Boxall & Mr C Norris  
Executive Co-Headteachers

## PTA Disco

Many thanks to everyone who supported the children's disco last Friday evening at the Town Hall.

It was a very successful event that was enjoyed by many. It raised **£660** which is fantastic!

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### 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**

<b>Saturday 1 December</b>	Grassington Dickensian (PTA Fundraiser) - rota sheet on main school door.
<b>Monday 3 December</b>	4.00-5.00pm KS2 Basketball at UWS – <b>CANCELLED</b>
<b>Wednesday 5 December</b>	Federation 'Christmas Big Sing' Rehearsal and Class 1 visit to Santa's Grotto at Devonshire Institute
<b>Thursday 6 December</b>	Whole School Visit to <b>Jack &amp; The Beanstalk Pantomime</b> -Harrogate Theatre
<b>Saturday 8 December</b>	Grassington Dickensian (PTA Fundraiser) - rota sheet on main school door.
<b>Monday 10 December</b>	Federation 'Christmas Big Sing'- 2.00pm & 5.45pm at Devonshire Institute
<b>Wednesday 12 December</b>	Class 3 visiting Grassington Lunch Club to sing at Devonshire Institute
<b>Friday 14 December</b>	Y5 Rewind to Christmas at Netherside Hall
<b>Wednesday 19 December</b>	2.00pm Whole School Christmas Service at St Michael & All Angels Church, Linton
<b>Thursday 20 December</b>	'Wear your Christmas Jumper Day' in aid of Save the Children Christmas Dinner



At Grassington School we are going to be following the star around the community as part of St Michael's 'Follow The Star' initiative. This is part of a wider Church of England engagement through Advent to Christmas. In school we have a bright star, some story books and some fun activity sheets. Leading up to Christmas we will be sending them home to a different family each evening and hope that you will enjoy reading the material together. Please also display the star in your window throughout the evening (and night if you can) so that it's route can be followed around the community.

To make it fair, we will pick names out of the 'hat' to decide who will take the Star home. Please help by making sure the star and resources are returned to school each morning.

Thank you.

### Woosh Club

Woosh Club continues to provide fantastic after school care for all Federation and Threshfield children from Reception to Year 6, at Grassington School. Transport from each school to Grassington is provided. The Club runs at present on a Tuesday and Thursday from 3.30pm to 6.00pm but further days could be added to meet demand. Children are offered a snack and all sorts of different and exciting activities – movie nights, Lego competitions and baking!

We are offering a taster session, for any children who may be interested, on Tuesday, 15 January from 4.00pm – 5.00pm. This will be free of charge. The session will need to be pre-booked by emailing [wooshclub@outlook.com](mailto:wooshclub@outlook.com) . Places will be limited so do please book well in advance. Parents of children who attend this taster session will be responsible for transport to and from the club.

### **Christmas Big Sing**

All of the children across the four Federation schools are busy practising for the “*Christmas Big Sing*” which will be held on **Monday 10 December**. Please don't forget to order your tickets as soon as possible and by **Wednesday 5 December** at the latest. And please let us know which performance you would like tickets for!

### **Dickensian (PTA Fundraiser) – WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The PTA will be serving refreshments from School on Saturday 1 December and Saturday 8 December as part of the village's Dickensian event. This is always a fantastic opportunity for our little school to earn substantial funds to be used to enhance our children's experiences in school. A rota for each Saturday for parents/grandparents to help is on display in school. We usually ask for just an hour of your time, please volunteer to help if you can. If you can't access the rota please contact the PTA via the Facebook page or e-mail: [grassingtonschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:grassingtonschoolpta@gmail.com).

We would need donations of tombola prizes, bought boxes of mince pies and any lovely home baking to sell on the day. We really appreciate parents' support with this event. Please bring donations into school next Friday for next week's event if you haven't donated already.

Thanks for all your support.

### **Grassington Festival Dickensian Calendars for sale £5 - proceeds shared**

The Festival Christmas Calendar is still available at a cost of £5 and some of the proceeds will come to the school.

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

This week's award winners are:

#### Class 3

Maggie - For her wonderful character description.  
Ben and George - For working really hard on the short division method

#### Class 2

Emma - For her delicious yuk cakes.  
Theo - For working really hard to make his 8X table with cubes.

#### Class 1

Isla - For sounding out and writing independently.  
Sophia - For being a rhyming expert.  
Finley - For using his number bands skills to answer addition questions quickly and accurately.

### **Class 2 News**

The highlight of our week was definitely making our suspension bridges! Last week we looked at how to create strong structures, using the Eiffel Tower as a starting point. This week we looked at different types of bridges - beam bridges, truss bridges, arch bridges and suspension bridges. We worked in teams to design, build and stabilise our own bridges and I'm pleased to say that they are very strong indeed! Everyone worked so well in their teams, they hardly noticed the visitors who were looking around as part of our Open Afternoon.

In Maths we've challenged ourselves to learn the 4x and 8x tables and spot links and patterns. We've been looking at brackets (getting rid of them!) and grid multiplication. In English we've continued with our poetry unit, collecting noun phrases, adjectives and adverbial phrases to help us create our own images and in our collective worship time we've been thinking about what forgiveness means to us and how we can actually achieve it.

We're still collecting empty, clear plastic bottles (water, lemonade, squash etc, but not milk), so please think of us when you're doing your recycling!

Remember, we do "Show and Tell" on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and it's a great way to share outside interests and sporting achievements with friends.

Don't forget homework this weekend! The poems and spellings were sent home last Monday and we have had a bit of a practice in school, but any help from you would be fantastic - 10 gotchas for a poem correctly recited! (there are 2 to choose from and tips to help your child to learn them by heart - it is a national curriculum requirement, so please give it a go).

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Pettavel

### Class 3 News

This week in Maths we have been working on dividing using the short division method.

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Y6 have been thinking about how to divide using the factor pairs.

$$9,840 \div 24$$

$$9,840 \div 12 = 820 \text{ then } 820 \div 2 = 410$$

In Literacy we have written up our character descriptions of Mr Tom and William from our book we are reading, *'Goodnight Mr Tom'*.

In Topic we have continued our research on Christmas in European countries and found out all sorts of different customs that people take part in at this time of year. The children have also made mini angel decorations to sell in the village as part of their enterprise learning.

We have also been rehearsing for the Big Sing and our church service.

If anyone is struggling to think of useful Christmas presents for their children a Maths Dictionary or a Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation Book would be very useful.

Have a lovely weekend,

## Class 1 News

In English our focus book is '*Stick Man*' by Julia Donaldson. We have concentrated on working with a partner, sharing ideas and listening to those of others to write a list of different ways to use a stick. We have also written lists of rhyming words, which we have made into a book.

In Maths Year 2 have been counting money. We have concentrated on coins and notes to £20. We have used our counting skills in 2's, 5's, 10's and 20's in our learning. Please practise counting in 20's at home we have discussed how it is similar to counting in 2's. Year 1 have been recalling their numbers bonds to 10, writing addition sentences. Reception have been identifying amounts 1 to 5 by looking at the pattern the objects make.

In Design and Technology we have tasted different dips, focusing on appearance, smell, texture and taste. In Geography we have been identifying the key features we can see in aerial photographs of different landscapes.

The children looked fantastic in their Dickensian clothes and if you are visiting the Dickensian Festival this weekend have fun and stay safe.

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