

Autumn Term

Friday 7th
December 2018

Grassington CE (VC) Primary School



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UPPER WHARFEDALE PRIMARY
FEDERATION



Dear Parents/Carers

Another busy week for all the children and staff at the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation! Whilst rehearsals for the Big Sing and end of term Nativities are in full swing, alongside the prospect of parties and festive fun, children's learning is continuing. We also know that end of term assessments are underway!

As we mentioned in last week's newsletter, the annual Big Christmas Sing will take place on Monday 10th December with two performances in Grassington Town Hall at 2pm and 5.45pm, 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. **We need to limit tickets to two per family, per performance**, in order to comply with fire regulations and the number of people in the Town Hall.

We are very keen to promote Woosh Club to parents of all the children in the Federation who need after school care. The club meets every Tuesday and Thursday at Grassington Primary School, starting immediately after the end of the school day, and running through to 6pm. On **Tuesday 15th January**, the Woosh Club is holding a taster session from 4pm until 5pm. If you are interested in after-school care, we would like to invite you and your children to come to the taster session any time between those times on that day to see what Woosh Club has to offer. You will be able to either leave your children for an hour, or talk to the adults while your children take part in the activities. You will need to make your own arrangements to collect your child(ren) from their school before coming to Grassington. However, for children who currently use Woosh Club on 15th January the club will start as usual at 3:30pm and they will get the taxi from their schools as normal.

If you subsequently decide to send your children to Whoosh club after the taster session, you will receive a 10% discount on the cost of all the sessions you pre-book for the remainder of the Spring term. **This discount will also apply to existing Woosh Club children who are pre-booked.** We look forward to meeting you any time between 4pm and 5pm on Tuesday 15th January. For children who already come to Woosh Club the session will continue until 6pm as usual.

We are systematically updating the information on all four Federation school websites and aiming to bring this into as consistent a format as possible across the Federation. Mrs Besharati is very keen to develop the overall content of the schools' and Federation websites and she will be looking at how best to do this after she takes up her appointment in January.

Ms Laura Laycock has been appointed this week as the new administrator at Kettlewell School from January 2019. She will spend some time this term familiarising herself with the school and the office environment, as well as meeting the children and staff. We hope that at the beginning of term there will be an opportunity for parents of Kettlewell School to meet with her.

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

December Diary Dates

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
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

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**

Staff Car Park

May we politely remind all parents and carers (and grandparents) that they must not bring their cars down the driveway and park in the staff car park, unless they have been given specific permission for the purposes of loading or unloading goods, for example for PTA events.

If you are collecting or dropping off children before or after school, or after WOOSH Club, please park in the football field car park, or at the top of Acre Lane, or, if it's after 5.00 pm, you can use the coach bay outside school on Hebden Road for the few minutes you need.

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**.

Dickensian (PTA Fundraiser) – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The PTA will be serving refreshments again at school tomorrow, Saturday 8th December as part of the village's Dickensian event. We were very busy last Saturday, helped by the poor weather and people seeking warmth and shelter. The forecast for tomorrow is cold, wet and windy and we are expecting it to be busy again. However, we are short of helpers and currently have people signed up to help for up to four hours at a time. This is not ideal. If any family member can help, even if it's just for an hour this would be greatly appreciated. Please volunteer to help if you can by contacting a member of the PTA either via the Facebook page or e-mail: grassingtonschoolpta@gmail.com.

We would also welcome donations of bought boxes of mince pies and any lovely home baking to sell on the day. We really appreciate parents support with this event.

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 using the contact details above, or enquire at school if you would like to make a purchase.



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

Rosa - For working really hard to learn her 12 and 4 times tables .

Class 2

Niamh D- For using paragraphs for each new part of her story.

Frank - For setting his multiplication arrays and sentences out beautifully .

Class 1

Everyone in Class 1— For their courtesy when visiting Santa .

Year 2— For staying focussed and concentrating hard on their Maths booklets .

Class 1 News

We have had a very busy week beginning to get ready for Christmas. The children have been designing their own Christmas cards and creating a holly wreath. They have also been challenged to make a Christmas tree using strips of card, which they have had to cut and order in length to create the triangle shape of a tree. We enjoyed having our federation friends visit us on Wednesday and our exciting visit to see Father Christmas at his grotto at the town hall. Our trip to the panto yesterday in Harrogate was a great success and we were very proud of the children of Grassington Primary School.

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

Class 2 News

As we speed towards Christmas we've been as busy as ever in Class 2. We've been rehearsing very hard for our Big Sing next Monday and I can assure you that you are in for a treat - its going to be fabulous and audience participation will be expected, so get your singing voices ready!

On Thursday we had a wonderful time at the pantomime "*Jack and the Beanstalk*". The singing, costumes, scenery and even the jokes were brilliant; if you have a whistle at home, blow it and see what happens

Aside from this, we have been working hard, too. Everyone recited their homework poems beautifully on Monday, so thank you for helping your children with this. Learning things by heart is a useful skill that will serve them throughout their school lives. We've moved on from our poetry unit and have created animal character profiles, an animal story planning hill and have written a narrative piece.

In Maths we're carrying on with multiplication, with Year 4 looking at grid multiplication and Year 3 working on their 4x and 8x tables and using doubling and doubling again, to multiply by 4.

In our Topic work we're continuing learning about European landmarks and cities with some map work, learning to use an atlas and keys.

Next week will be another busy week, so have a peaceful weekend together and a nice rest.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Pettavel

Class 3 News

This week has been a busy one! We are really getting into the Christmas swing. On Wednesday we hosted the federation schools for our Big Sing rehearsal, which was incredibly busy. All our children were especially welcoming – sharing their wet playtime toys and helping our visitors feel 'at home'.

The visit to the pantomime was fantastic too. I was so impressed by the way our older children looked after our younger ones. They were a credit to our school.

We have been doing assessments this week and I've been impressed by the children who have tried hard to show what they can do.

Year 5 & 6 Grammar Homework needs to be in next Friday 14th December.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Harrison and Mr Willis