

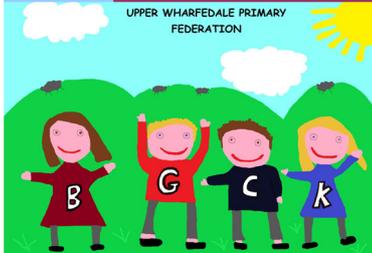
Spring Term
Friday 25th
January 2019



BURNSALL VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday News

UPPER WHARFEDALE PRIMARY
FEDERATION



A Note from the Head teachers

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe that we are already at the end of our third week back. The children have been very busy this week. The younger children appear to be enjoying hunting for treasure as they set about their new topic on 'Pirates'. Children in the older classes have been involved in a range of activities around the theme of 'Mayans', from mask making to profiles about the Gods and Goddesses. Visiting each class this week it has been wonderful to see how the topics have been brought to life.

Mr Willis started the Primary F1 after school club at Grassington Primary School this week. The main objective is to develop children's perceptions of science, technology, engineering and maths by creating a fun and exciting learning environment by creating a model Formula 1 car. Mr Willis will be launching the after school club in each one of our schools across the federation over the coming term.

The article about Primary F1 is on the Craven Herald's website at <https://www.cravenherald.co.uk/news/17364809.grassington-primary-launches-stem-project-for-schools-in-upper-wharfedale/>

Staff across the federation met this week to look at our maths curriculum. Our maths leader, Miss Thompson, delivered a session about maths mastery at Burnsall Primary. During the session we explored how to develop children's problem solving and reasoning skills, and how to ensure that we deepen children's conceptual understanding of number.

Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents who attended or helped at our first federation coffee morning this week. It was nice to have a chance to meet and talk with parents from across all four schools.

Ofsted

We are proud to announce that our Ofsted inspection at Cracoe and Rylstone went very well and the school received a judgement of 'good' in all areas. The report has been submitted to all parents at Cracoe and will be online early next week.

A message from Governors

The Governors are delighted with the latest OFSTED Inspection report at Cracoe and see it as evidence of the educational benefits that being part of a Federation have brought to this small rural school.

The standard of education our pupils receive, the progress they make, the enjoyment they have whilst learning, the commitment of our Executive Headteachers and staff, the emphasis we place on safety and behaviour, together with our inclusive ethos have all been recognised in this fair and balanced Inspection report. However, we are not complacent and will continue our constant strive for improvement in Cracoe Primary School and in other schools in our Federation.

Breakfast Club at Grassington

There will be two temporary positions available at Grassington Primary School for a supervisor in our Breakfast Club. We need someone to cover for approximately 8 weeks from 18th February from 7:45 - 8:45am, Monday and Tuesdays only and another person to start on the 11th February until 26th July. If you are interested in this temporary position then please contact Mr Davey, the administrator at Grassington Primary.

Future Plans

The executive leadership team met this week to look at future plans for our federation. We have lots of exciting ideas which we would like to implement to strengthen our schools. Once we have agreed plans with staff and governors, we will share with parents so that we can utilise the skills of our wider community.

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Diary Dates

01.02.19— Firefighters Charity collection day

01.02.19— Tag Rugby class 2

04.02.19—Year 5 Bewerley Park

04.02.19—School nurse—Reception vision test

20.02.19—KS2 Swimming Gala @ UWS 9.30-11.30am

22.02.19—Break Up for half term

04.03.19—Return to school

07.03.19—Parents Evening

Dinner Money and PE Money (Class 2 only) - 08.01.19-22.02.19

Dinner Money— £85.00 (7 weeks)

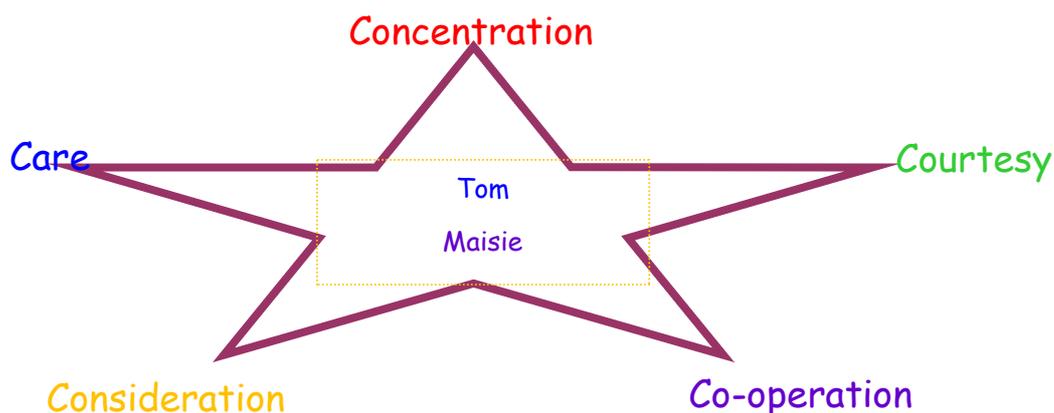
PE Money—£21.00

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club - open to Burnsall children from 8 am until the start of the school day. Please contact school if interested. Please don't forget to send your money to pay for Breakfast club. This can be done weekly or half termly. As from September 2017 the cost for each session will be £3.50 to cover costs. Please can you let me know if your child/ren will be attending. Thank you .

A Note from Class One

We have really got to grips with our Pirate topic in Class 1 this week. The children have been looking at Pirate adventure stories in Literacy and we have all worked hard to make sure our writing has the correct punctuation in it. We have been working together to write the middle of a story and all of the children had some lovely ideas to contribute. The children have learnt a little more about what life as a pirate would have been like and on Thursday we began to think about writing our own Pirate code. In maths we have finished looking at position and direction Year 1 have been practicing left and right and Year 2 have looked at making patterns with shapes by turning them clockwise and anti-clockwise. The whole school have been thinking about friendship, sharing and caring this week and we have looked at the story of Rainbow Fish, all of the children had fun creating their own shiny scales for our school Rainbow Fish.



Federation Choir for Year 3-6 led by Mrs Turvey

This is held at Grassington school each Monday starting from 3.30pm, with children joining in as they arrive. The club finishes at 4.30pm prompt. Parents are able to park down by the football pitch for drop off and pick up only and should use the back gate into the school grounds. Please let Mrs Whyte know at school if you child wishes to attend this club. You are able to be picked up 5 minutes earlier if your child wishes to attend this club.

Tag Rugby—Class 2

Don't forget to send your child with their PE kit on Friday's for Tag Rugby. This will be every week until further notice. Please make sure your child has with them a hoody as this will take place in the playground.

Thank you

News From Class 2

On Monday the Year 3 children had a African Day with the other year three children from across our cluster. During the day they took part in an African mask making and dance workshop where they learnt a tribal dance. They also tasted some fruits and vegetables that originate from Africa and looked at the geometric patterns that The Ndebele tribal use to decorate their houses. In History this week the children have been looking at the Religion and Gods that the Mayan people worshipped. The children enjoyed finding out about the different rituals especially the gory parts! The children then used their English skills to take notes and research to create a poster about one of the Mayan gods which look fantastic! For their home-work this week I have asked the children to learn their times tables. We are currently working on division in maths and in order for the children to build speed and accuracy in their calculations they need to know the corresponding division facts for their times tables. Well done to Carys, Reuben and Tom who took part in the Sports Hall Athletics competition as part of the Dales Team on Tuesday—you all performed amazingly!

Year 5 children—don't forget to bring back your reply slips for Bewerley Park. Thank you

Communication

We highly value the positive communication we have with parents and so if you do have any questions or concerns then please arrange a meeting to discuss these with your child's class teacher.

If you don't feel your query has been acted upon or resolved in the way you hoped for then you can arrange to see one of the Base Leaders . Finally, if you've tried both the class teacher and Base Leaders and you still have concerns then please arrange an appointment to one of the executive headteachers via the office. I ask that you do try at first to discuss issues with the class teacher/Base Leader as normally issues can be resolved quickly that way.

As you know we have had some changes to the admin staff across some of the schools at the start of term. Our administrators are here to support with the day to day administration of the school. Mrs Berry, who works part-time across the federation (Monday and Tuesday), will be managing the finances in each of the schools.