

Spring Term
Friday 11th
January 2019



CRACOE & RYLSTONE V C C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday News

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to be writing to you as the newly appointed Executive Headteacher of Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to take on this unique position and to continue to build upon the success the Federation has already achieved, working with Mrs Boxall and Mr Norris.

Having visited the schools on several occasions prior to starting and spending time in the schools this week, I have found everybody to be very welcoming. The schools are clearly valued in the local community and I am keen to continue to meet as many people as I can over the coming weeks. I will be on the playground of each school at the start and end of the day if you would like to say hello.

For me the needs of the children are always paramount in the life and decision making within a school. I strongly believe in providing the children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them to grow and develop positively in a variety of ways. During our joint training day on Monday, staff had the opportunity to think about our vision for learning across the Federation. We would like children and their families to be involved in this too. I am keen for us to build a whole Federation community which values the importance of learning and thinks of ways 'outside of the box' in which we can achieve the best for our children.

As key educators in your children's lives, I feel that it is important that you feel you have a voice and that as schools we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your thoughts and ideas about the schools.

On **Tuesday 22nd January** there will be a 'meet the new headteacher' coffee morning at Grassington Primary School, which will be a drop-in from 9am to 10:30am.

I believe that we will have a positive and successful future working, growing and developing together as a whole school community so that the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation is a special and unique collaboration of schools in which children love coming to and one which provides an all-round educational experience in which everyone can flourish.

Mrs E N Besharati



Federation Dates

The following dates show when pupils or parents across the federation have opportunities to come together. Dates relating to individual schools are on the next page. Details of each of these events will be provided nearer to the time.

Date	Details	Location
Thursday 17 th January	Y5/6 NSPCC Workshop	Cracoe & Rylstone
Monday 21 st January	Y3 African Workshop Day	Burnsall
Tuesday 22 nd January	Meet the Headteacher Coffee Morning Drop-in	Grassington, 9 – 10:30am
Monday 18 th February	Y5/6 Author Visit	Cracoe Village Hall
Wednesday 20 th February	Swimming Gala	Upper Wharfedale School
Monday 18 th March	Y5/6 Netball	Upper Wharfedale School
Wednesday 10 th April	Parents Evening	Except Burnsall Primary
Thursday 11 th April	Parents Evening	All schools

Federation News

Welcome

We would like to welcome Ms Laycock, the new administrator at Kettlewell Primary School to our team. Ms Laycock will be working at Kettlewell Primary School everyday until 1:00pm.

We would also like to welcome Albert and Jack who started at Cracoe and Rylstone Primary School and Alfie who started at Kettlewell school this week.

Safeguarding Update

On Tuesday 8th January, myself and all the Base Leaders completed our Comprehensive Child Protection Training held at Kettlewell Primary School. In light of the training we have amended and updated our Child Protection Policies. Once these are ratified by Governors they will be sent out to parents and placed on each school's websites. If you have any concerns around a child's safety or welfare then should you speak to the Designated Safeguarding Leader in your school.

Designated Safeguarding Leader

Miss Thompson	Burnsall Primary School
Mrs Gibbons	Cracoe & Rylstone Primary
Mrs Harrison	Grassington Primary School
Mr Scott	Kettlewell Primary School

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officers across the Federation

Mrs Besharati
Mrs Boxall
Mr Norris

Staff Training

On Monday 9th January, staff from across all four schools came together to have a joint training day. Most of the day was spent looking at how children learn and thinking about the characteristics we would like children to develop during their time at primary school. The session provided us with an opportunity to share ideas and expertise as well as look towards the future of how we can strengthen the teaching and learning within our schools so that it promotes a real love and thirst for learning.

Ofsted

After just one full day at being in post, Cracoe and Rylstone received the call from Ofsted. The inspection took place this week and was led by HMI, Bernard Campbell. As soon as the report is available we will send out a copy to each parent at Cracoe and Rylstone. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and governors who put in a lot of time and effort to make the inspection a smooth process and to the children who were able to articulate how proud they are of their school.

Achievement Certificates go to....

This week our achievement certificate goes to all our children for their hardwork and enthusiasm in their learning demonstrating all our Christian Values.

Class One Newsletter

Class One have enjoyed the start of our pirate topic this week! We have been learning about the features of a pirate ship, researching facts about pirates and described the settings in the book 'The Night Pirates'. Year Two's have been using more challenging adjectives using the thesauruses.

The Reception children have taken a keen interest in the ice outside, they've been mashing it up, watching it melt and timing the process. They were challenged to work out how to 'save the people' trapped in the ice and came up with some fantastic responses!

Year 2 have begun working with money this week. It would be very useful for them to have experience in handling money and working out the change this weekend.

New homework and spellings have been glued into books!



Class 2 News

What a busy week! The children have come back to school ready to learn, full of enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge - it is fantastic. In Maths we have been focusing on collaborative problem solving which the children have really embraced and shown good understanding of tricky concepts.

In English we have started our work on 'Macbeth, writing effective and detailed setting descriptions the reflects Act 1 scene 1. We also looked at how the language in the original text is written in old English. We are going to try our hand at some translation to modern text next week!

The children have also used atlases to locate the countries and their capitals in Central America to support our work on the ancient Mayan civilisation.



**ST. PETER'S CHURCH, RYLSTONE &
FRIENDS OF CRACOE SCHOOL PRESENT**

THE QUIZ OF THE YEAR!

**Pie & peas supper with a licensed bar
£12.50 per person**

**SATURDAY 26 JANUARY
DOORS OPEN 7PM
BUZZERS AT THE READY 7.30PM
CRACOE VILLAGE HALL**



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