

Spring Term
Friday 18th
January 2019



News from Mrs Besharati, Mrs Boxall and Mr Norris

Following all the busyness of last week with the Ofsted inspection at Cracoe, this week has been much quieter across the Federation as we get back into the normal routines in each school. We have been very much aware that we have - out of necessity - had to spend more time at Cracoe, but we can now return to being able to share our time as equally as possible across all 4 schools.

The children have all had their normal lessons this week, but on Monday all the Year 3 children can look forward to an "Africa Day" workshop when they come together at Burnsall. This promises to be a very exciting day which will include mask making, dance, food tasting and art. We look forward to hearing all about, and hopefully there will be some photos for the next Newsletter.

On Tuesday after school, there is a sports hall athletics competition at Upper Wharfedale School. Details and information about this event are available from the individual schools. Further details will also be sent out as soon as possible about the Year 5 day visit to Bewerley Park on Monday 4th February.

Finally, please remember, that even when we are not working in your child's school, if there is anything you need to discuss with us, you can reach us at any of the other Federation schools - just contact your school office in the first instance.

Federation Diary 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
Monday 21st Jan	Y3 African Workshop Day	Burnsall
Tuesday 22nd Jan	Meet the Headteacher Coffee Morning Drop-in	Grassington, 9 -10am
Monday 4th Feb	Y5 Cluster day	Bewerley Park
Mon 18th Feb	Y5/6 Author Visit	Cracoe Village Hall
Wednesday 20th Feb	Swimming Gala	Upper Wharfedale School
Monday 18th March	Y5/6 Netball	Upper Wharfedale School
Wednesday 10th April	Parents Evening	Except Burnsall Primary
Thursday 11th April	Parents Evening	All schools

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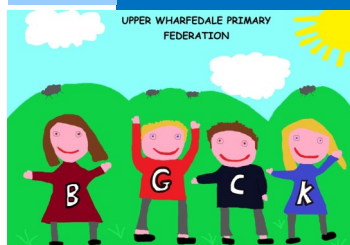
Class 1: Jack

Class 2: Albert

for doing their very best to fit into their new school, working hard and making new friends, demonstrating the Christian Values of Determination and Courage.

CRACOE & RYLSTONE VC C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday News



Class One News

Class One have been continuing their work on pirates. They have written job applications as if they were applying for a job on our class pirate ship. They have been describing a pirate and analysing the features of a diary in order to write a 'day in the life' of a pirate. I have been amazed to see how much the children are stretching their vocabulary, using more sophisticated adjectives.

Year 2 have continued their work on money this week (selecting and making amounts) and will begin to find change next week which will be enhanced by our 'classroom shop'.

Year 1 have started their work on addition and have been working systematically to find all of the 'possible answers' to problems. They are beginning to work on their number bonds to 20 which will be directly related to their recall of number bonds to 10. (We can now recite the number bonds to 10 rock song!)

Reception children have been busy writing in their news books this week. Mrs Webster and I have been wowed by how well children are using their phase 2 tricky words. We have started using 'busy bee books' to challenge children in both numeracy and literacy which children have been very keen to work in.



Class 2 News

This week Class 2 have continued their work on the Mayans. The children have completed 'Mayan God fact files' and also investigated sources of evidence that prove the existence of the Mayans.

In Science we have been studying plants. We can now name and label the different parts of a plant. We worked together in groups to produce a presentation on plants living in their habitats.

Year 3 are looking forward to the African Day in Burnsall on Monday (please bring a packed lunch) and all of Class 2 will be going to Nell bank on Tuesday to meet children from our linking school. Full details of both trips have been sent home by email.

Home School Communications

Last term we asked you to let us know how you would most like us to communicate. Overwhelmingly the preference was for email and text communications. This fits well with school's eco friendly values. This term we have tried to send all our letters home by email but invariably, as it is a new system, some of you may have missed some letters.

Please keep an eye on your emails and watch out for letters. If you would rather have paper copies of certain letters please just let the school office know. In future, there will be an option to give your consent for trips via ParentPay, even when there is not cost associated with the trip.

Letters that have been sent out by email so far this term are:

- Awesome Owls information Pack
- Extra -Curricular Activities sign-up sheet
- Y6 Booster sessions
- Year 3 'African Day' on Monday 21st January
- Class 2 Linking Project trip to Nell Bank on Tuesday 22nd January
- Sportshall Athletics Tuesday 22nd January (not all children)

Year 6 Booster Sessions

Mrs Gibbons would like to invite all Y6 children to after school booster sessions on Tuesday's 3.30pm - 4.30pm, starting Tuesday January 29th. The sessions will include spelling, grammar and punctuation. A snack will be provided for those attending.

Please let Mrs Gibbons or the school office know if your child will be attending, thank you.

Friends News

Quiz of the Year - Saturday 26 January @ 7pm - Cracoe Village Hall

Pit your wits against the quizmaster! Only £12.50 per person including pie and peas supper. Tickets available from the school office now.

Unwanted Christmas Presents

We'll be having a raffle at next week's quiz and we'd really appreciate any donations - unwanted Christmas gifts gladly accepted!

Clothing Collection - Friday 1 February @ 9am (drop off) - Cracoe School Car Park

Having a new year clear out? Inspired by the new Marie Kondo series on Netflix? Please bring in your unwanted items for our clothing collection on Friday 1 February. What you can donate:

Adults and children's clothing (no branded uniform items)

- Socks
- Coats
- Underwear
- Paired shoes
- Handbags
- Linen
- No electrical items or curtains please