

Spring Term

Friday

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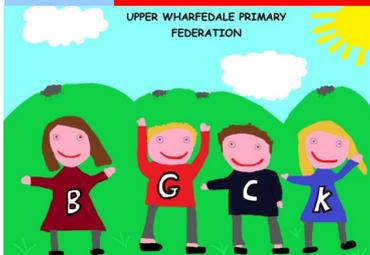
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FEDERATION



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 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

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
Executive Headteacher

Federation Dates

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

Date	Details	Location
Thursday 17 January	Y5/6 NSPCC Workshop	Cracoe & Rylstone
Monday 21 January	Y3 African Workshop Day	Burnsall
Tuesday 22 January	Meet the Headteacher Coffee Morning Drop-in	Grassington, 9 – 10:30am
Monday 18 February	Y5/6 Author Visit	Cracoe Village Hall
Wednesday 20 February	Swimming Gala	Upper Wharfedale School
Monday 18 March	Y5/6 Netball	Upper Wharfedale School
Wednesday 10 April	Parents Evening	Except Burnsall Primary
Thursday 11 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 1:30pm.

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

Safeguarding Update

On Tuesday 8 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	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officers across the Federation
Miss Thompson	Burnsall Primary School	Mrs Besharati Mrs Boxall Mr Norris
Mrs Gibbons	Cracoe & Rylstone Primary	
Mrs Harrison	Grassington Primary School	
Mr Scott	Kettlewell Primary School	

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.

Regular Activities and Events

Every Friday 3.00pm Praise Assembly – All welcome
Every Monday 3.30-4.30 pm Federation Choir, KS2 Children only
Every Tuesday for six weeks Primary F1— AFTER Sports at UWS 3.30 pm—5.00 pm
Starting 15 February

January Diary Dates

Monday 21 January All Day—African Workshop at Burnsall **Year 3 PACKED LUNCH NEEDED**

February Diary Dates

Monday 4 February All Day—Bewerley Park Day for **Year 5 PACKED LUNCH NEEDED**
(Return to Colvend Car Park at 4.30 pm)

Friday 22 February 3.30pm School Closes for Half-Term Holiday

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. Please contact the PTA or enquire at school if you would like to make a purchase.



PTA Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will take place on Tuesday 22nd January from 3.00—4.00pm at school. In recent years we have always had a team of willing parents on board, but some of these parents now have/will have children at secondary school and as a consequence are slowly moving on with other commitments. We are a friendly bunch and welcome all parents to our meetings. If you can, please do get this date in your diary and come along and join us – you can have a direct impact on your child's/children's educational experience at school.

If you would like to speak to a member of the PTA for more information then please don't hesitate to contact us, either via the Facebook page or e-mail: grassingtonschoolpta@gmail.com.

This Week's Award Winners

This week's award winners are:

Class 3

Harrison – For working hard to improve his writing
Philip – Mathematician of the week—for teaching Mrs Harrison something she hadn't noticed about squared numbers.

Class 2

Tamsin—
Mabel—

Class 1

Hannah — Mathematician of the week— for her speedy addition of coins to solve a problem.
Emily— For her excellent opener to her writing about the story '*The Whales' Song*'
Aaron— For confidently identifying initial sounds in words.

Class 1 News

Welcome back to school, we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

The children have excitedly begun their learning about pirates. We have created posters showing what we already know about pirates and we will be repeating the activity at the end of term, then comparing the two posters showing how much we have learnt. In the role play area, the children are using the large bricks to create their own pirate ship, making cannons and a mast to fly the black Jolly Roger. If anyone has any extra-large cardboard boxes at home, we would appreciate them to build a more permanent ship in the class.

In Maths, Reception have been learning about the number 6 and using die to invent their own board game. Year 1 have been learning about sequencing numbers to twenty as well as writing number words to twenty. Year 2 have begun to learn about multiplication, creating equal groups of objects and how to write the matching repeated addition sentence.

In English, Year 2 have been learning about noun phrases and adding 'ed' to the end of verbs, i.e. *cry* changes to *cried* and *love* changes to *loved*. Year 1 have been learning how to add 'es' to words that end with s or x, i.e. *bus* becomes *buses* when there is more than one. Year 1 and 2 have spelling learning to be completed at home linked with their Maths or English learning.

We are continuing to develop our outdoor environments. We are looking for donations of large wooden or metal spoons or ladles and enamel camping equipment, such as plates or mugs. Thank you in advance.

Have a lovely weekend together,
Mrs Tulley, Mrs Naisbitt, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Buckley

Class 2 News

Happy New Year and welcome back to Class 2! Its lovely to see everyone again! We've had a short, but busy week.

In English, we've been doing lots of grammar revision, practising our time and place adverbials and how to use them to extend our sentences and focusing on correcting our punctuation and spelling. Everyone has been trying really hard with their handwriting, too and I'm very pleased with the results.

In Maths, we've been looking at multiplying 3 numbers, using known multiplication facts to help us solve harder multiplication problems, factors of numbers and the associative law (choosing which numbers to multiply together first in a complex problem), drawing arrays to help us with multiplication and division and using our TU knowledge.

We've had a brief introduction to our new topics - South America and the Mayans and have been using maps to find out about countries, cities and land features of South America. In science we've revised parts of a plant in preparation for our work on plants and sustainability.

This week there is no homework or spelling for Monday, but please keep up with your reading and maths mission and if you would like to do some internet research on South America or the Mayans and make a poster or a PowerPoint presentation, we would love to see it!

Have a lovely weekend together,
Mrs Pettavel

Class 3 News

Welcome back! I hope you've had a wonderful Christmas and are glad to be back into the swing of things.

This week Class 3 have been writing their New Year thoughts and resolutions. They have produced some beautiful work which is on display in the corridor for you to look at.

In Maths, we have been learning about perimeter and area. Year 5 have been looking at how they can find the perimeter of compound shapes using efficient methods. Year 6 have been calculating the area and perimeter of compound shapes.

We have started our topic on the Maya and have been looking at the ancient cities and where they are on modern day maps.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Harrison and Mr Willis