

Spring Term

Friday

18th January

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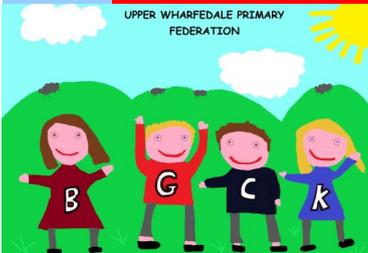
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Dear Parents and Carers

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 is available from the individual schools. Further details will also be sent out as soon as possible about the Year 5 day visit to Beverley 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.

Mr C Norris
Co-Executive Headteacher

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— at school after sports
3.30 pm—5.00 pm

FI CLUB IS NOT HAPPENING ON TUESDAY 22 JANUARY DUE TO SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

THERE WILL NOT BE ANY SWIMMING ON TUESDAY 22 JANUARY DUE TO ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE OF THE POOL

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—Beverley 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

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
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

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.

Headteacher's Drop-In Coffee Morning

The Federation Friends/PTA groups will be helping to serve refreshments. Grassington PTA are looking for a couple of volunteers to help with this. If you are planning on coming to the event and don't mind sparing even just half an hour to help we would be very grateful. Please contact Siobhan Tywang if you can help.

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.

Class 1 News

This week in English Year 1 have been learning how to add 'ing' to the end of verbs. Year 2 have been learning how to identify sentences that are in the present or past tense. If your child is in Year 2 please ask them to identify some sentences in their reading that are in the past or present tense and most importantly ask them to explain how they know, and which words identify the tense, for example, 'Lucy is playing netball'. The underlined words show it is in the present/happening now. Or 'Lucy played netball'. The underlined word shows it is in the past/already happened. Year 2 also have a past and present tense home learning activity to complete independently at home for next Friday.

In Maths, Reception have been learning about the number 6, looking at patterns on a die and recognising the number rather than by counting. Year 1 has begun to use place value (tens and ones) to investigate numbers from 11-20, for example, 13 is *1 ten* and *3 ones*. Year 1 also have the next set of number words to learn to spell at home. Year 2 have been learning about related repeated addition sentences to equal groups and then creating a multiplication sentence. For example:

$$2+2+2+2+2+2= 14 \text{ is the same as } 7 \times 2 = 14$$

Each Year 2 child has brought home a Maths book to practise this skill. Please ask your child to read page 32 and complete page 33 in pencil. Please return to school on Monday 21st Jan. The children will be checking their own learning as part of their maths lesson.

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

Class 2 News

This week Class 2 have been working hard on our division, partitioning the tens and units in a number, using place value counters to represent them and then drawing loops around them to divide them. Everyone has tried really hard and Year 4s have moved on to finding remainders this way, too. We have also been looking at formal methods of division using the bus stop system and moving remainders along the bus queue.

In English, we have read short version of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, looking at the language Shakespeare used and comparing it to how we speak nowadays. We have acted out our own shortened versions of the play and we're now concentrating on dialogue between specific characters, using speech bubbles and written dialogue with speech punctuation.

In science we investigated some fibrous roots and tap roots, looking at them carefully with magnifying glasses. We sorted a set of statements about both types of root, based on our observations and discussed how plants make their food and what they need in order to do so.

In topic we worked in groups to collect our ideas on what a good learner looks like, thinking about how we learn and habits that we can encourage to help us in our own learning. We circulated our ideas and found lots of similarities between different groups. Next we invented our own good learners and gave them super powers, accessories and special symbolic clothing to represent different features of good learning attitudes.

A couple of quick reminders - Year 3 are out at the African Workshop on Monday and will all need a packed lunch. They will be leaving school and being brought back all within the school day, so drop off and pick up times are as normal.

There won't be any swimming on Tuesday 22nd January, but everyone will still need their normal PE kits.

Homework needs to be in on Monday and the spelling tests will start again, too.

Have a lovely weekend together and enjoy the snow, if it actually arrives!

Mrs Pettavel

Class 3 News

Is it really Friday again? This week has flown by and we have been really busy.

In Maths, we have been using information in line graphs to answer problems. The children have been solving mastery problems to use their reasoning skills and solve quite complex questions. Next week Year 5 will be learning how to draw line graphs and Year 6 will be learning about the information in pie charts and how to draw them.

In English, we have had a very creative week. As part of our topic work on Mayans we have started writing information texts about our Gods we have invented. We used the information we found out about Mayan gods to help us.

We have also revisited punctuation in direct and indirect speech and the use of commas in subordinate clauses.

The Formula 1 club running on Tuesday seems to have got off to a flying start and Class 3 are enjoying building their cars in their groups.

HOMEWORK

Y6 Maths p.10,11,13 CGP in on Wednesday 23 January

Y5/Y6 GPS – Punctuating direct speech in on Tuesday 22 January

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Harrison and Mr Willis

This Week's Award Winners

This week's award winners are:

Class 3

- Ben - For his presentation of his Mayan God fact file.
Jack - Mathematician of the week - for working so hard on his Maths Mission.

Class 2

- Sonny - Mathematician of the week - for his work on bus stop division and finding remainders.
Emma - Mathematician of the week for excellent use of base ten and part whole models to divide numbers.
Joshua and Amelia - For acting out a conversation between Shakespeare's Friar Laurence and Juliet.

Class 1

- Reuben - Mathematician of the week—for carefully using two ten frames to show teen numbers.
Forrest - For practising his number words at home and confidently writing them in his Maths learning at school.
Amelia - For confidently reading in phonics, remembering to use the alternative e pronunciation in some words.