

Spring Term  
Friday 8th  
February 2019



BURNSALL VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Friday News

## A Note from the Head teachers

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February, our Year 5 pupils braved the cold and took part in an Upper Wharfedale Cluster Schools outdoor day, led by the team at Beverley Park. They had an amazing time, rock scrambling at Brimham Rocks and walking up through Trollers Gill.

Although these are relatively local landmarks, it was a new experience for many of our children and a valuable opportunity to learn about their environment - an experience magnified in value by being with their peers.

The children loved finding out about the rock formations and the flora and fauna specific to the area. They climbed and squeezed their way through cracks in rocks, really pushing themselves to their limits and feeling the sense of achievement when they conquered their fears.

Walking up through Troller's Gill, knee and waist high in water was an experience that they will remember for a long time. It is these experiences that we give children that shapes, moulds and ignites their enthusiasm for life-long learning.

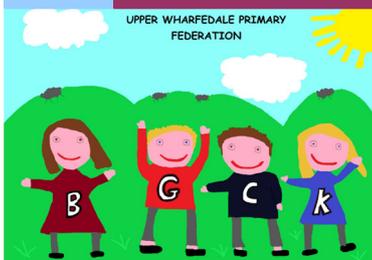


### Friends

I met with the Chairs of each our 'Friends' groups this week to discuss the different fund raising activities that go on in each of our four schools. We have a committed school community and I am keen for Friends to continue to help support us with our school projects. Once each of our schools has drawn up a 'wish list' we will share this with Friends so that you have an idea of what projects we are currently working towards.

The Chairs of each Friends groups are hoping to organise a fun day for the whole federation - details to follow.

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## Diary Dates

18.02.19—KS2 Space Author visit @ Cracoe VHall (PM)

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

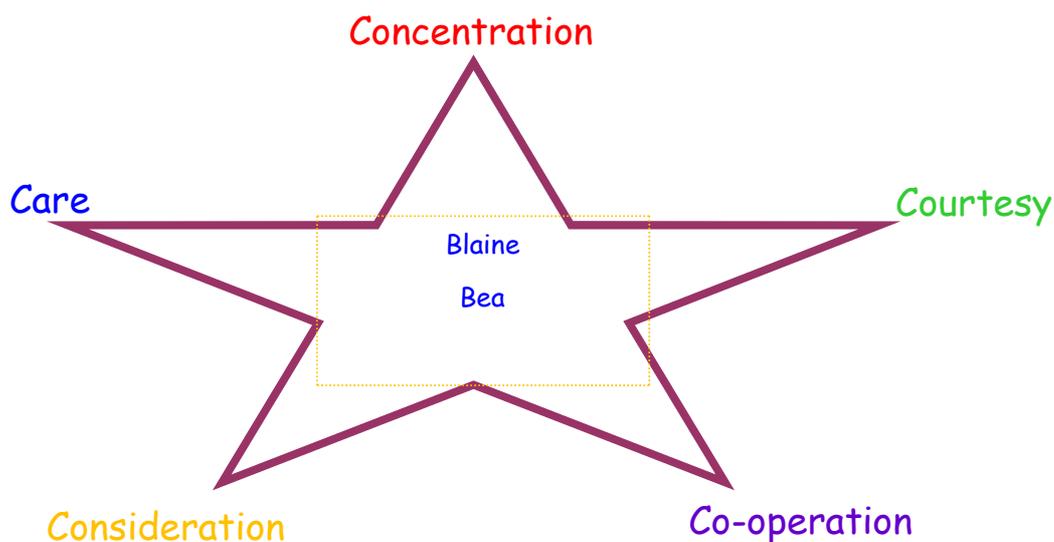
### Communication Strategy Group

We would like to form a new group within the federation. A group of people who could help in promoting the schools and federation so that current parents have a clear idea of what is happening in school and also to attract prospective parents. The aim is for the group to meet once every half-term, ideally in the morning, and to have one parent representative from each school and possibly two governors. If you have a background in marketing, PR or IT then these skills would greatly benefit this group. If you are interested in being part of the Communication Strategy Group then please leave your name with the school administrator.

### Compass Buzz

Myself and Mrs Gibbons attended a 'Compass Buzz' conference this week to learn more about a new project that aims to improve mental health and wellbeing of children in schools across North Yorkshire. This new project works with North Yorkshire schools to increase the skills, confidence and competence of staff dealing with children's emotional and mental health concerns. We are pleased to be taking an active part in the project, with the federation being the host hub for staff training in the summer term for all neighbouring schools.

Mrs E N Besharati



## Federation Choir for Year 3-6 led by Mrs Turvey

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This club has stopped for the time being and will re start again after half term.

## Tag Rugby—Class 2

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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

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This week in maths the children have started to look at Fractions. The children in Year 3 and 4 have been looking at parts of the whole and equivalent fractions whilst children in Year 5 and 6 have been looking at fractions as decimals. In English this week, the children have drafted together a letter from Macbeth to Lady Macbeth telling her all about his encounter with the witches and their predictions — I am looking forward to reading their final pieces next week. On Monday, all the children came together to practise their cooperation and resilience skills which as a school we have been looking at. We started by exploring items that floated and sank. The children then used this knowledge to work together to build a pirate ship which had to float and hold as much treasure as possible. In the afternoon the children then added sails to the ship to see if they could get it to sail across the treacherous seas! Great fun was had by all! On Tuesday, we came together again to celebrate Chinese New Year. The children learnt about why Chinese new year is different and the stories and traditional behind the celebration. We then made our own Chinese dragon.

## News from Class One

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The children have been busy completing their pirate adventure stories this week and it has been lovely to see the range of endings which have been written. All of the children are working hard to make sure that the correct punctuation is included in their writing and Year 2 have even got to grips with inverted commas and exclamation marks. In maths we have looked some more at time with Year 1 focusing on days of the week whilst Year 2 have looked at quarter to and quarter past the hour. We have begun investigating Blackbeard with the children collecting interesting facts about him along with designing a picture for his wanted poster. The whole school came together to look at floating and sinking and built pirate ships together which could hold pieces of 8 and were fit enough to 'sail the treacherous seas'

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

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Dinner Money— £85.00 (7 weeks)

PE Money—£21.00

## Breakfast Club

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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 .