

Spring Term  
Friday 22nd  
February 2019



BURNSALL VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Friday News

UPPER WHARFEDALE PRIMARY  
FEDERATION



## A Note from the Head teachers

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have some new pupils within the federation this half-term. We would like to welcome Tilda and Layla-May to Grassington Primary and Austen to Burnsall Primary. I hope that everyone will make them feel welcome.

### Author Visit

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, author and astronomer, Colin Stuart came to visit our key stage two children at Cracoe Village Hall. He led an inspiring talk about the wonderful mysteries of our night skies and showed many interesting photos of what can be found out there! Colin visited along with Katherine from the Yorkshire Dales National Park who was promoting the Dark Skies Festival. The Fourth annual Dark Skies Festival from 15<sup>th</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> March has many activities for families to enjoy. Find out more here:

<http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/visit-the-dales/things-to-see-and-do/stargazing/dark-skies-festival>

### Swimming Gala

Some of our key stage two pupils enjoyed a morning at Upper Wharfedale Secondary School competing in the Swimming Gala. Local schools all competed with children showcasing their best strokes. We are delighted that Grassington Primary came in first position overall. Big well done to all those who took part in the competition and what wonderful feedback we received from staff about the behaviour of our children.

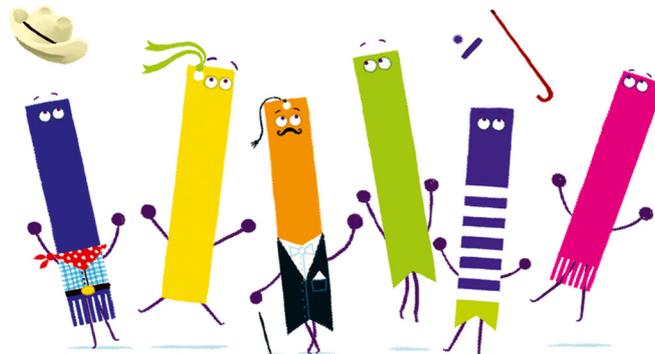
### Teaching News

We are delighted to announce that Miss Smith will be continuing to work with us next academic year. Miss Smith, Class 1 teacher at Cracoe and Rylstone Primary, started with us in September. Those of you who will know Miss Smith will know what an asset she is to our federation and what improvements she has made with our Class 1 children at Cracoe and Rylstone.

### Reminder - World Book Day - Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>

Pupils are invited to dress up as their favourite book character.

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## Diary Dates

*22.02.19—Break Up for half term*

*04.03.19—Return to school*

*05.03.19—Primary F1 afterschool club at Grassington*

*06.03.19—Federation World Book Day*

*01.04.19—Year 6 Crucial Crew*

*11.04.19—Parents Evening (change of date)*

*12.04.19—Break up for Easter*

## Breakfast Club

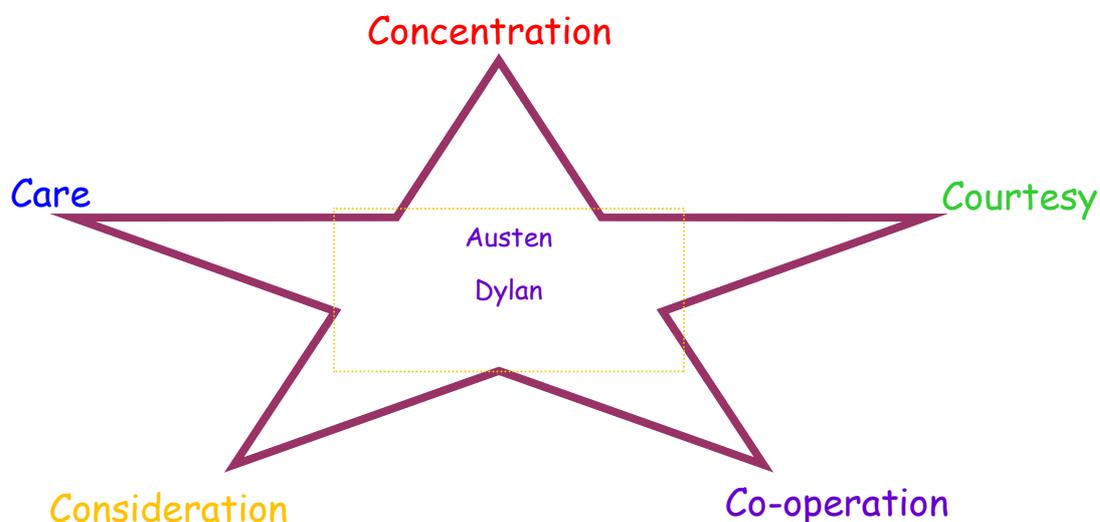
Breakfast club - open to Burnsall children from 8 am until the start of the school day. Please contact school if interested. Please don't forget to send your money to pay for Breakfast club. This can be done weekly or half termly. As from September 2017 the cost for each session will be £3.50 to cover costs. Please can you let me know if your child/ren will be attending. Thank you .

## Packed Lunches

On some occasions we ask children to bring a packed lunch to school when we are out on trips etc. Across the federation we have some children with severe nut allergies so we ask that whenever the trip includes children from other schools that you ensure the packed lunch is entirely nut free. Thank you.

## World Book Day—Wednesday 6th March

The children are splitting into two groups, KS1 and KS2 for this event. In the morning all KS2 children will be together at Grassington school taking part in various activities. They will return back to school for lunch. KS1 will take part in their activities in the afternoon and return for normal home time. The children will NOT require a packed lunch—they will all have a school dinner.



## 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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This has now finished for this term —will probably return in the summer term.

## News From Class 2

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This week we have had an RE focused week where the children have been looking at Justice and Freedom. Throughout the week, we have looked at a variety of different stories from different religions that have the message of Justice running through them. We looked yesterday at Human Rights and today the children have looked at famous people who have fought for Justice in a non-violent ways which we had some interesting debates about.

Thanks you to all the children for their hard work on the Mayan projects. They all look fantastic!

Hope you all have a fantastic half term, we will see you after the holidays.

## News from Class One

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I can hardly believe that we are at half term already! The children have had a lovely week in school and we have written some amazing Pirate adventures. After half term we will be looking at information texts based on pirates so if anyone has any Pirate books at home please do send them in. Reception have done lots of phonics work this week, we have been re-capping all the different sounds and using them to blend into words. Year 1 and 2 have continued their work on time with Year 1 looking at o'clock whilst Year 2 have focussed on telling the time to five minutes. All of the children have enjoyed creating their own animations with Mrs Braithwaite this week using the i-pads. Reception created their own pirate world, they decided what it would need and used the construction materials along with junk modelling build an exciting island.

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