

Spring Term  
Friday 15th  
February



Dear Parents/Carers,

### **World Book Day – Wednesday March 6th**

All four schools will be celebrating World Book Day on Wednesday 6th March at Grassington Primary School. Children may come dressed to school as their favourite book character. The theme of the day is 'Our Special Place' and is in memory of Max Weber, a parent of two children at Kettlewell Primary School. Max had a love of literature and the arts; her family have kindly donated funds to support the day. Children will have an opportunity to take part in a range of workshops led by poets, story tellers and artists. School will be providing transport for the day. Further details around the day will be sent out after half term.

### **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.

Mrs E N Besharati

### **Federation Diary Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mon 18th Feb	Y5/6 Author Visit	Cracoe Village Hall
Wednesday 20th Feb	Swimming Gala	Upper Wharfedale School
Wednesday 6th March	World Book Day	Grassington 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

### **Achievement Certificates go to....**

**Class 1: Sylvan** for his fantastic independent writing – using tricky words and phase 2 and 3 phonics demonstrating the Christian Value of Perseverance . Wow!

**Class 2: Ella** for having such a positive mindset towards her learning and making so much progress with spelling, demonstrating the Christian values of Courage and Perseverance. We are so proud of you.

### **Class One News**

We have been working on our performance and presentation skills this week, planning and reciting poetry to an audience. We have had an arty week, making 'palm pirates' and cards for Valentine's Day. We've been on a material hunt around school investigating materials and their properties in Science and have ended the week producing a poem about the environment for the upcoming Stray FM 'green month' competition.

In maths Year 2 have been reciting their 2, 5 and 10 times tables, understanding and comparing multiplication statements. Year 1 have been subtracting 'crossing 10' using part whole models and tens frames, 'partitioning' to make it easier. Reception are beginning to use the addition symbol, adding numbers together.

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## Class 2 News

The children have had a fantastic week of drama and improvisation in preparation for writing their own scripts for Macbeth. They have worked hard to use their top tips to enable them to be successful.

In Maths, Year 3 and 4 have been working on multiplication and problem solving, Year 5 have looked at using the area model to support their understanding of the more formal method of column multiplication and Year 6 have been multiplying and dividing decimals. All in all, lots of wonderful learning and understanding of some tricky mathematical concepts.

We have been focusing on the Christian Value of Justice in R.E. and the children have been comparing different stories and viewpoints of justice from different religions which has included illustrating the Christian story of Jonah and the Whale.



## Macbeth

### Red Nose Sales

Our Fundraising group have ordered some Red Noses for us to sell in school for Comic Relief. They cost £1.25 each. As some of you have already spotted, these can be paid for on ParentPay or by cash to the school office.

### Hair

Please can we ask that girls with longer hair keep it tied back while in school, particularly during PE.

### Absences

A reminder that all absences should be reported to the school office by 9am. For safeguarding purposes, please phone each day a child is absent unless you have specifically told us that they will be off for more than one day. Thank you.

### PE Kit

Class 1 have PE every Wednesday and Thursday. Class 2 have PE every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please ensure your child has PE kit with them on those days. We try to hold some of our PE lesson outdoors whenever possible so please include a warm layer with your child's kit.

Children who wish to stay for sports Club but have forgotten their PE kits will need to be collected at 3.30pm.

### 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.