

Spring Term
Friday 1st
February



CRACOE & RYLSTONE VC C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday News

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, the snow is finally here. I hope that everyone is wrapped up and ready for a possible week-end of sledging! It has been another busy week across the federation.

African Day

The Year 3 children across the federation enjoyed an African themed day at Burnsall last week. Children had a chance to taste traditional African food as well as make masks and take part in a dance workshop.



SIAMs Inspection

On Thursday, Grassington had their SIAMs (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection. This is an inspection which takes place periodically in all church schools. We are very appreciative of all the hard work undertaken by the staff in preparing for the day and I know that the children had a lot of very positive things to say about the school's 7Cs Code, and how they are celebrated in our school. As soon as the report is published, all Grassington parents will receive a copy and be notified of the outcome. Parents of children in the other Federation schools will be able to access the report from the website.

Snow

We will continue to monitor the weather conditions over the coming weeks. If we feel that the conditions are too difficult for staff to get to school or if the school buses are not running, then we will contact parents via text message as early as possible.

As you know, we do not have caretakers in our schools. At this time of year, we really wish we had! If any local people are willing to help us grit our paths/car parks/playgrounds in a morning, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school administrator.

Year 5 Outdoor Adventurous Activities Day

On Monday, all the Year 5 children in the Federation are joining together (along with other Year 5s in the Wharfedale cluster) for a day of adventurous outdoor activities at the Bewerley Park outdoor centre. We look forward to hearing about it next week. That is the plan – unless it is curtailed by the weather.



Breakfast Club at Grassington

There will be two temporary positions available at Grassington Primary School for a supervisor in our Breakfast Club. We need someone to cover for approximately 8 weeks from 18th February from 7:45 – 8:45am, Monday and Tuesdays only and another person to start on the 11th February until 26th July. If you are interested in this temporary position then please contact Mr Davey, the administrator at Grassington Primary.

Parent Helpers

Thank you to the team of parents who came to Kettlewell on Wednesday to help move furniture and sort out our resources. It has made such a difference to our upstairs area, which now feels so much brighter. We would really appreciate some helpers at Kettlewell to help sort out our books in our new library. If anyone is available please contact Mr Scott at the school.

Mrs E N Besharati

Federation Diary Dates

Date	Details	Location
Monday 4th Feb	Y5 Cluster day	Bewerley Park
Mon 18th Feb	Y5/6 Author Visit	Cracoe Village Hall
Wednesday 20th Feb	Swimming Gala	Upper Wharfedale 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: Carter for trying so much harder to concentrate on tasks and being more willing to see a task through to the end. Keep on being more positive about yourself when you are learning because you are a star and much more motivated with this mind-set. Demonstrating the Christian value of Determination.

Class 2: Aima for never giving up, challenging herself especially in Maths demonstrating the Christian value of Courage.

Class One News

Class One have been working so hard this week. Year 2 have been focusing on suffix endings and the pirate theme has been keeping work engaging. Mrs Webster (Class Two) was wowed by the children's determination and interest in our topic – this week children know all there is to know about the famous 'Blackbeard' and have enjoyed using our new i-pads to do independent research.

Year 1 have also been practising their blending skills (putting the sounds together) in phonics which is essential to improve their accuracy in reading. Blending activities have been sent home for extra practise.

In Maths, Year 2 have moved onto the early stages of their multiplication block, understanding the meaning of 'equal' and 'groups' of objects and numbers. Any extra practise with 2, 5 and 10 times tables at home will support learning in school. Year 1 have been reciting number bonds to 20 and have now begun tackling word problems.

Reception have been busy this week exploring size and pattern in maths and writing up labels for our pirate 'silly soup' in literacy. They have all made good use of the weather by drawing different sized shapes in the snow and ice! We have been really proud of how much the receptions are getting into the school routine – getting more organised and ready for reading and tricky word practise very morning.

Class 2 News

The children have been writing, editing and redrafting their creative stories. I have read them and am extremely impressed by how they are including the features from their top tip list: using the five senses, personification, similes, onomatopoeia, dialogue with action and many more. The children are really clear on how important it is to re draft their work and make improvements.

Maths has continued with Year 3 looking at multiplying and dividing by 3, Year 4 focusing on multiplying and dividing by 1 and 0, Year 5 challenging themselves with multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and Year 6 doing this with decimals as well as problem solving the place value of decimals. The children have really shown great determination in their work. We are very proud.

Please could we reiterate how important it is to enjoy reading every night with your child/ren and also learn their times tables. Every child is given a set table to work on and learn each week. This support alongside the work we do in school, is integral to making progress and achieving their very best. We appreciate your continued support on this, thank you.

Dinner Money

Please can we remind parents that dinner money for each week should be paid in full at the beginning of the week. Parents are welcome to pay for longer periods eg a month/half term/whole term if this is easier. To help remind you to top up your account, we will send a text reminder on Monday mornings if your child's account does not have a minimum balance of £12.50 for the week ahead. If for any reason you are having difficulties paying for your child's dinner money please do come and speak to us.

Bewerley Park—Year 5 Monday 4th February

A reminder that Y5 children will need a packed lunch for their trip to Bewerley Park. The coaches will leave Colvend car park at 9.20am and will return at 4.30pm. Please can we ask that you make sure that your child has plenty of layers with gloves and a hat, waterproof's if they have them and wellies or strong boots. If the weather turns severe and arrangements change, we will contact you early Monday morning.

Safety in the morning

Please could we ask all parents/carers to help with keeping all our children safe each morning. If you have any messages to pass to staff please do come up to the office to give the information. This will allow the staff on the playground to observe and support the children. Thank you.

Friends News

Thank you to everyone who came to the quiz of the year. A fun night was had by all and altogether we raised over £1300, which after expenses and sharing with St Peter's Rylstone means we raised about £500 profit.