

Spring Term  
Friday 21st  
February  
2019



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 18th 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 Kathryn from the Yorkshire Dales National Park who was promoting the Dark Skies Festival. The Fourth annual Dark Skies Festival from 15th February to 3rd 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-skiesfestival>

### **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 6th**

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

Mrs E N Besharati

### **Federation Diary Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Location</b>
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: Francis** for being the loveliest friend, caring for everyone and involving people in whatever game he plays demonstrating the Christian value of Friendship.

**Class 2: Bethany** for never giving up in Maths even when the going gets tough, she never turns down a challenge demonstrating the Christian value of Courage.

CRACOE & RYLSTONE VC C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Friday News



## Class 1 News

Class 1 have had a fantastic term and have all worked very hard. Some have told me that they are already eagerly awaiting what next half term brings, particularly what they will wear on World Book Day! The whole class have been geared up for our science investigation, making boats, finding out which shapes and sizes are more suitable to float on water. We will be conducting another 'fair test' the first week back.

Year 2 have completed their unit on multiplication, focusing on 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. Year 1 are still working through their unit on addition and subtraction; subtracting by 'crossing 10' all week (tricky business!). Reception have just started using the '+' symbol and writing number sentences for numbers up to 5. I have been very impressed with their improvement in forming numbers.

The pirate theme will continue on through next half term, children have been so engaged by it and will be 'talking like pirates' by the end of the first week back. Stay safe and take care over the holidays.



## Class 2 News

Class 2 have had another fantastic week of learning. We have been completing our play scripts; making sure we have used all the features including, colons, speaker on the left, stage directs, no speech marks for dialogue and many more.

In Maths, Year 3 have continued using equipment to help them understand and reason their knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 8, Year 4 have been multiplying 3 numbers together, Year 5 have been using the more formal written method of long multiplication of 3 digit and 2 digit numbers and Year 6 have been focused on knowing fractions as decimals and decimals as fractions.

The children have learned all about South America this week also. They looked at climate, population as well as physical and human geography and famous land marks. We look forward to looking at South America even more after half term.

Best wishes to you all for the half term. Please enjoy whatever you are doing.

## Dinner Money and UWS Money

Dinner money for next half term will be £12.50 per week or £75 if you wish to pay for the full six weeks.

UWS transport money will be £2.30 per week or £13.80 for the full half term.

Please can we ask that all arrears are cleared before the start of the half term and that moving forward all school dinners are paid for in **ADVANCE**.

## World Book day

Another wonderful opportunity for our children. On Wednesday 6th March all the schools across the federation will come together at Grassington School to enjoy different workshops. Key Stage 2 will attend in the morning and Key Stage 1 will attend in the afternoon. All children will travel to and from Cracoe by coach. Class 2 children will need to bring their own packed lunch for the day as they will have this with the other children in the Federation at the end of their morning of workshops. Class 1 will have lunch as normal in school. Children should come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book.

## Parking

A reminder that, for safety reasons, we ask anybody picking up/dropping off children to **reverse** into a space. Thank you.

## PE - Monday 4th March

The children have enjoyed their dance classes with Mr Bullock this half term and we are delighted to say that next half term they will be having cricket training with AJ Weerappuli, an ECB qualified coach.

As we will all be busy with World Book Day on Wednesday 6th March, for the first week of term PE will be on Monday afternoon. Please ensure your child has their PE kit with them on the first day back.

After school Sports Club will start on Wednesday 13th March.

## A Note from Friends

### **2019 Auction of Promises**

We're nearing the start of our 2019 Auction of Promises. We are relying on incredibly generous local businesses and individuals to give some fabulous goodies, with something for everyone big and small - so please get promising here! The whackier the better!

The auction will start online at 9am on Friday 8 March 2019 and finish at 9pm on Thursday 28 March 2019 at a promises dinner at The Devonshire Arms, Cracoe.

Please feel free to share the auction with friends and relatives...the more bids the merrier!