

Winter Term  
Friday 11th  
January 2019

## Message from the Executive Headteachers

Dear Parents/Carers,



I am delighted to be writing to you as the newly appointed Executive Headteacher of Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to take on this unique position and to continue to build upon the success the Federation has already achieved, working with Mrs Boxall and Mr Norris.

Having visited the schools on several occasions prior to starting and spending time in the schools this week, I have found everybody to be very welcoming. The schools are clearly valued in the local community and I am keen to continue to meet as many people as I can over the coming weeks. I will be on the playground of each school at the start and end of the day if you would like to say hello.

For me the needs of the children are always paramount in the life and decision making within a school. I strongly believe in providing the children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them to grow and develop positively in a variety of ways. During our joint training day on Monday, staff had the opportunity to think about our vision for learning across the Federation. We would like children and their families to be involved in this too. I am keen for us to build a whole Federation community which values the importance of learning and thinks of ways 'outside of the box' in which we can achieve the best for our children.

As key educators in your children's lives, I feel that it is important that you feel you have a voice and that as schools we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your thoughts and ideas about the schools.

On Tuesday 22nd January there will be a 'meet the new headteacher' coffee morning at Grassington Primary School, which will be a drop-in from 9am to 10:30am.

I believe that we will have a positive and successful future working, growing and developing together as a whole school community so that the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation is a special and unique collaboration of schools in which children love coming to and one which provides an all-round educational experience in which everyone can flourish.

Mrs E N Besharati

KETTLEWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday News



## Federation News

Welcome,

We would like to welcome Ms Laycock, the new administrator at Kettlewell Primary School to our team. Ms Laycock will be working at Kettlewell Primary School everyday until 1pm.

We would also like to welcome Albert and Jack who started at Cracoe and Rylstone Primary School and Alfie who started at Kettlewell Primary School this week.

## Safeguarding Update

On Tuesday 8th January, myself and all the Base Leaders completed our Comprehensive Child Protection Training held at Kettlewell Primary School. In light of the training we have amended and updated our Child Protection Policies. Once these are ratified by Governors they will be sent out to parents and placed on each school's websites.

If you have any concerns around a child's safety or welfare then should you speak to the Designated Safeguarding Leader in your school.

Designated Safeguarding Leader		Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officers across the Federation
Miss Thompson	Burnsall Primary School	Mrs Besharati
Mrs Gibbons	Cracoe & Rylstone Primary School	Mrs Boxall
Mrs Harrison	Grassington Primary School	Mr Norris
Mr Scott	Kettlewell Primary School	

## Staff Training

On Monday 9th January, staff from across all four schools came together to have a joint training day. Most of the day was spent looking at how children learn and thinking about the characteristics we would like children to develop during their time at primary school. The session provided us with an opportunity to share ideas and expertise as well as look towards the future of how we can strengthen the teaching and learning within our schools so that it promotes a real love and thirst for learning.

## Ofsted

After just one full day at being in post, Cracoe and Rylstone received the call from Ofsted. The inspection took place this week and was led by HMI, Bernard Campbell. As soon as the report is available we will send out a copy to each parent at Cracoe and Rylstone. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and governors who put in a lot of time and effort to make the inspection a smooth process and to the children who were able to articulate how proud they are of their school.

# Diary Dates

## Our stars of the week

Date	Details	Location
Thursday 17th January	Y5/6 NSPCC Workshop Cracoe pupils only	Cracoe & Rylstone
Monday 21st January	Y3 African Workshop Day	Burnsall
Tuesday 22nd January	Meet the Headteacher Coffee Morning Drop-in	Grassington 9 - 10.30am
Monday 18th February	Y5/6 Author Visit	Cracoe Village Hall
Wednesday 20th February	Swimming Gala	Upper Wharfedale School
Wednesday 18th March	Y5/6 Netball	Upper Wharfedale School
Wednesday 10th April	Parents Evening	Except Burnsall Primary
Thursday 11th April	Parents Evening	All schools

Alfie Hobson ★

Paige Taylor ★

Tom Harvey

Kitty Ward-Dooley ★

### Message from Class One

Welcome back to Class One, we have a new Reception member in our class, Alfie, who has settled in well and hope he has enjoyed his first week with us.

The children have really enjoyed playing in their new role play area which is linked to our new topic – Pirates.

On Thursday we had PE at Cracoe where we learnt to dance as a pirate.

We have begun our Science topic this week by looking at different materials and being able to sort them. Year one and two have been given their spellings this week. The spelling test will continue to be every Friday.



### Message from Class Two

Class 2 have had a productive week back to school after the Christmas break. The children started work on their new subject areas and topics for this term: in English we will be studying Shakespeare's Macbeth and writing play scripts. In maths, we have begun to investigate weights and measures. Our science focus this term is plants, and we are learning the parts of a flower and their functions to begin with. Our humanities based learning will centre on the human and physical geography of South America and aspects of its history.

### Dinner & milk money

Please could you pay any outstanding dinner money and milk money by Tuesday next week.

Thank you.

