

Spring Term

Friday

1st February

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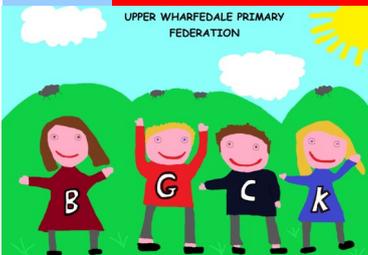
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UPPER WHARFEDALE PRIMARY
FEDERATION



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, the snow is finally here. I hope that everyone is wrapped up and ready for a possible weekend 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.

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 either of these temporary positions then please contact Mr Davey, the Administrator at Grassington Primary.

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.

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.

The Executive Leadership Team
Mrs Besharati, Mrs C Boxall and Mr C Norris

Federation Dates

The following dates show when pupils or parents across the Federation have opportunities to come together. Dates relating to individual schools are below. Details of each of these events will be provided nearer to the time.

Date	Details	Location
Monday 4 February	Cluster Y5 Day	Bewerley Park
Monday 18 February	Y5/6 Space Author Visit	Cracoe Village Hall
Wednesday 20 February	Swimming Gala	Upper Wharfedale School
Monday 18 March	Y5/6 Netball	Upper Wharfedale School
Wednesday 10 April	Parents Evening	Except Burnsall Primary
Thursday 11 April	Parents Evening	All schools

Regular Activities and Events

Every Friday	3.00pm Praise Assembly – All welcome
Every Tuesday for six weeks	3.30 pm—5.00 pm Primary F1— at school after sports
FEDERATION CHOIR IS CANCELLED UNTIL HALF-TERM. IT WILL RESTART AFTER HALF-TERM	

February Diary Dates

Monday 4 February	All Day—Bewerley Park Day for Year 5 PACKED LUNCH NEEDED (Return to Colvend Car Park at 4.30 pm)
Friday 22 February	3.30pm School Closes for Half-Term Holiday

March Diary Dates

Monday 4 March	8.55 am School reopens
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Federation Choir

Mrs Turvey apologises but, for personal reasons, she has had to cancel Federation Choir for the rest of this half-term. It will restart after half-term.

PTA Coffee Morning

The PTA Coffee Morning in Church House will be on Saturday 23rd February. It would be wonderful if you could volunteer to help for one hour (or more) on that morning, or if you could bake cakes for the Coffee Morning.

Please can you let a member of the PTA know if you can help with either element of this event? Alternatively you can sign up on the chart in the entrance lobby.

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 22nd February, the day before the Coffee Morning, and instead of money we are collecting prizes for the tombola / raffle at the coffee morning. Please bring the prizes into school.

The next PTA meeting will be on 13th February, at 8 pm in the Devonshire—everyone is welcome.

This Week's Award Winners

This week's award winners are:

Class 3

Jake & Rosa— For their amazing communication skills when showing the SIAMS Inspector around school and for speaking to her with eloquence and pride.

Philip— Mathematician of the Week - for his fabulous fraction work.

Class 2

Niamh D— Mathematician of the Week - for her great work finding perimeters of rectilinear shapes.

Evie — For recognising similarities and differences between the Mayan culture and our own.

Class 1

Charlie H— For his fantastic learning of the 2, 5 and 10 times table at home.

Sophia— For her wonderful sounding out and blending in phonics.

Class 3 News

Class 3 have been absolutely amazing this week. They have worked so hard and shown what superb learners they are.

In Maths, we have been learning about equivalent fractions and simplifying them. We have been doing reasoning and fluency problems.

To help with our learning you could practice sharing food in equal amounts and then scaling it up to make equivalent fractions.

In English, we have been writing our fact files on Southern and Central American animals. We worked on using adventurous punctuation, conjunctions and ambitious vocabulary.

In Topic, we have investigated the life of Rosa Parks who was an inspirational women. We have talked about justice and injustice around the world, producing powerful and thought provoking poetry.

In art we have created huge Mayan masks and started to create a sculptural rainforest environment.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Harrison and Mr Willis

Class 1 News

This week in Maths, Year 1 have been problem solving by comparing numbers by size. Reception have been combining the dots on 2 dice. Year 2 have continued their learning of the 2, 5 and 10 times table.

In English the children have written a recount of their experiences of the weekend, writing independently. Year 1 have been learning about adding 'ed' at the end of a verb, such as jumped. Year 2 have learnt how to add 'er' or 'est' in adjectives to compare things, for example size – small, smaller, smallest.

In Science, Reception and Year 1 have grouped everyday objects by the materials they are made from. Year 2 have looked around the classroom and outdoors for objects made from different materials and described their characteristics.

In Topic, we have investigated famous pirates including Blackbeard and Anne Bonney, a famous female pirate. The children are enjoying dance in P.E. this half term. This Tuesday they also had fun in a snowy garden following their dance lesson.

This week's home learning activity is to practise spelling the tricky words your child has been learning in phonics. We have begun to send 'Book Baby' home this week. When your child brings home 'Book Baby' please return it the following day as another child will be waiting to take it home.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend together,
Mrs Tulley, Mrs Naisbitt, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Buckley

Class 2 News

This week we have finished our work on apostrophes and adverbs and have started looking at stories from other cultures. We have read "*Rain Player*", a Mayan story, which links closely with our Mayan and South American topics. So far, we have been looking at similarities and differences between the Mayan culture and our own.

In Maths we've carried on our work on length (solving problems using addition) and perimeter of shapes (finding perimeters of rectilinear shapes) and next week we'll also be looking at area of shapes.

In Science, we looked at some rainforest plants (from the garden centre!) and planted our broad beans in clear containers, so that we can monitor both root and shoot growth.

Finally, in Topic/DT we're working in teams of three to build our own rainforests, complete with animals, flowers and birds, using different sized cardboard tubes to create the emergent, canopy and understory layers.

Don't forget the spelling test on Monday (you can check your child's score on the weekly score sheet in the homework book). Remember to read as much as you can, too and have a lovely weekend together.

Mrs Pettavel and Miss Crosby