

**Spring Term**  
Friday  
15th February  
2019

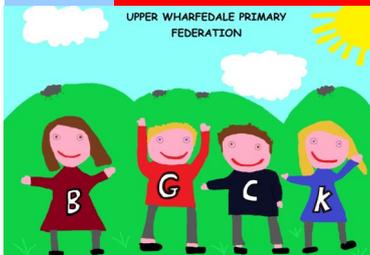
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UPPER WHARFEDALE PRIMARY  
FEDERATION



Dear Parents and Carers,

### **World Book Day – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

All four schools will be celebrating World Book Day on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 your school administrator.

### **PTA Coffee Morning**

Grassington PTA are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 23rd February in Church House. Please do come and support the coffee morning by calling in for a brew and cake/biscuits any time between 09.00 and 12.00 – all proceeds go towards school.

If you'd like to help please see the PTA information on Page 2.

### **Breakfast Club at Grassington**

We still need someone to cover Breakfast Club from 18<sup>th</sup> February until 16<sup>th</sup> July from 7:45 – 8:45am, Monday and Tuesdays only . If you are interested in then please contact Mr Davey, the Administrator at Grassington Primary.

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.

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

**Friday 22 February** 3.30pm School Closes for Half-Term Holiday

## March Diary Dates

**Monday 4 March** 8.55 am School reopens

## 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.

We also really need donations of either home-made or shop bought cakes for the Coffee Morning. Please can all donations of cake be brought in to school on Friday, or dropped off at Church House, first thing (8.30—9.00 am) on the Saturday morning?

Grandparents are often great at cake baking so perhaps they can help as well!

If you can't spare the time to help please try and support the Coffee Morning by calling in for a brew and cake/biscuits any time between 09.00 and 12.00.

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.

## **This Week's Award Winners**

This week's award winners are:

### **Class 3**

- Maggie — Mathematician of the Week—For working hard to understand comparing fractions and explaining her learning to others in a very knowledgeable manner.
- Jake— For really getting into the F1 and encouraging others to be systematic in their testing of their cars.
- Tilda— For her careful editing of her fictitious animal fact file.

### **Class 2**

- Nuala— For identifying right angles in shapes.
- Poppy— For her excellent efforts in all her work.

### **Class 1**

- Aaron— For fantastic number formation and working hard on investigating ways of making seven.
- Ellie— For her amazing alliteration.

## **Class 3 News**

In Maths, Y5 have been comparing fractions with common denominators. Y6 have looked at comparing fractions with the same numerator and different denominator. Year 5 found it really tricky to remember that the denominator tells you how much the whole is divided into so we used chocolate, cheese and jelly to divide things practically. If you are sharing pizzas or cakes, please could you use it as an opportunity to practice this.

In English, we have edited and written up our fact-files on our fictitious animal. They are on display for you to read.

In Topic, we have found out about Jane Goodall who championed the plight of chimpanzees and we made true/false fact files.

In Art, we have taken inspiration from Jouquin Torres Garcia, creating our own picture puzzles.

## **HOMEWORK – Y6 to do Simplifying Fractions and Ordering Fractions in the CGP book.**

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Harrison and Mr Willis

## **Class 2 News**

Class 2 have been busy again this week!

In maths we've been learning about turning through angles, different types of triangles, perpendicular and parallel lines and looking at all of the above in paintings by Mondrain and Kandinsky.

In english we have finished our Rain Player stories and are now starting our diary writing work; finding out about how children lived in Maya times, researching information texts and hot seating to help us understand what life must have been like for a child at that time.

In topic we have been looking at animals from South America, working as detectives to try and match descriptions and facts about them, to their photos. We discovered that the animals in South America are very different to ours!

In Science, we have been looking at sustainability as part of our plants topic. We have been learning about bees body parts and their importance for all our lives. Did you know bees have 5 eyes? Next week we will look at how we can help to protect them.

In Art / DT we have sketched bees and then made 3D models of them, using corks, art straws, pipe cleaners, wool, card and cellophane.

Don't forget spellings and homework for Monday and the swimming gala next Wednesday, too!

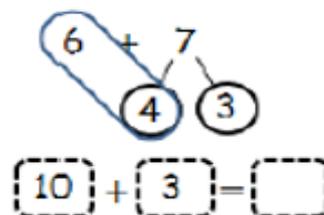
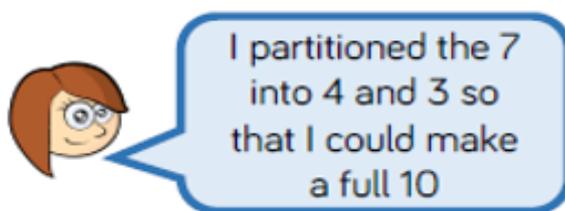
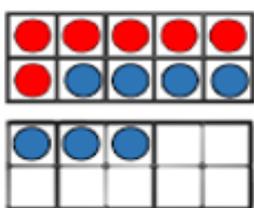
Have a lovely weekend together  
Mrs Pettavel and Miss Crosby

### Class 1 News

In English we have been writing about the Chinese New Year. We have written the characters names using capital letters as well as using the conjunctions if, when and because to improve our sentences, the children have also been learning about alliteration and writing phrases about each of the animals of the Chinese Zodiac.

In Maths Reception children have been investigating ways of making seven, using counters and numicon shapes. Year 1 have been learning how to add by making 10 first using ten frames and counters. For example

Rosie has used the 10 frames to calculate  $6 + 7$



Year 2 have continued their learning about how data can be represented in pictograms and block graphs. For example

● = 2 animals

Animal	
Dog	● ● ● ● ●
Cat	● ●
Rabbit	● ● ● ●
Fish	● ● ● ● ●

In Science, we have been testing the properties of different materials and how they can be changed. Year 2 have compared the results they gathered to find out which materials can be changed and reasoned why. In design and Technology, we have been cooking a stir fry, chopping and slicing the vegetables before frying in a wok. The children were challenged to eat their stir fry with chopsticks.

This week Year 2 have their Maths books, please complete pages 70 to 77 and Year 1 have been asked to design and create a Chinese dragon to be brought to school next week, it can be a painting, collage or model.

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