

Spring Term

Friday
15th March
2019

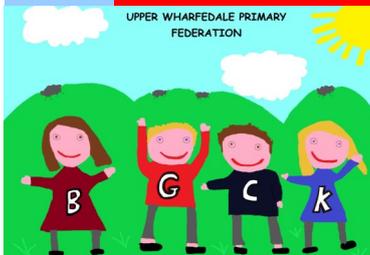
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to those of you who responded to the Parent View Questionnaire. If you have not already sent your responses in then please do so, it is important that we have responses from parents as we think the vision for our schools.

Parents at Burnsall Primary will have noticed that we are developing the outdoor area in Class 1. We have now got rid of the slippery wooden decking and replaced with grass and bark chippings. The mud kitchen went up this week and we have lots of other resources arriving next week. We hope that the area will be safe for children to use by the end of next week.



Administration

The administrator at Kettlewell, Mrs Laycock, will sadly be leaving us today. Mrs Laycock has a long commute to Kettlewell and has found it hard to balance this alongside her second job. Mrs Laycock expressed how much she has enjoyed getting to know the children at Kettlewell over the last few weeks. We wish her all the success in the future.

In the meantime, Mrs Hardaker and Mr Davey, our long-standing administrators at Grassington Primary will be based at Kettlewell until a new administrator takes up the post.

Mrs Wall, who is was due to start at Grassington after the Easter holidays, is hoping to start working with us sooner.

Volunteers Needed – Grassington & Kettlewell

Any parent volunteers who are able to spare a few hours help organise our library or do a spot of gardening then please contact Grassington or Kettlewell School office.

Grassington – Tuesday afternoon

Please can I remind parents that key stage 2 children need collecting from Upper Wharfe Secondary School at 3:15pm on Tuesday afternoons. There will be no member of staff walking back to school over the next few weeks. Any child(ren) attending Woosh Club will be returned to school with Mr Willis on the school bus.

Year 6 Residential—Typo on last week's newsletter

Please note – there was a typo with the date for the residential last week – it is Tuesday 21st May.

Yoga Club

We are thinking about running an after school Yoga Club at Burnsall Primary School, subject to pupil numbers. The Yoga Club will start after Easter and will be on a Thursday evening 3:45 – 4:45pm. The cost of the club is £4 per child. If your child is interested in taking part in Yoga Club then please email Mrs Whyte at admin@burnsall.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Timetable

The week ahead:

Week beginning 18 th March	Mrs Besharati			Mr Norris	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Grassington (All headteachers)	Kettlewell	Burnsall	Cracoe	Headteacher Cluster Meeting
PM	Grassington	Kettlewell	Burnsall	Cracoe	Grassington

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.

Diary Dates

Date	Details	Location
Monday 18th March	Y5/6 Netball	Upper Wharfedale School
Thursday 21st March	Swimming Gala Finals	Craven Pool
Wednesday 10th April	Parents Evening	Except Burnsall Primary
Thursday 11th April	Parents Evening	All schools
Monday 29th April	Staff Training Day	School closed
Monday 13th May	SATs Week (Y6 pupils)	Every School
Tuesday 21st May	Y6 Residential	Cober Hill
Friday 21st June	Primary F1 Finals Day	Upper Wharfedale School
Friday 28th June	Cycling Day (Y6, Grassington & Burnsall)	Gisburn Forest
Friday 5th July	Cycling Day (Y6, Cracoe & Kettlewell)	Gisburn Forest

Regular Activities and Events

Every Friday

3.00pm Praise Assembly – All welcome

Year 5 & Year 6 Tag Rugby

Class 3 children will need their PE kits on Fridays for Tag Rugby for the rest of this half-term. Please can you ensure that children have their PE kit and sports footwear with them every Friday?

PE & Swimming Kit

Mr Baines would like to remind everyone that all children **must** bring their PE kit with them on Tuesdays and KS2 need to remember to bring their swimming kit as well.

Class 1 News

In English this week we have been learning how about nursery rhymes and how we can change them to make them silly. We have also started to learn nonsense poems to perform, remembering to use the top tips we used when performing the tongue twisters.

In Maths Reception have been learning about number 9 and how the 'Numberblocks 9' is a square and what other numbers can be a square. Year 1 have been measuring length and height of objects using paperclips, cubes, counters and dominoes. We have also begun to measure using a ruler, remembering to start measuring from 0. Year 2 have been learning about the number of faces, edges and vertices on 3D shapes. We have given each Year 2 a learning mat of 3D shapes to take home and practise recognising and naming the shapes. Year 2 have also begun to learn about dividing into equal groups.

This week in science we completed a fair test to solve a problem. Ted was left in the garden and got wet in the rain, the children tested different materials to find the most suitable one to use in an umbrella. We discussed how to make the test fair and how we knew a material was waterproof.

Year 1 and Year 2 have a common exception word game to play this week as part of their home learning.

Mrs Tulley, Mrs Naisbitt, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Buckley.

Class 2 News

Today has been an exceptionally busy day! We've been taking part in Comic Relief Red Nose Day and everyone looks fabulous in their outfits! We've done some lovely art activities and hopefully raised a lot of money, too.

This week in maths we've been looking at fractions that make a whole, sequencing fractions and using mixed numbers, finding equivalent fractions and solving problems using our knowledge of fractions and times tables.

In English we've been looking at prepositional phrases and we've started on our new text linked to our South American / Mayan topic " The Great Kapok Tree". We've also written poems to follow up the wonderful poetry workshop held on World Book Day last week.

Our topic work this week has focussed on Chile, looking at traditions and customs and comparing two contrasting environments; the Atacama Desert and the Amazon Rainforest.

Don't forget the times table and spelling tests on Monday.

Mrs Pettavel and Miss Crosby

Class 3 News

In Maths, we have started preparing for the end of year SATs test by doing the 2017 Maths Arithmetic and Reasoning papers. I was really pleased with the way the children worked, taking on the challenge and using their positive attitude to learning.

It is Shakespeare week so we have launched our topic of Macbeth. The children have taken part in a drama session and started to investigate the role of The Witches in the story. They have also written some amazing poems to be collated in 'The Anthology' that was started by some of the children in the Federation World Book Day poetry workshop.

I would like to say 'Well Done' to the children who completed their Life Cycles homework and to Phoebe, Macy, Nancy, Rosa, Fred, Jake and Lexi a huge 'Well Done' for their beautifully presented and detailed work. Being able to do a research project and present it clearly is a really important skill to develop. The children have peer assessed their work and I have given them verbal feedback on the things they have done well and what they need to improve on.

HOMEWORK – Y6/5 Comprehension p2 and 3 to be in on Friday 22nd March

Y6 SATs Practice – p1-5 . Please answer the quick questions on lined paper, making sure you write the topic and page number as a subheading and then stick it in your home/school book. In on Tuesday 19th March.

Mrs Harrison and Mr Willis

PTA NEWS

Next PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be on the 10th April at 8.00pm in the Devonshire pub, all welcome.

Red Tractor Run

The next event to raise money for school will be the Red Tractor Trail Run on Sunday 19th May. Please get this date in your diaries, there's still time to train for the event (!) or if you are able to help out on the day that would also be much appreciated. More information to follow, but you can also find further information on how to sign up on the Facebook page for the event - <https://www.facebook.com/events/288620218467439/> If you know of anyone else who may like to participate please share this information with them.

Auction Of Promises

The Friends of Cracoe School are holding an Auction of Promises. Please go to <https://auctionofpromises.com/2019FriendsofCracoeSchool> for more details.