

Spring Term

Friday

25th January

2019

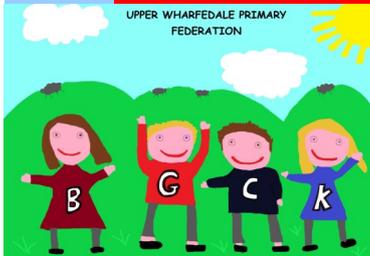
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we are already at the end of our third week back. The children have been very busy this week. The younger children appear to be enjoying hunting for treasure as they set about their new topic on 'Pirates'.

Children in the older classes have been involved in a range of activities around the theme of 'Mayans', from mask making to profiles about the Gods and Goddesses. Visiting each class this week it has been wonderful to see how the topics have been brought to life.

Mr Willis started the Primary F1 after school club at Grassington Primary School last week. The main objective is to develop children's perceptions of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) by creating a fun and exciting learning environment by creating a model Formula 1 car. Mr Willis will be launching the after school club in each one of our schools across the Federation over the coming term.

Staff across the Federation met this week to look at our Maths curriculum. Our Maths leader, Miss Thompson, delivered a session about Maths Mastery at Burnsall Primary School. During the session we explored how to develop children's problem solving and reasoning skills and how to ensure that we deepen children's conceptual understanding of number.

Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents who attended or helped at our first Federation coffee morning this week. It was nice to have a chance to meet and talk with parents from across all four schools.

Ofsted

We are proud to announce that our Ofsted inspection at Cracoe and Rylstone went very well and the school received a judgement of 'Good' in all areas. The report has been submitted to all parents at Cracoe & Rylstone and will be online early next week.

The Governors are delighted with the latest OFSTED Inspection report at Cracoe and Rylstone Primary School and see it as evidence of the educational benefits that being part of a Federation have brought to this small rural school.

The Governors have commented that the standard of education our pupils receive, the progress they make, the enjoyment they have whilst learning, the commitment of our Executive Headteachers and staff, the emphasis we place on safety and behaviour, together with our inclusive ethos have all been recognised in this fair and balanced Inspection report. However, we are not complacent and will continue our constant strive for improvement in Cracoe & Rylstone Primary School and in other schools in our Federation.

Communication

We highly value the positive communication we have with parents and so, if you do have any questions or concerns then please arrange a meeting to discuss these with your child's class teacher.

If you don't feel your query has been acted upon or resolved in the way you hoped for, then you can arrange to see one of the Base Leaders . Finally, if you've tried both the class teacher and Base Leader and you still have concerns then please arrange an appointment with of the Executive Headteachers via the office. I would ask that you do at first try to discuss issues with the class teacher/Base Leader as most issues can be resolved quickly that way.

As you know we have had some changes to the admin staff at some of the schools at the start of term. Our administrators are here to support the staff with the day to day administration of the school.

Mrs Berry, who works part-time across the Federation (Monday and Tuesday), will be managing the finances in each of the schools.

Breakfast Club at Grassington

There are 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, Mondays and Tuesdays only and another person to start on the 11th February until 26th July, again Mondays and Tuesdays only. If you are interested in either temporary position then please contact Mr Davey, the Administrator at Grassington Primary.

Future Plans

The Executive Leadership team met this week to look at future plans for our Federation. We have lots of exciting ideas which we would like to implement to strengthen our schools. Once we have agreed our plans with staff and governors, we will share them with parents so that we can utilise the skills of our wider community.

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 18 February	Y5/6 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 Monday	3.30-4.30 pm Federation Choir, KS2 Children only
Every Tuesday for six weeks	3.30 pm—5.00 pm Primary F1— at school after sports

F1 CLUB IS BACK TO NORMAL ON TUESDAY 29 JANUARY

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

Sportshall Athletics Competition

A team of Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Wharfedale Sportshall Athletics Competition after school on Tuesday and came away with a win!

All children were a credit to themselves and Grassington Primary School, supporting each other in the events and being gracious and friendly to children from other schools. The team performed amazingly in both track and field events, and won by an amazing 13 points from their nearest competitor, Boyle & Petyt Primary School. Their performances in the track races were particularly impressive, winning most of them. Congratulations to everyone in the team and get ready for the Craven area finals on Thursday, 7th February!

Primary F1 Club

We're delighted to say that the Craven Herald have published an article on their website - see <https://www.cravenherald.co.uk/news/17364809.grassington-primary-launches-stem-project-for-schools-in-upper-wharfedale/>.

This Week's Award Winners

This week's award winners are:

Class 3

Tilda—	For her first piece of fabulous writing at Grassington CE VC Primary School
Layla and Hollie—	For learning from their mistakes when drawing scales on line graphs.

Class 2

Nicole—	Mathematician of the week—for converting <i>cm</i> to <i>mm</i> and vice versa.
Tiler—	For his lovely work in Science on plant adaptation

Class 1

Eddie—	Mathematician of the week—for independently investigating arrays in school
Phoebe—	For confidently reading her pirate facts to the class.

Class 3 News

Yet another week of fabulous learning! This week in Maths, Year 5 and 6 have been constructing and drawing line graphs, thinking about the top-tips they can use to help inform their learning and producing accurate representations of data. Year 6 have also been learning about circles and the vocabulary used such as: circumference, diameter and radius. As a challenge they thought of formulas they could use to relate to each.

In English, the children have finished their fact files about Mayan Gods and are now writing information texts about animals from South America. In Science they learned about the parts of a flower and how it reproduces.

HOMEWORK

Y6 Maths p.60,61 Circles CGP in on Tuesday 29th January 2019.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Harrison and Mr Willis

Class 1 News

This week in Maths, Year 1 have been comparing numbers, finding the greater or smaller number. Reception have been counting amounts carefully, using *Numicon* to find ways of making six and playing an addition game. Year 2 have been investigating arrays in multiplication and the two times table. Year 2 have a home learning activity to complete by next Friday please.

In English, the children have been discussing how the images in the story '*The Whales' Song*' makes them feel. Year 1 have also been learning how to make sentences and Year 2 have been learning how adverbs are used to explain how a verb is performed. Year 2 have home learning to complete by writing their own adverbs. Year 1 have a phonics activity to complete in their home learning.

We have been discussing special books, the children's own special books, as well as special religious books. We are learning about the Bible and the Koran and special stories from both books.

Have a lovely weekend together,
Mrs Tulley, Mrs Naisbitt, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Buckley

Class 2 News

Well, it snowed enough to keep us indoors this week, but not enough to build a snowman! Never mind next time

We've been busy as usual in Class 2. In Maths, we're doing our unit on measurement, perimeter and area and the Year 4 children have been working in kilometres and metres, converting, ordering and comparing lengths and Year 3 children have been doing the same with metres, centimetres and millimetres.

In English, we've studied Macbeth and written our own play scripts of conversations between Lady Macbeth and her husband and we'll be moving on to study the Three Witches in greater detail. In grammar, the Year 4 children have been looking at apostrophes for possession and contraction and the Year 3 children have been working on adverbs.

In Topic, we've looked at the different layers of the Amazon Rainforest and the types of plants and creatures that live in each and on Friday we'll be making our Mayan masks.

In Science, we looked at how different plants are adapted to live in various environments. We found out about different leaf shapes, stem thickness, root depth and seed dispersal in plants in desert, water, prairie, rainforest and temperate environments.

Year 3 had a fantastic time at the African Workshop on Monday! They made masks, homes and learnt dances. There are two displays up - one just by the front door and one above the Class 2 coat pegs and they are well worth a look!

Don't forget there is homework for Monday and spellings to be learnt for the test, too.

Please remember to help your child practice for their Maths Mission each week.

Have a lovely weekend together,
Mrs Pettavel and Miss Crosby