

Spring Term
Friday 5th
April 2019



CRACOE & RYLSTONE VC C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday News

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week across the federation. We have chickens at Kettlewell (thank you, Connie) and pirating expeditions out in the local area. We would like to welcome to Charlie, who started in our reception class at Burnsall Primary last week.

New Playground Markings

A big thank you to Grassington PTA for raising funds for our new playground markings. The playground looks great and the children are really enjoying using them at playtime to play games and sports. We will be doing a grand unveiling of the playground on Friday 12th April at 9:00am, parents are welcome.

Praise Assemblies

Base Leaders in each of our schools have made the decision to have Praise assemblies every fortnight after half-term, with the first one taking place on Friday 10th May. These will take place in the morning, after the children have had registration. Each school will provide information about how these assemblies will be conducted.

Communication Strategy Group

I met this week with the newly formed Communication Strategy Group. We had representatives from each of our schools and discussed ways in which to communicate with parents the wonderful learning that is happening in our schools. The weekly newsletter will provide updates of what is happening across the federation, in addition, we will try and regularly post photographs and comments on our Facebook pages -so please watch this space.

Federation Choir

We have a Federation Choir which is held at Grassington Primary every Monday after school until 4:30. The choir is ran by Mrs Turvey and is a great way for children to get together - in harmony – I certainly enjoy listening to them! If your child is in Key Stage 1 and would like to stay at Grassington on Monday after they have finished their music/PE lessons rather than being returned to their school then please complete the attached form.

Our Vision

Over the past term we have been working with children, staff, parents and governors to gather feedback about our schools. We have now put together our vision and our curriculum offer and would like to share our plans with parents. We will be holding two information sessions, if you would like to attend please complete the attached form.

Wednesday 8th May – Grassington Primary School, 9:15am – 10:15am

Wednesday 8th May – Cracoe Village Hall, 5:15pm – 6:15pm

Timetable

The week ahead:

Week beginning 8th April	Mrs Besharati			Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Kettlewell	Burnsall	Kettlewell	Cracoe	Kettlewell
PM	Cracoe	Grassington	Grassington	Burnsall	Kettlewell

Mrs E N Besharati and Mrs C Boxall



Federation Diary Dates

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

Date	Details	Location
Wednesday 10th April	Parents Evening	Each school
Thursday 11th April	Parents Evening	Each School
Monday 29th April	Staff Training Day - no school	
Thursday 2nd May	Primary F1 Club starts for Cracoe & Rylstone and Kettlewell pupils (Y5&6)	Grassington Primary School, 3.30pm-5.00pm
Monday 13th May	SATs Week (Y6 pupils)	Each School
Tuesday 21st May	Y6 Residential	Cober Hill
Friday 21st June	Primary F1 Final	Upper Wharfedale School
Friday 28th June	Cycling Day (Year 6)	Gisburn Forest
Friday 5th July	Grassington & Burnsall Cycling Day (Year 6)	Gisburn Forest
	Cracoe & Kettlewell	

Achievement Certificates go to....

Class 1: **Carter** for a fantastic job of using his 2, 5 and 10 times tables to work out divisions. He is putting so much more effort into keeping his handwriting neat too, showing the Christian Value of Perseverance.

Class 2: **Isaac** for always trying his best in all that he does, never making any fuss demonstrating the Christian value of Humility.

Class 1 News

Well done Class One for managing to persuade Mrs Beshnerati to ban homework for this whole week (except for two children who still REALLY wanted it!) We continued the theme of persuasive techniques with writing up our adverts for potential Cracoe pirates to move in with us. The children took their time with the landscape drawings, used rhetorical questions and thought up catchy slogans. A very enjoyable read.

In Maths, Year 1 have been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's forwards and backwards, using this to reason and solve problems. Year 2 have completed their work on division and subtraction ending with using deduction skills to solve multiplications beyond known facts. We have just begun our work on shape (2D and 3D).

Reception have been enjoying our Easter-themed provision, finger painting onto Eggs, cutting and sticking Easter shapes and sorting numbered chocolate eggs into baskets. They have wowed us with 'counting on' in their heads and using a number line to count from any given number (up to 10) They will start subtraction next week.

Class 2 News

This week the children have been really busy. Year 6 had a fantastic time at Crucial Crew and Year 5 have been at Rewind to Easter today. Behaviour was excellent and as always we are very proud of them.

In Maths, Year 6 have worked really hard on arithmetic in preparation for SATs. Year 5 have been solving perimeter and area of regular and compound shapes. Year 4 have also been looking perimeter of rectangles. Year 3 have been getting busy measuring length to the m, cm and mm.

Chocolate has been our focus in English this week, not a bad focus if I say so myself! The children will be completing some market research, hence the questionnaires; creating a new chocolate bar based on their research, designing a wrapper to match their bar and then writing a persuasive advertisement in order to 'sell' as many chocolate bars as they can. We are looking forward to having a 'chocolatey' time next week.

Please could I ask for your support with learning times tables at home. It is a vital skill to understand and know as it supports many elements of maths in Upper Key Stage 2. Thank you very much for your continued support. Your child/ren do have a specific times - table that they are working on weekly.

Friends News

Church House Coffee Morning - Saturday 13th April

The Church House Coffee Morning in Grassington will take place on Saturday 13th April from 9.30am - 12pm. We REALLY need your help. We need: cakes and muffins to sell, chocolate for the tombola, prizes for the raffle and people to help on the day. If you can't make it - please consider donating a bottle of wine or a box of chocolates to the raffle...every little bit helps!

Easter Eggstravaganza

We will be running our annual Easter Eggstravaganza on Thursday 11 April from 2pm. Children need to bring in two hard boiled eggs each which we will then decorate, roll and throw before finishing with an Easter Egg hunt. Small Easter chocolate donations for the Easter egg hunt would be gratefully received. If you would like to come along and get involved in the afternoon - please let Helena, Niki or Tamsin know.

After School Band

There will be no after school band this week due to Parents Evening .

Easter Service, Friday 12th April 2.30pm

On Friday 12th April, the children will be joining children from Burnsall School to celebrate Easter at St. Wilfred's Church, Burnsall at 2.30pm. We will travel to Burnsall by Hargreaves Coach.

All parents and friends of the school are invited to join us for this service. Where possible, we would ask that all children are collected from Burnsall Church at the end of the service.

Earlier this week we sent a letter home asking whether your child will be picked up from the Church or should be brought back to school. Please could you let us know ASAP as we need to book appropriate transport. Thank you.

