

Spring Term

Friday

29th March

2019

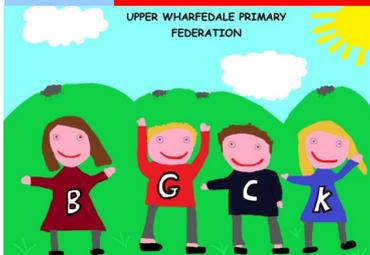
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# Tractor Times

UPPER WHARFEDALE PRIMARY  
FEDERATION



Dear Parents/Carers,

Finally, spring seems to have arrived. It is lovely to see the children outside this afternoon with the sun shining down. Below is important information about changes after Easter.

As parents are aware, we are constantly seeking ways to strengthen our schools and ensure that they are financially more sustainable. After Easter, we will be making some changes to the PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) arrangements across the federation so that pupils have:

- more opportunities to learn alongside peers their own age
- more opportunities to access specialist teachers.

The plans we have created have resulted in significant savings across the Federation.

**Monday afternoons** –Class 1 children, from all schools, will go to Grassington Primary to have a music session with Mrs Turvey and PE with Mr Baines. **We would kindly ask that Class 1 children come to school in their PE kits on Mondays to save time getting changed.**

Children will return to their individual schools by the end of the school day. Kettlewell pupils will arrive back later than usual, they will return to school by 3:15pm. If your child usually gets a bus then the bus will wait for them.

**Tuesday afternoons -**

Summer Half Term 1: From 29th April to 24th May

	PM 1	PM 2
Swimming at UWS	Year 6	Year 5
PE at UWS with Mrs Willets	Year 5	Year 6
Music at Grassington with Mrs Turvey	Year 4	Year 3
PE at Grassington with Mr Baines	Year 3	Year 4

**We kindly ask that all key stage 2 children come in their PE kits every Tuesday to save time getting changed. Year 5 and 6 children will also need their swimming kits.**

Children will return to their individual schools by the end of the school day. Kettlewell pupils will arrive back later than usual, they will return to school by 3:15pm. If your child usually gets a bus then the bus will wait for them.

In addition, Base Leaders will be having some leadership time each fortnight to allow them to direct their energies for the benefit of each individual school. Children who are taught by Base Leaders will have a fortnightly workshop every Friday afternoon. This will either be an ICT workshop taught by our computer specialists – Mrs Braithwaite and Mr Willis or French and topic-based workshop taught by our modern foreign language teacher, Mrs Maclean.

## Staff changes in Class 2

We are very pleased to welcome back Mrs Steeples, following her maternity leave. She will return to work on Monday 8th April; Mrs Petteval's last day will be Friday 5th April. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Petteval for all her hard work and dedication to the children at Grassington School and wish her all the best for the future. Both members of staff have had handover sessions and both will be in attendance at parents evening.

## Breakfast Club

You may have noticed a wonderful smell coming from our school on Mondays and Tuesdays over the last few weeks – Mrs Roddis has been making some lovely pancakes for children at our Breakfast Club. We have decided to extend our Breakfast Club and offer it to Grassington children Monday to Thursdays. The Club starts at 7:45am and the price is £3.50 per child. If you would like to register for additional mornings or need childcare on an ad-hoc basis, please email Mrs Wall at admin@grassington.n-yorks.sch.uk.

## Timetable

The week ahead:

Week beginning 1st April	Mrs Besharati			Mrs Boxall	Mr Norris
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Kettlewell	Burnsall	Kettlewell	Cracoe	Kettlewell
PM	Cracoe	Grassington	Grassington	Burnsall	Kettlewell

Mrs E Besharati

## **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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Location</b>
Monday 1st April	Crucial Crew (Y6 pupils)	Playaway Centre, Gargrave
Monday 1st April	C4L (Change For Life) Festival (Y3&4 pupils)	Upper Wharfedale School
Friday 5th April	Rewind to Easter (Y5 pupils)	Netherside Hall
Friday 5th April	Easter Service (for All Grassington)	St Michael's Linton
Wednesday 10th April	Parents Evening	Except Burnsall Primary
Thursday 11th April	Parents Evening	All schools
Friday 12th April	Grand Opening of Playground	All welcome
Friday 12th April	School closes for Easter	All schools
Monday 29th April	Staff Training Day	School closed
Tuesday 20th April	School opens for new term	All schools
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

## Regular Activities and Events

### **Every Friday**

Every Friday until the end of term

3.00pm Praise Assembly – All welcome

Tag Rugby (Y5&6) - 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.

## This Week's Award Winners

This week's award winners are:

### Class 3

Ben, for a brilliant piece of descriptive writing.

Mathematician of the week: Lexi, for working hard to show how much she has improved in maths.

### Class 2

Frank, Niamh, Emma, Tiler, Nuala, Nicole and Tamsin, for reading often at home because it makes such a difference.

### Class 1

Hannah, Charlie and Phoebe, for working well together to produce an amazing, informative and eye-catching poster about jobs on board a pirate ship.

Mathematician of the week: Isla, for clearly explaining what full and empty means while playing in the water tray.

## Class 1 News

This week we have been learning about writing a diary entry. Together we have read a diary entry for a young pirate, discussing how we can find out how he felt from the writing, using our inference skills. We also learnt about the different features of a diary entry and went on to identify them in the pirate's diary. Next week we shall be writing our own diary.

In Maths, Reception have been learning about 10, grouping objects in 10's and then counting in tens. Year 1 have been weighing objects using cubes and comparing the weights of objects to order by mass. Year 2 continued learning about division and multiplication using the 2-, 5- and 10-times table. At home please continue to practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and learning the times tables for these numbers.

In our topic work this week we have learnt about the different jobs on board a pirate ship, from the captain and quarter master to the rigger and cabin boy, the children worked in pairs to create an information poster about the different occupations on the ship. The children were fascinated by the fact the carpenter was also the ship's surgeon, who used the same tools for both jobs...quite gruesome.

Can we please ask again if you have any spare plants or seeds the children can plant in the garden, please bring them in before the Easter holiday?

This week Year 1 and Year 2 have a reading comprehension activity to complete. Please can it be completed and returned by Wednesday. I appreciate this is earlier than usual to return home learning activities, but it will allow us the opportunity for the children to share their learning with the class.

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

### **Class 2 News**

In English we have been working hard on our persuasive writing. Continuing with our text "The Great Kapok Tree", we've been looking at how the animals and the boy try to persuade the man not to chop down the tree in the Amazon Rainforest. We've been looking at powerful verbs and collecting alternative verbs for "said", as well as identifying persuasive devices in the text. Our next step will be to look at a persuasive letter written by one of the animals to the woodcutter and then to plan and write our own letter.

In Maths we have found larger fractions of shapes and worked in pairs to distribute fish among different numbers of tanks (using times table knowledge to share in fractions)

In topic we have looked at animals that live in the Atacama Desert (in contrast to the animals in our English text) and how they survive in such harsh conditions and in art we finished our Guiseppe Arcimboldo style collages, linked to our science topic.

This week's homework is a planning task for our DT activity next week. Please don't make anything, just follow the instructions and draw and label a plan. We will do the making in class.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy Mothers Day!  
Mrs Pettavel and Miss Crosby

### **Class 3 News**

This week we have been doing assessments. We have also edited and finished our writing on the heathland setting in Macbeth. Next week we will be writing newspaper reports. It would be great if the children could bring in an example of a newspaper report for next week. We have finished watching the whole Macbeth story – see if they can retell you it.

In Maths we have moved on to working on decimals ready for working our percentages. We will be looking at dividing by 10 and 100 (as revision) early on next week.

**HOMEWORK – Y6/5 Comprehension p6 and 7 to be in on Friday 5th April**

**Y6 SATs Practice –**

**Adverbs and Adjectives p.10-13 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 2<sup>nd</sup> April.**

**Maths – Multiplying and dividing by 10,100,1000 and multiplying and dividing with decimals p24, p25 and p26. Please hand in on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.**

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Harrison and Mr Willis

## **Easter Service**

There will be an Easter Service on Friday 5th April at 2pm at St Michael's Church , Linton. The children will be leaving from Grassington School at 1.15pm and we would kindly like to request parent helpers to walk to the church. All welcome.

## **PTA NEWS**

### **Next PTA Meeting**

The next PTA meeting will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.