

Summer Term  
Friday 3rd May  
2019



BURNSALL VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Friday News

## A Note from the Head teachers

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back. We hope you and the children have enjoyed the Easter holidays. We have a very short (but very busy) half-term ahead.

We started our new PPA arrangements this week. We were really impressed with how well the children conducted themselves during the afternoon. It was wonderful to see them working together - using the new playground markings at Grassington to play team games, trying to catch Mrs Turvey out in a rhythm challenge. At Upper Wharfedale, children were developing their cricket skills as well as preparing for their 'life savers water challenge'. Well done to everyone for remembering to wear PE kits. Just a reminder that branded sportswear is not part of the school PE kit.

### Farewell, Mr Davey

Mr Davey, who has been the administrator at Grassington and Kettlewell this last term, is saying farewell to us this week. Mr Davey has spent some time working alongside our two new administrators at Grassington and Kettlewell. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Mr Davey will be coming to our praise assembly at Grassington so that we can say goodbye and thank you. Parents are invited to join us. Mr Davey will continue to work as clerk to the Governing Body and from time to time, will do relief admin work as and when necessary.

### Welcome

We would like to welcome our new administrator, Mrs Addyman, who started at Kettlewell this week. We hope that everyone will take time to introduce themselves as Mrs Addyman settles into our school family. Mrs Washington will be spending one day a week at Kettlewell to support Mrs Addyman as she takes on her new role.

### Grassington art competition

Work is well under way with our library at Grassington and the skip has filled up fast! Just a reminder that the school council launched an art competition before Easter. The winners will have their artwork displayed in the room. Children are invited to draw/paint a picture on A4 paper - please ensure it is portrait. The theme decided by the school council is 'In our imagination'. Entries to include name and class on reverse and to be handed to school council by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**.

### Kettlewell Outdoor Area

The outdoor area has been finished at Kettlewell. Thank you to Mr Simpson and staff who put up some drain pipes, mud kitchens and all sorts of other wonderful things for the children to use and explore in Class 1. As soon as Mrs Besharati came into the room on Tuesday, Thomas eagerly pulled at her hand and said 'Come and look at this!' It is great to see our youngest children enjoying the provision. Mrs Middleton will be working at Kettlewell three days a week to support the early year's children and we have also increased Mrs Facer's days so that there is extra support in Class 1. Mrs Simpson will now be focusing on Class 2, working alongside Mr Scott.

### A Huge Thankyou

We continue to appreciate all the help and support given by parents across the Federation, whether this be through the Friends/PTAs from schools or individual support. Thank you to Cracoe parents for hosting the coffee morning at Grassington House and for planting spring flowers around the school grounds. Thank you to those who organised and attended the 'Easter Frolics' held at Burnsall.

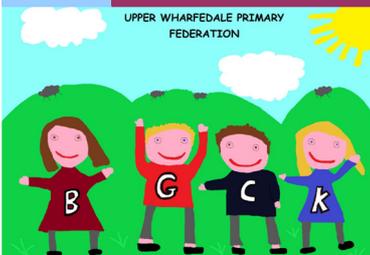
### After School Clubs

We are trying to increase the number of after school clubs we offer within the federation. Below are the after school clubs we will be running after Easter holidays. We are actively trying to provide a range of clubs, which will be held at all four schools. Obviously for our clubs to be successful it relies on children taking part.

If your child would like to join any of our new clubs, please contact the relevant person below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Federation Choir at Grassington Primary School 3:30 - 4:30pm		Kanga Sports Club at Grassington Primary 3:30 - 4:30pm £4	Yoga Class at Burnsall Primary £4.50 per child 3:30-4:30
Contact Grassington admin		Contact info@kangasports.co.uk	Contact Burnsall admin to book

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### Our Vision - Reminder!

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 8<sup>th</sup> May - Grassington Primary School, 9:15am - 10:15am

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Cracoe Village Hall, 5:15pm - 6:15pm

### Timetable

Week beginning 6th May	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday		Thursday	Friday
AM	May Day	Grassington/ Cracoe	Grassington	Burnsall	Kettlewell
PM	May Day	Cracoe	Cracoe	Kettlewell	Kettlewell

### Feedback from parents/carers

Thank you to all those parents and carers who took time to fill in our questionnaire about what makes our schools special and what we could do better. We have used the information to inform our planning and next steps. Below is a summary of some of the comments made around what could be better across the four schools:

You said...	We did...
Further develop children's ICT skills	This half-term we are trialling the use of two IT specialist higher level teaching assistants delivering computing sessions in Key Stage 2 in every school. The children will be starting by planning and creating their own animations. Base Leaders are putting together a 'wish list' of IT equipment needed within their schools. Some of this equipment will be bought ready for September.
More consistent approach to homework	Home learning policy will be reviewed this term and shared with parents.  A more detailed overview of what is expected in terms of home learning will be sent home this half-term.
Moderate learning	This is a strength of the federation. As we are a collaboration of schools we have the opportunity to regularly moderate each other's assessment judgements. We have already done this twice in the spring term and plan to do again in the summer term so that we know our assessment judgements and that the next steps in children's learning are accurate.
More outdoor learning	This is an integral part of our new curriculum vision, which will be shared with parents next week.
Promote healthy living	This is an integral part of our new curriculum vision, which will be shared with parents next week.
Lack of after school clubs	We have increased our after school clubs this term by introducing a sports club and yoga club. After school clubs can only run if they are financially viable for the provider. It relies on parents making the commitment to bring their children and supporting the clubs.
Promotion of the schools/federation	We have set up a Communication Strategy Group, with representatives from each of the schools. The aim of the group is to promote the schools and federation. Work has already started around the use of social media.

Communication	All four schools now have Teacher2Parent facility whereby text messages can be sent to parents with any urgent reminders. We are in the process of setting up/improving our social media accounts. Newsletters will continue to be sent out weekly. A more detailed breakdown of what children are learning will be sent out at the start of each half-term, in the form of a curriculum overview.
Greater challenge and opportunities in science	The current national curriculum determines what needs to be taught in each year group. This is built into our theme planning and stand-alone science sessions As we develop our new curriculum for September 2019 science will have a high profile within class teaching, with specific days during the year dedicated to the subject
Involve parents from each school to strengthen federation approach	Friends/PTA representatives from each school have begun to meet every half term with the HT, to discuss events and Federation developments. Outcomes from parent feedback last term have been read and actions taken to improve work done across the Federation.
Invite parents to praise assemblies	Each school will notify parents of their particular arrangements for inviting parents to these assemblies. This will be confirmed on newsletters
Promote the Christian ethos (in our Church schools)	'Be the light' is the vision strap line for the Federation. The vision statement will be shared with parents at the curriculum meetings. 'Be the light' is the focus for collective worship this term- children themselves will be leading worship around the vision. This will have a high profile, underpinning all aspects of work done in the federation 'Shine' awards will be given to children who have demonstrated this value during the week

### **SATs Week**

Week commencing Monday 13th May marks the start of SATs week for our Year 6 pupils. Below is a link with guidance for parents about the SATs period. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any further questions.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/792059/Information for parents -  
\\_2019 national curriculum tests at the end of key stages 1 and 2.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/792059/Information_for_parents_-_2019_national_curriculum_tests_at_the_end_of_key_stages_1_and_2.pdf)

*Mrs E N Besharati and Mrs C Boxall*

## Breakfast Club

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Breakfast club - open to Burnshall children from 8 am until the start of the school day. Please contact school if interested. Please don't forget to send your money to pay for Breakfast club. This can be done weekly or half termly. As from September 2017 the cost for each session will be £3.50 to cover costs. Please can you let me know if your child/ren will be attending. Thank you .

## Tag Rugby—Class 2

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This will continue again until half term and will still be held on a Friday morning. Please remember to send your child with their PE kit and a warm hoodie, as this will take place in the playground. Thank you

## Charges for PE

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There will be **no** charge for PE for class 2. Don't forget the new arrangements for PE—Class 2 will now go to PE in the afternoon.

## Diary Dates across the Federation

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Date	Activity	Venue
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week (Y6 pupils)	Each School
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Y6 Residential	Cober Hill, Scarborough
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Primary F1 Final	Upper Wharfedale School
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Cycling Day (Year 6) Grassington & Burnshall	Gisburn Forest
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Cycling Day (Year 6) Cracoe & Kettlewell	Gisburn Forest

## Baking Club

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This will start on Tuesday May 7th. This will run from 3.30pm -4.30pm

## Yoga—After school club

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The Yoga club will run again on May 9th @ 3.30pm for one hour. The club will run each Thursday until 23rd May. The cost for this will be £4.50 per session. This can either be paid as a block or weekly whichever suits you all best. Thank you

## KS1 PE Kits

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We understand there has been a bit of confusion as to when KS1 PE kits need to be in school. The children will come to school on a Monday in their PE kit. They wont require their PE to be in school for the rest of the week.

## Praise Assemblies

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This week in our collective worship sessions we have introduced the children to the Federation vision of 'Be the Light'. With this vision, we have 5 new values (Love, Trust, Forgiveness, Thankfulness and Kindness) that we replace our 5cs. The children discussed how they would like to colour these values so that they can still continue to collect certificates to aim for their Gold Award at the end of the year. The new certificate will be called a Shine Award and we will have Shine Assemblies fortnightly on a Friday afternoon. Parents will be invited to our Gold Award Ceremony at the end of the Summer Term.

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# Diary Dates

*06.05.19—May Day Bank Holiday*

*07.05.19 - Julies Baking Club starts*

*09.05.19, 16.05.19 & 23.05.19—Yoga 3.30-4.30pm*

*10.5.19—Year 4 Nell Bank*

*13.05.19 - SATS week*

*13.05.19—Burnsall & Cracoe Class 1 to Grassington in PM*

*21.05.19—Year 6 Residential*

*24.05.19— Break up*

## Dinner Money for this half term—30.04.19-24.05.19

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Dinner money for class 2—£45.00

Dinner money form Year 6 only (due to residential) - £35.00

No charge for PE this half term.

## A Message from Friends

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We will be having kids crafts, a treasure hunt and lots of stalls held on Burnsall Green on Bank Holiday Monday—all welcome.

There will be a sponsored walk on 19th May organised by Cracoe. Sponsor forms to follow.

Don't forget the easyfunding when buying on line.

Thank you

