

Spring Term  
Friday  
17th May  
2019



GRASSINGTON CE (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Tractor Times



## Message from the Headteachers

Dear Parents/Carers

As we have been driving between the schools this week, it has been a great reminder of how lucky our children are to live in this beautiful part of the country. For those of you who were able to attend our curriculum vision meetings last week, our locality lends itself to the 'outdoor learning' and 'healthy living' aspects of this vision, offering tremendous opportunities for us to utilise and celebrate the area in which we live. We have had a very positive response from the meetings and hope that the additional information sent home with the newsletter last week has been useful. We intend to have another meeting in the Autumn Term to inform you further.

## Questions from the Meeting

We were able to answer many questions at the time, but in addition others were raised: -

- **How can parents help with fundraising and providing additional resources to support schools moving forward?** Regular meetings are held with the Friends/ PTAs from each school, details of resources needed by individual schools and the federation priorities are *discussed and spending is approved*. (This is for resources over and above what the school budget allows). When there are bigger projects, which may require applying for grants etc, Mrs Washington, in her role as Federation business manager will be taking this on. Thank you to those parents who have already offered their expertise in the support of these possible applications.
- **Will the vision be shared with those parents unable to attend?** Information was sent with the newsletter last week. Further information will be shared.
- **For how long will the 'learnology' sessions run?** This will be determined by what children are working on and the needs of the class at that time. This aspect of our curriculum vision will not impact on the wider curriculum that we offer children; in fact it will enhance it.
- **Could the Federation use community and hub mini-buses?** We do currently use community mini-buses, but we will be exploring the possibilities of the further use of these going forward.
- **What is the intended provision for before and after school care across the Federation from September?** There is a meeting next week with governors, EHTs and external providers to discuss this further, with the intention of developing a long-term, sustainable. As soon as we can, the outcomes of the meeting will be shared with parents.

### Nell Bank

Year 3 and 4 children from across the Federation; joined children from Threshfield and Boyle & Petyt Schools for a day at Nell Bank last week. Children particularly enjoyed pond dipping, finding a variety of mini-beasts, some children even managed to net some newts!! Immediately put back of course. The highlight of the day was the adventure playground, in particular, the tubes!

### Cober Hill

Year 6 children from across the Federation and cluster will be attending the annual residential next week. They are particularly looking forward to being with the other Year 6 children and meeting new friends and playing in the water!!

### Red Tractor Trail Run at Grassington – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

An approximately 5-mile run over a multi terrain course including some hills, but it is worth it for the views! In addition, for the little ones a fun run in the field next to school open to children up to the age of 11. Entries for the race have now closed, but please go along to the event and support all those running. There will be refreshments available at the school, with some of the profit going towards school funds.

### SATS

Well done to all our children in Year 6 who have been involved with SATS this week. They have worked hard to complete the tests...but have particularly enjoyed their additional snacks and breakfasts!

### Sun Safety

We would like to remind parents to send their children to school with sun hats/caps during hot weather; any sunscreen should be applied before they leave home in the morning, if children bring it to school children will need to apply this themselves at an agreed time with the class teacher. Additional water is available during the day and suitable shade is sought when children are outside at playtimes (see attached letter).

### Dogs on the playground

Please can we remind you that dogs **are not permitted** on the school playground due to Health and Safety reasons.

### Grassington Art competition

Thank you to all the children who entered the Grassington Art competition. The school council judged the entries this week and we have five winners who will have their work displayed in our new library.

Well done to:

Rosa, Macy and George in Class 3. Evie in Class 2. Jack in Class 1.



## School clubs

Please refer to previous newsletters as to the range of clubs on offer across the federation. May we also remind you of Awesome Owls After-School Care. The after-school club is run by Awesome Owls, an independent childcare provider. The club is located at Cracoe Village Hall and runs Monday to Friday 3.30pm to 5.20pm. £6.00 per child per day; (£5.00 per child for block bookings e.g. each Tuesday for a full term). For further info, contact Elizabeth Taylor on 07946 560280.

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

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

For our clubs to be successful it relies on children taking part. Please support our clubs!

## Music Lessons

Just a reminder that Mrs Turvey is now taking bookings for private music lessons in piano, violin, keyboard and ukulele. A letter was sent home last week with children to offer these lessons, if you would like to book then please return your reply slip to school as soon as possible.

## Attendance

Our school attendance for week beginning 13th May is **95.53%**.  
Our school target is **97%**.

## Timetable

Week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Mrs Besharati	Mrs Boxall			
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Cracoe	Kettlewell	Kettlewell	Burnsall	Grassington
PM	Kettlewell	Cracoe	Kettlewell	Burnsall	Cracoe

Mrs E N Besharati and Mrs C Boxall

## 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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday 21st May	Y6 Residential	Cober Hill
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for Half Term	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Re-opens	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 Woodland Day	Parceval Hall
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 Tennis Tournament	Ilkley
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 until the end of term Tag Rugby (Y3&4) - please can you ensure that children have their PE kit and sports footwear with them every Friday.

## Praise Assembly

Next Praise Assembly will be Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Time - to be confirmed. All welcome.

## PTA NEWS

The PTA have a busy few days this weekend with the Community Ceilidh on this evening at the Town Hall and the Red Tractor Run taking place on Sunday. Please support us where you can, all monies raised will be spent in school for the direct benefit of all our children. Further details for each event are shown below:

### Community Ceilidh – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at Grassington Town Hall

Entertainment from local Irish Ceilidh band 'Night of Stars' from 6.30pm onwards, children's food (hot dogs £1.50ea) served from 7pm, pie and peas for adults from 8pm. Cheap bar with good selection of drinks available. Tickets: £10 per adult, children go free.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WHAT PROMISES TO BE A GREAT EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY AND WELL SUPPORTED BY OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!**

Massive thank you to local businesses that have sponsored this event: Beer Monkey Brew Co, Dark Horse Brewery, The Gamekeeper's Inn, Wharfedale Beer Festival, Kanga Sports, Yorkshire Camps, Wharfeside Therapies, Kitty North, Dalesway Accountancy Services.

### Red Tractor Run – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Race starts at 10.30am, registration from 08.30am in the school hall. On-line entries are now closed, but you can enter on the day from 08:30am.

If you are able to help out on the day please contact a member of the PTA. We will be serving up a range of refreshments throughout the morning to provide sustenance to our runners and supporters. Part of what's on offer will be a cake stall, therefore we will be requesting for cake donations to be brought into school either at 3pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May or on the morning of the run. If you know of anyone else who may like to participate please, please SHARE this information with them, we have plenty of capacity for more runners and the more entries we have the more successful the event will be.

**Non-uniform Day**

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May (last day of this term). Instead of money we are collecting prizes for the Tombola at the Summer Fair on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Please bring donated items in to school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Next PTA Meeting will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 8pm in the Devonshire pub. All welcome.