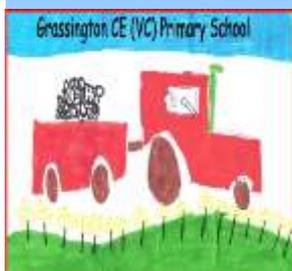


Summer Term

Friday
21st June
2019



GRASSINGTON CE (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tractor Times



Message from the Executive Headteachers

Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic week we have had across the federation. Children have been involved in all sorts of learning opportunities within the community and we have been really impressed with the comments we have received from people about how well the children conduct themselves.

Formula 1 Finals Day

Our in-house F1 expert, Mr Willis, organised a fabulous day on Friday at Upper Wharfedale, where children from Year 5 and 6 across the federation came together for a finals day event. Mr Willis started F1 after school clubs in January and these have grown in success over the year with children learning lots about maths and engineering. The workshops have enhanced children's understanding so much so that from September the 'STEM' (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) workshops will become part of the curriculum and Mr Willis will move around all four schools each half term teaching our Key stage 2 pupils. Comments and photos from the event to follow next week!

Grassington Festival

On Monday, Class 1 children across all four schools came together to watch a musical puppet show at Grassington Town Hall.

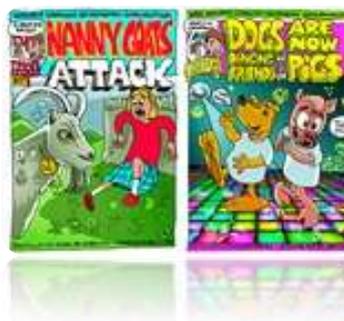
'The amazing bit was when they played the music for the Meerkats to come on' – Hannah

'I liked it when the monkey snatched the egg and the crocodile scared him' – Josh

'The money kept popping up and down. It made us laugh!' – Jack



During the week, children in key stage 2 took part in a Marvels comic making workshop. The children were inspired by the session, so much so that the children have been spending some of their break times outside illustrating. These are the comics they made.



Healthy Living – Sports

- Year 5/6 Rugby Tournament took place last Friday with Cracoe coming 2nd.
- Year 5/6 Rounders Tournament took place on Monday with Burnsall coming 2nd in their group and Cracoe coming 2nd in their group.
- Year 3 went to watch The Ilkley Trophy tournament at Ilkley Tennis Club this week. Stars from around the world come to this event to compete in both single and doubles competition.



- On Tuesday, some children in Year 5 and 6 had their PE lesson at Grassington Bowling Club. Mr Baines took the children to the bowling green to have an afternoon with some members of the local community who taught the children bowling. Mr Baines said that it was lovely to see the children interacting with the bowlers.

Communication Group

Mrs Besharati met with the communication strategy group this week. We discussed home-school communication and the communication group feel that the newsletter complemented by our social media sites are offering parents and the wider community an insight into the many activities and events that are happening in our school. The Smoothwall System we have just had installed at Cracoe is preventing staff from being able to access the Facebook site so please bear with us until the technician resolves this.

If you do use Facebook, please be sure to like our school page and the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation page so that we can spread the word about the fantastic learning that is happening!

Mrs Middleton

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Katie Middleton at the end of the summer term. Katie has been a much valued and respected teaching assistant at Grassington School, over the last three years. Most recently, she has also been working at Kettlewell School too. Katie has decided that now is the time to advance her career and is going to do a post graduate teacher training course at Leeds Trinity. We know that she will become an excellent teacher and wish her all the best in the future.

After School activities and clubs

We would like to remind parents that if children are attending any activities or clubs outside the normal school day, we ask parents to give written permission for this. This is usually in the form of an attachment to the letter. At the end of the activity staff will 'handover' the children to their parents. If parents have arranged for their child/children to go home with another family member or friend this too needs to be communicated to school. At the end of the school day, children are collected by parents or go home on the school bus. **If there is to be a change to this arrangement, school needs to be contacted on Monday morning to ensure that staff know what is happening.** We thank you for your continued support with this.

Attendance

Our school attendance for week beginning 17th June is **96.34%**.
Our school target is **97%**.

Timetable

Week beginning 24 th June	Mrs Boxall		Mrs Besharati		
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Burnsall	Grassington	Kettlewell	Grassington	Kettlewell
PM	Burnsall	Kettlewell	Cracoe	Grassington	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.

Tuesday 25th June – Y5&6 SRE session – Grassington Primary School
Wednesday 26th June - Reception Dance, Cracoe Village Hall
Thursday 27th June - Y6 Transition Day
Friday 28th June - Y6 Cycling Day (Grassington & Burnsall) - Gisburn Forest
Thursday 4th & Friday 5th July - RE Day
Monday 15th July (AM) - Refugee Education - Upper Wharfedale School
Monday 15th July (PM) - Y6 Leavers Service - Bolton Abbey Priory
Thursday 18th July – Y6 Premier Night – Grassington Primary School
Friday 19th July - End of Term – Summer Holidays

Regular Activities and Events

Thursday 27th June – Y3&4 – Tag Rugby - UWRC
Saturday 29th June - School Summer Fair - Grassington Primary School
Monday 1st July – EYFS & KS1 Multi skills event – UWS
Tuesday 2nd July – Y3&4 – Quad kids Athletics Event
Wednesday 3rd July – Reception Taster morning
Wednesday 10th July – Sports Day – Grassington Primary School, Rear Sports Field
Wednesday 17th July - PTA Meeting (8pm) - Devonshire Pub, Grassington

Y6 Premier Night Celebration

There will be a special celebration on Thursday 18th July from 6pm to 7pm at Grassington Primary School in honour of our Y6 children. We will be inviting parents of Y6 children and their siblings. So look out for your invitation to what is going to be the event of the summer!!

School Clubs

Kanga Sports Club is on Wednesdays. Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm. Venue: Grassington Primary School Hall.

Praise Assembly

Next Praise Assembly - TBC.

School Times

The school policy is that parents are not to leave their children unsupervised in the school playground before 08:45am. Staff will be in the playground from 08:45am.

Breakfast Club starts at 07:45am and again parents are to ensure that their child/children are taken in and placed in the care of the Breakfast Club Staff.

PTA NEWS

Summer Fair

We hope that you can join us for our Summer Fair that will be held on Saturday 29th June from 2pm – 4pm. Please get the date in your diary – this will be a lovely afternoon with something for all the family to enjoy! Please invite Grandparents, other family members and friends as well, we are hoping for sunshine and have lots of exciting activities planned to provide a fabulous afternoon of entertainment!

We would welcome donations of grown out of school uniform (but still in good condition), books and bric-a-brac to be sold on stalls at the fair. Please contact any member of the PTA or send a message via the PTA Facebook page regarding donations.

Next PTA Meeting is on Wednesday 17th July at 8pm in the Devonshire pub. All welcome.

