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Grassington CE (VC) Primary School



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Tractor Times

UPPER WHARFEDALE PRIMARY
FEDERATION



Message from the Executive Headteachers

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope that everyone managed to get a glimpse of the Road World Championships this week. Children at Burnsall and Kettlewell were out cheering the cyclists on as they whizzed past school!



Open Classrooms

Thank you to all those parents and carers who came to our 'open classroom' evenings this week. It was wonderful to see the children sharing their learning with parents. Next week we have planned open mornings for prospective parents at Cracoe (Tues 1st) and Grassington (Weds 2nd). If you know anyone in the area who have children, who will be of school age next year, then please encourage them to drop in and see our schools in action.

Harvest Festival

Burnsall and Cracoe children came together today, to celebrate their Harvest Festival at St. Peter's Church, Rylestone. The children performed a play about the Harvest Mouse and led the worship. Donations of tins and packets of food were made; these will be donated to the food bank in Skipton.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Class one at Kettlewell have spent the morning applying their measuring skills to weighing out the ingredients for the cakes, they are making for the Macmillan coffee afternoon. Year 2 children are also using symmetrical patterns to decorate the cakes. Mrs Paskin says the children have thoroughly enjoyed doing this activity, working collaboratively together. We will let you know the amount raised next week.

Cober Hill Information Evening

Thank you to all those parents / carers who attended the information evening on Wednesday. Further details will follow in the near future. In the meantime, if you have any queries please speak with Base Leaders in your school.

Endangered Animals

Some of our Year 6 pupils took part in an Endangered Animals workshop at Upper Wharfedale Secondary School this week. The children had to prepare a campaign and present this to their peers. Congratulations to Arabella, Kitty, Maddie and Tom at Kettlewell who were awarded 'best presentation' for their campaign on amur leopards.



Upper Wharfedale Cross Country Results

Well done to all 28 children who represented our schools at the cluster Cross-Country event at Upper Wharfedale last week.

All 28 children have qualified for the Craven Finals at Giggleswick, a letter will be sent to those parents separately detailing times. Results of the top 3 places are below:

- Year 3 1st place boy – Charlie (Grassington), 2nd - Josh (Grassington), 3rd - Dylan (Burnsall)
- Year 4 1st place boy – Isaac (Cracoe), 2nd – Zane (Cracoe), Jack (Kettlewell)
- Year 4 1st place girl – Tamsin (Grassington), 2nd - Mabel (Grassington)
- Year 5 2nd place boy – Ralphie (Cracoe)
- Year 5 1st place girl – Maia (Grassington)
- Year 6 1st place boy – Henry (Cracoe), 2nd – George (Grassington), 3rd – Daniel (Burnsall)

Craven Schools' Cross-Country Finals will be held at Giggleswick School on **Thursday 3rd October**.

PE

We have had to make some slight adjustments to PE. Children will now swim every fortnight as opposed to every week for a half term. There are no changes to how much physical education children are getting. All pupils in the federation have at least 4 hours of PE lessons every fortnight.

Lockdown Procedures

In line with government policy, all schools must have 'lockdown procedures'. As part of this policy, we need to inform all parents / carers of the arrangements for communicating to parents in the event of such happening.

Lockdown is the term given to protecting children and staff by keeping them indoors, in their classrooms or other safe locations. An example of when a lockdown may be appropriate would be in the event of a direct physical threat to staff and children by a person in or around the site premises.

Should a Lockdown occur, developments will be communicated to parents / carers **as soon as is practicable and in some cases in agreement with the emergency services** and the most senior member of staff overseeing the incident. As parents you will naturally be concerned and anxious, all accurate information releases will assist to alleviate undue anxiety.

Parents / carers will be given enough information for you to understand the potential outcome and possible time frames, so that you are reassured that the school and emergency services understand concerns for your child's welfare, and that everything possible is being completed to ensure their safety. We ask that parents / carers should refrain from directly calling the school's office. Calling the site will tie up telephone lines that will be required to be used by the responsible person and the emergency services. We ask that you should refrain from initially attending the site. This may interfere with the emergency provider's access / investigation and may put themselves and others in danger. Parents / carers should wait patiently until a safe and satisfactory outcome has been achieved and agreed by all parties, where a designated safe area will be identified for the safe handing over of the children to their parents /carers.

During the initial "breaking news" of the incident all parents will be reassured that the welfare and safety of their children is paramount and that the matter is being dealt with by the emergency services and NYCC jointly to resolve the matter as soon as possible with little impact to the children and the wider community.

However, it must also be stressed that at this time **“the site is in a full lockdown procedure. During this period the office and entrances will be un-manned, external doors will be locked and no person is allowed in or out of the premises until further notice.**

Timetable

Week beginning 30 th September	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday		Thursday	Friday
AM	Burnsall	Cracoe	Grassington	Kettlewell	Cracoe
PM	Burnsall	Cracoe	Grassington	Kettlewell	Cracoe

Mrs E N Besharati and Mrs C Boxall

Attendance

Our school attendance this week is **96.72%**

Our school target is **97%**

Federation Diary Dates

Sunday 29 th September:	UCI Championships, coming through Kettlewell, Grassington & Cracoe
Tuesday 1 st October:	Open Morning at Cracoe for prospective parents, 9:30 – 11:30
Wednesday 2 nd October:	Open Morning at Grassington for prospective parents, 9:30 – 11:30
Tuesday 8 th October:	Open Morning at Kettlewell for prospective parents, 9:30 – 11:30
Wednesday 9 th October:	Open Morning at Burnsall for prospective parents, 9:30 – 11:30
Thursday 10 th October:	Year 5/6 Cluster Football Tournament, details to follow
Wednesday 16 th October:	Parents Evening at all schools
Thursday 17 th October:	Parents Evening at Grassington & Cracoe
Wednesday 16 th October:	World Food Day, details to follow
Wk beginning 21 st October:	Science Week
Thursday 24 th October:	Big Sing Event at Grassington Town Hall, Performance at 2pm and 6pm
October Half Term:	Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November
Monday 11 th November:	Friendship Week
Wednesday 13 th November:	Learnology Workshop for parents 9:30 at Burnsall and 5pm at Cracoe
9 th & 10 th December:	RE Days around the theme of ‘Light’
Wk beginning 16 th Dec:	Class 1 Nativities & Christmas Festivities, see school dates below for individual schools
School Closes:	Friday 20 th December

School Diary Dates

Monday 30 th September	Water Aid Workshops
Wednesday 2 nd October	Open Morning, 09:30 – 11:30
Thursday 3 rd October	Cross Country Finals at Giggleswick School, after school event
Friday 11 th October	Harvest Festival 1:45pm , details to follow
Wednesday 16 th October	Parents Evening
Thursday 17 th October	Parents Evening at Grassington & Cracoe
Tuesday 12 th November	Influenza Immunisation, whole School*

Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Thursday 21 st November	NSPCC Assemblies for KS1 at 9:30am & KS2 at 10am . Then workshop for Y5/6 at 10:45am
Monday 25 th November	Change4Life Festival (PM) Boyle and Petyt, details to follow
Thursday 5 th December	Panto – Snow White at Harrogate Theatre 2pm
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19 th December	KS1 Nativity Play (2pm and 6pm)
Friday 20 th December	School Christmas Party

School Clubs

Breakfast Club – Do you have any spare time? The Breakfast Club Needs You!! Volunteers required to support the Breakfast Club between 07:45am and 08:45am Monday through to Thursday. Please contact Mrs Wall in the School Admin Office or Lisa Roddis for further details.

Awesome Owls After-School Club – The After-School Club is going from strength to strength with numbers increasing on a weekly basis. The cost is £8 per child per day. An exciting and wide range of activities are on offer; please see the attached programme of activities! Should you require any further information, please contact Liz Tayler on 07946 560280 or email: twittwoeducation@gmail.com

Primary Formula 1 Club - Takes place at Grassington Primary School for Y5/6 on the following Thursdays from 3.30pm to 5pm:

>3 rd October	>10 th October	>17 th October	>24 th October
>7 th November	>14 th November	>21 st November	

Please remember that it is the parents' responsibility to collect their child(ren) from Grassington at 5.00pm. If your child is due to attend the Awesome Owls After-School Club at Grassington Primary School, it would be possible for them to be brought to Grassington for the Primary F1 Club and then go to Awesome Owls afterwards.

Gardening Club – Coming soon!!

Cross-Country Finals at Giggleswick School

All parents of those children who have qualified for the Cross-Country Finals should have already received their letters with arrangements for the event. If you have not or require another copy, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

Childhood Immunisations

The School Nursing Team will be visiting the School on **Tuesday 12th November** to offer the nasal influenza vaccine to the children in Reception to Year 6 whose parents have consented to it*. Your child(ren) should have already taken the letter home. Please follow the link (www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent) and instructions contained in the letter. If you have any queries please contact the Childhood Immunisations team directly on childhood.immunisations@hdft.nhs.uk or 01423 542360.

Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival will be held on Friday 11th October at 1:45pm at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Linton. Further details to follow.

Message from Ms Hazel Drew

It was a pleasure to have your Pupils join us for the seeding of the meadow land. As a teacher all my career I know what it takes to have young people who are so polite, enthusiastic and ready to join in despite the weather. The most impressive thing I saw was their ability to work together as a team regardless of who they were put with and to have the confidence to express their own opinions and expect to be heard. It was truly a delight and I look forward to meeting with them again at Gardening Club. May I also take this opportunity to thank the staff who were really great despite the mud/weather and all the extra mess it must have made back at school.



Aldi – Kit for School Campaign

We are collecting the 'Aldi's Team GB' stickers. If you or your family and friends shop at Aldi, please accept the stickers and pop them into the School Office. Thank you.



Praise Assembly

Next Praise Assembly will be on Friday 4th October at **3pm**.

PTA News

The **PTA AGM** was due to be held this week; unfortunately, due the required numbers of people to attend the meeting not being met we could not legally hold the meeting.

The next PTA AGM has been rescheduled for **Friday 25th October at 3.30pm**, at Grassington School. It will be a very short meeting as we have already discussed most items. We would really appreciate it if you are able to come along. We also have not had any offers to take over the position of Treasurer within the PTA. If you are interested in taking over the role, Sian Wheal will be happy to discuss what the role entails as she has been Treasurer for the past three years.

Next **PTA** meeting will be held Wednesday 13th November at 8:15pm at the Devonshire Pub. All welcome.

