

Autumn Term  
Friday 6th  
September 2019



BURNSALL VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Friday News

UPPER WHARFEDALE PRIMARY  
FEDERATION



## A Note from the Executive Head Teachers

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope that you have had a wonderful summer holiday and that the children are feeling refreshed for the start of term. This newsletter has a lot of important dates and information in so please take time to read the letter and update your diaries!

We welcomed our new reception children into our schools this week. They all looked so grown up in their uniform. It was lovely to see the older children in the class supporting and guiding them as they settle in.

In addition to our reception children we welcomed three pupils at Burnsall. Cain in Year 2, Elodie in Year 3 and Cyrus in Year 5.

All our staff came together at Kettlewell Primary School on Monday for our staff training day. The morning was spent looking at our curriculum vision statement and how we will be going about making this reality this term. We spent some time looking at how we will be incorporating metacognition lessons into our curriculum, more of this on next week's newsletter. In the afternoon, our specialist leaders in English, maths, RE and SENDCo delivered workshops.

### Kettlewell Ofsted inspection

Kettlewell Primary had an Ofsted inspection on 10<sup>th</sup> July and the report was published this week. We are delighted with the report, which recognises Kettlewell as a 'good' school. Many of the strengths of the school were highlighted in the report along with the many benefits of being part of the federation. A copy of the report was sent to all families at Kettlewell on Wednesday. If you would like to read the report it will be published on the Ofsted website by Monday.

### Monday Afternoons - Class 1

On Monday afternoons, all Class 1 children from each school come together at Cracoe Primary School. The children will be taught in their own year groups i.e. reception children together, Year 1 together and Year 2 together. Children in key stage 1 will have access to specialist teachers in Music (Mrs Turvey) and PE (Mr Baines). All of the children will be familiar with the teachers as they taught them last term. Reception children will spend the afternoon in our Class 1 classroom and outdoor area with Mrs Braithwaite and Mrs Naisbitt, who are both experienced early years practitioners. This will give our youngest children an opportunity to play and learn alongside a wider range of children their own age.

**All Class 1 children, including reception children, will need to come in their full PE kit every Monday.**

### Tuesday Afternoons - Key Stage 2

On Tuesday afternoons, all Class 2 (and Class 3 at Grassington) from each school will come together at Grassington Primary or Upper Wharfedale Secondary to access specialist teachers in Music (Mrs Turvey), PE (Mr Baines), French (Madame MacLean), Swimming (Mrs Allen).

**All Class 2 and Class 3 children will need to come in their full PE kit every Tuesday.**

Your child will access swimming sessions every fortnight, so will need their swimming kits of the following dates:

Tuesday:	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct
Year 3 and Year 4		✓		✓		✓	
Year 5 and Year 6	✓		✓		✓		✓

### Parent Volunteers

If any parents (or grandparents) have some spare time and would like to help in one of our schools then please let us know. We often need an extra helper to come on the bus with us on Monday/Tuesday afternoons, or help with gardening, library; DIY...we could go on. Please fill in the slip at the bottom and indicate if you have some time, even if only ad-hoc. Next week, you will receive a curriculum overview for the term, if any parent, grandparent has an area of expertise or knowledge which will enhance our children's learning, please contact school and speak with the base leader to see if your skills and knowledge would be of use to us.

### Communication

Every Friday you will receive a newsletter which will give an overview of the week and reminders of anything coming up. In addition to the newsletter, each school has its own Facebook page where they share learning highlights and events that are happening in school. We have our own Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation page which is updated with whole federation activities and information; please follow both pages if you use social media. Any urgent messages will be sent out via text message, if you change your mobile phone number please ensure that the school office know so that you receive these messages.

Our Communication Strategy Group are a team of parents (representatives from each school) who meet with Mrs Besharati once a half term to discuss how we communicate with parents and promote our schools in the wider community. If you are interested in joining the group please indicate on the slip at the end of the newsletter.

If you have any queries or concerns our class teachers are always around at the start or end of the school day and should be your first point of contact. If you feel that you need to discuss things further then please make an appointment to see the Base Leader who can be contacted by emailing the school office. If this does not meet your needs, then please arrange an appointment to see one of the executive headteachers.

### Friends

Each of our four schools have a 'Friends' or 'Parents Teacher Association Group' (PTA). Friends are instrumental in supporting our schools by organising fundraising activities throughout the year. If you are interested in joining the Friends Group or can offer support in our fundraising days then please again indicate at the end of this slip and the Chair of Friends will contact you.

### Breakfast Club

We are currently advertising for a Breakfast Club Worker at Grassington Primary School. The job is to work Monday to Thursday from 7:45am - 8:45am, if you know anyone who is interested please contact Mrs Wall, our administrator at Grassington who will provide more details.

### After School Care

We are delighted that as of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September, we will have an after school provision for the federation based at Grassington Primary School. This is provided by an external provider, Awesome Owls. Details of Awesome Owls after school care are attached. Transport to Grassington will be provided by school, parents will need to sign to agree to their child(ren) being transported by school to Grassington.

### Timetable

Week beginning 9/9/19	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Cracoe	Kettlewell	Burnsall	Grassington	Kettlewell
PM	Cracoe	Kettlewell	Burnsall	Grassington	Cracoe

We will be hosting a phonics evening for parents of children in Reception and Year 1 but still awaiting confirmation of the date from the trainer.

### Federation Dates

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September:	Upper Wharfedale Cross Country Event (KS2) After School, details to follow.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September:	Open Classroom Evening at Burnsall, Cracoe & Kettlewell, 4:00pm - 5:00pm.
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September:	Open Classroom Evening at Grassington, 5pm - 6pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September:	Year 6 Residential Information Session at Grassington, 6pm. All Year 6 parents across the cluster of schools invited.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September:	UCI Championships, coming through Burnsall & Kettlewell.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September:	Macmillan coffee afternoon at Kettlewell, 2:15pm. All parents across the federation invited.
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September:	UCI Championships, coming through Kettlewell, Grassington & Cracoe.
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October:	Open Morning at Cracoe for prospective parents, 9:30 - 11:30
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October:	Open Morning at Grassington for prospective parents, 9:30 - 11:30
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October:	Open Morning at Kettlewell for prospective parents, 9:30 - 11:30
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October:	Open Morning at Burnsall for prospective parents, 9:30 - 11:30
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October:	Year 5/6 Cluster Football Tournament, Details to follow
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October:	Parents Evening at all schools
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October:	Parents Evening at Grassington & Cracoe
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October:	World Food Day, Details to follow
21 <sup>st</sup> October:	Science Week
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October:	Big Sing Event at Grassington Town Hall, Performance at 2pm and 6pm.
October Half Term:	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November:	Friendship Week
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November:	Learnology Workshop for parents 9:30am at Burnsall and 5pm at Cracoe.
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> December:	RE Days around the theme of 'Light'
Week commencing 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Class 1 Nativities & Christmas Festivities, see school dates below for individual schools.
School Closes:	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December

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## Diary Dates

*16.09.19 Cross Country @ UWS - after school*

*24.09.19—Open classroom 4-5pm*

*25.09.19—Year 6 Residential talk at Grassington School 6pm*

*26.09.19—UCI championships coming through Burnsall*

*27.09.19—Joint Harvest Festival with Cracoe (pm)*

*Keep checking diary dates as there are plenty more to follow*

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club - open to Burnsall 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. If you child would like attend breakfast club please can you notify school 2 or 3 beforehand then can let Julie know. Thank you .

## Dinner Money—Class 2 Only—04.09.19-25.10.19

Dinner money for this half term will be £95.00. This can either be paid weekly or half termly. Thank you Cheques made payable to 'Burnsall Primary School'.



