

Autumn Term
Friday 13th
September 2019



BURNSALL VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday News

UPPER WHARFEDALE PRIMARY
FEDERATION



A Note from the Executive Head Teachers

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Many of our older children have been out and about this week exploring the River Wharfe, children have been looking for mystery creatures, examining habitats as well as finding the source of our local river. Over the next couple of weeks we have a Rivers2U Bus coming to each of our schools to teach children about rivers and conservation.

It was wonderful to see the younger children at Cracoe on Monday afternoon. Our reception had a tour of the Class 1 classroom and outdoor area which was ably led by Tom, Archie, Bobbie and Samuel - (they have been in school for a whole 3 days, so are well versed in providing tours of the school!) Year 1 and Year 2 spent time outdoors with Mr Baines developing their PE skills and Year 2 enjoyed singing and musical instruments with Mrs Blair.

Learnology

Metacognition is an integral part of our new curriculum. Every week children across the federation will have a 'learnology' session led by their teacher. This first half-term the children will be learning about the brain, how to look after it and how to expand it! At home, it would be helpful to talk to your children about what they have learned at school, this helps them to think back, reinforce and reflect.

By focusing on metacognition it is hoped that children will gain a clearer insight into how they learn and come to understand that intelligence can be developed rather than being something that is fixed. An understanding of how one learns increases self-esteem, motivation to learn and outcomes.

Why it is important?

At the heart of Learnology is a fundamental belief that education is about preparing children for life beyond the walls of the classroom. It is about helping them to build up the mental, emotional, social and strategic resources so that they can enjoy challenges and cope well with uncertainty and complexity.

This is particularly relevant in a society that is full of change, risk, opportunity and complexity. Learnology is not a quick fix or a bolt on but should be seen as a way of refreshing our thinking about the culture in our schools and the habits of us, as teachers. We need to go beyond the wish lists of 'wider skills' and 'key attitudes' - what is needed is a gradual, sometimes challenging, hugely worthwhile process of change.



Attendance

At the beginning of every term, we like to remind parents/carers that in the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation, we believe that attendance at school is very important for all of our children. This enables them to make good progress and reach their full potential. Absence can lead to poor progress and poor attainment thereby preventing children from achieving their full potential. Parents should inform the school office before 9.20am of the first day of a child's absence.

A letter from parents confirming the reason for absence is required on the child's return. If the parents do not make contact with the school by 9.20 am regarding a child's absence, the school will make contact by telephone to establish the child's safety. It is very important that children are punctual and arrive in school on time.

We also request that whenever possible, every effort should be made to arrange medical and dental appointments outside of the school day. If it is necessary for a child to be out of school for this reason, the child should return to school directly after the appointment. Medical appointments will be recorded as "authorised absence" in the register.

Parental Requests for Holidays during Term Time

Families taking holidays during term time is a cause of absence, which has been highlighted nationally as a disruptive factor in child's education. Schools are required to implement government regulations regarding the taking of Leave of Absence in term-time. The law gives no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time. Parents who feel there are exceptional circumstances for their child being absent from school, must obtain the school's permission before making any arrangements for leave, otherwise the absence will be recorded as "unauthorised". Details of which can be found on the website. A form (available from the school office or via the school website) requesting leave of absence should be completed by the parent/carer and returned to the school as far in advance as possible and preferably at least 6 weeks before the first date of the period of leave being requested.

Headteachers and governors, monitor very closely attendance, e.g. persistent absence, recurring patterns of absence, frequent lateness, on-going attendance which falls below 90%. If attendance falls below 90% a letter will be sent to parents/carers and an appointment may be made to discuss this further.

All of our schools actively promote and support children's attendance by:-

- Ensuring a broad and balanced curriculum that provides children with the best possible learning opportunities and experiences;
- Providing a welcoming, safe and caring environment in which each child is valued and supported;
- Building and maintaining effective partnerships between the school and its parents, external support agencies and the wider community.
- Acknowledging good attendance.

We hope that you will be supportive of our school policy.

Timetable

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

Mrs E N Besharati and Mrs C Boxall

Federation Dates

Monday 16 th September:	Upper Wharfedale Cross Country Event (KS2) After School, details to follow.
Tuesday 24 th September:	Open Classroom Evening at Burnsall, Cracoe & Kettlewell, 4:00pm - 5:00pm.
Wednesday 25 th September:	Open Classroom Evening at Grassington, 5pm - 6pm
Wednesday 25 th September:	Year 6 Residential Information Session at Grassington, 6pm. All Year 6 parents across the cluster of schools invited.
Thursday 26 th September:	UCI Championships, coming through Burnsall & Kettlewell.
Friday 27 th September:	Macmillan coffee afternoon at Kettlewell, 2:15pm. All parents across the federation invited.
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
Monday 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 9:30am at Burnsall and 5pm at Cracoe.
9 th & 10 th December:	RE Days around the theme of 'Light'
Week commencing 16 th Dec:	Class 1 Nativities & Christmas Festivities, see school dates below for individual schools.
School Closes:	Friday 20th December

Timetable for KS2 PE

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

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

Attendance this week

Our attendance this week is 94.67% - our target is 97%.

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Diary Dates

16.09.19 Cross Country @ UWS - after school
18.09.19—Rivers2u bus @ Burnsall
19.09.19—Primary F1 afterschool club @ Grassington
20.09.19—Endangered Species Day—Year 6 @ UWS
23.09.19—Open Evening @: UWS 6-8pm
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

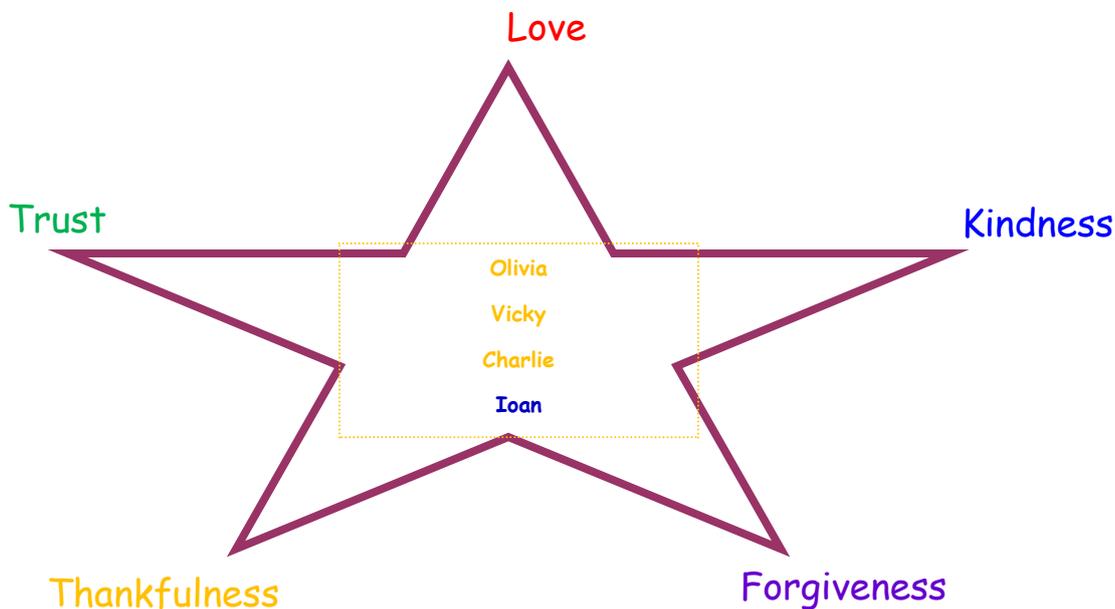
Breakfast club - open to Burnsall children from 8 am until the start of the school day. Please contact school if interested. Please don't forget to send your money to pay for Breakfast club. This can be done weekly or half termly. As from September 2017 the cost for each session will be £3.50 to cover 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'.

KS2 Cross Country Event—16th September @ UWS

On Monday 16th September there will be a KS2 cross country running event held at Upper Wharfedale school. This will start at 3.30pm and finish at approximately 5.30pm. You will have already received details about this. If your child is wishing to take part you are welcome to collect your child from school earlier in order to get to UWS for 3.30pm.





News from School



Welcome back to the new school year. It has been really good catching up with the children and finding out about all the exciting things that children have been up to over the holidays. A special welcome to our new families, we hope you enjoy being part of our school family.



Attached to the newsletter is the new Curriculum Overview for your child's class. Please take the time to look carefully at the learning that your child will be taking part in this term. Along with Class 2s grid, is also their homework grid, which children need to complete by the **25th October**.



Class 2 launched their new topic this week by hunting for a mysterious creature that was seen lurking down by the River Wharfe. Throughout the rest of the week they have been investigating and exploring what actual living things live in our local river.



In Class 1, Mrs McGee and Mrs Sandoe have been really impressed with how well our new starters to reception have settled into school. They have been busy exploring all our different areas and have enjoyed making new friends.



Upcoming Events - Please Read Carefully



Cross Country on Monday 16th September: Thank you to all those children who will be representing our school on Monday's event. Children who are competing maybe collected from school earlier in order to get there for 3:30pm.



River Trust Visit on Wednesday 18th September: The Yorkshire Dales River Trust are visiting school with their River bus. Throughout the day, the children will be learning more about rivers and the creatures that live in them. As part of the day, the children will be going down to the River Wharfe to collect water samples. Please could the children come to school, in old clothing with their school jumper or hoodie and wellies or old shoes and a change of footwear for indoors.



Year 6 Endangered Creatures Day Friday 20th September at upper Wharfedale School: Please look out for more details next week

