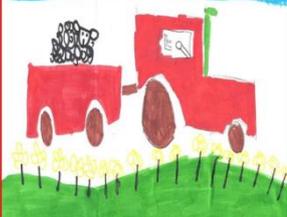


Autumn Term 1

Friday
11th October
2019

Grassington CE (VC) Primary School



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UPPER WHARFEDALE PRIMARY
FEDERATION



Message from the Executive Headteachers

Dear Parents / Carers

We opened our doors at Burnsall and Kettlewell this week to welcome prospective parents to our schools. We were able to show parents what our schools have to offer and to also provide them with a copy of our new prospectus. These will be available online by the end of next week for you to download.

Cookery Teacher

As part of our curriculum vision on 'healthy living' we have appointed a cookery teacher, Mrs Allen, who will join the federation after October half term. Mrs Allen is a qualified teacher with a range of experience in providing cookery lessons as part of the curriculum. She will spend one half term in each school so that every pupil will have access to cookery lessons over the coming year. Mrs Allen will initially start at Grassington Primary.

Harvest Festival – Grassington

The Harvest Service this year was held, this afternoon in the School Hall. Parents / Carers and family members attended the service, which was led by the children based on the theme of sharing. As part of the service, children made contributions of food, which will be donated to the Skipton food bank. Thank you to everyone for their donations.

School meals

School meals across the Federation, are cooked on site by our devoted cooks, who use fresh ingredients, ensuring that children have a high quality meal every day. North Yorkshire County Caterers provide them as a traded service. Unfortunately, the cost to the school has been increased. As such, we need to pass some of this price rise onto parents.

For some time now, the cost to parents has been less than the purchase cost from NYCC. The school will continue to maintain this subsidy, however as the current cost from NYCC is now £3.31 per meal, we need to increase the cost to parents to £2.80. We appreciate that this may be a challenge for some parents; therefore, we would ask that they get in touch with the school if this is the case. If any parents wish to pay the full meal cost of £3.31, naturally this would be welcomed.

We would also like to take the opportunity to remind parents that support with school meal costs is available for those on lower incomes. Please do contact the school if further information is required.

The new cost of £2.80 per meal will apply from Monday the 4th of November 2020.

Knitting Club

Cracoe Primary currently runs a knitting club every Monday lunchtime with three volunteers who come in to support. Unfortunately, one of our volunteers has moved away. If any parent/grandparent would like to help at our knitting club then please contact Mrs Washington in the school office.

Reminder about Science Week

Just a reminder that the Federation will be running two science enrichment days on Thursday 24th October and Friday 25th October.

To make the most of the days it would help if parents could drop their children off at the following schools at the usual school start time and collect at the end of the school day. Please indicate on the reply slip at the bottom of the newsletter if this is possible, so school can consider this. Thank you to those who have already sent in their replies.

Year 5/6 pupils will be based at [Grassington Primary School](#) and will be taught by Mrs Steeples and Mrs Gibbons.

Year 3/4 pupils will be based at [Burnsall Primary School](#) and will be taught by Mrs Harrison and Mr Scott.

Pupils in Class 1 will remain at their usual schools.

Collective Worship Theme: Love

1 Corinthians 13:4-5: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."

The theme for collective worship assemblies this half term is 'love'. Amelia and Maia, from our collective worship committee at Grassington have this to say: "It suits what we are all about. We all love and respect each other like in a family. Even though some people don't believe in God, they respect and love people who do"



Year 5/6 Football Tournament

Children from across the Federation took part in this tournament. Millie and Carys from Burnsall reported that it was a great experience. Burnsall scored two goals and won one match, we are very proud of ourselves, even though we got very mucky! Kettlewell got as far as the semi-finals, with Cracoe and Grassington progressing to the finals. We wish them good luck.



Timetable

Week beginning 14 th October 2019	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday		Thursday	Friday
AM	Kettlewell	Burnsall	Cracoe	Cracoe	Kettlewell
PM	Grassington	Burnsall	Cracoe	Grassington	Cracoe

Mrs E N Besharati and Mrs C Boxall

Attendance

Our school attendance this week is **97.76%**

Our school target is **97%**

Federation Diary Dates

Wednesday 16 th October:	Parents Evening at all schools
Thursday 17 th October:	Parents Evening at Grassington & Cracoe
Wednesday 16 th October: 24 th & 25 th October:	World Food Day, details to follow KS2 Science Days
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

Wednesday 16 th October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 17 th October	Parents' Evening at Grassington & Cracoe
24th & 25th October	Science Days
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
Saturday 30 th November	Dickensian Day
Thursday 5 th December	Panto – Snow White at Harrogate Theatre 2pm
Saturday 7 th December	Dickensian Day
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 – We are exploring the idea of extending the Breakfast Club to five days per week, only if we have sufficient numbers / interest to make it a viable option. If you are interested in booking your child in on Fridays, then please let Mrs Wall know. We shall update you on the outcome in due course. We still require Volunteers to support the Breakfast Club between 07:45am and 08:45am Monday through to Thursday. If you can spare some time, again please contact Mrs Wall in the School Admin Office or Lisa Roddis for further details.

Primary Formula 1 Club – Please note that there will be NO Primary F1 on the 17th October due to Parents' Evening. This session will move to 28th November.

Grassington Primary School for Y5/6 on the following Thursdays from 3.30pm to 5pm:

>24 th October	>7 th November	>14 th November
>21 st November	>28 th 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!!

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.

ParentPay Accounts

Could you kindly ensure that your ParentPay Account is up to date by **Monday morning every week or monthly if preferred**. Non-payment for items may affect the quality of service we are able to offer to the children therefore we need to ensure that all accounts are up to date.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office to discuss this further.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening will be held on Wednesday 16th October and Thursday 17th October between 3:50 and 5:50pm. You can now book your appointment times and list are available on the message board in the front entrance.

Communication Folders

The children will now have a Communication Folder which will be placed in their bags when there are letters / forms to be sent home to parents. Could we please ask that any reply slips are placed back into the folders and returned to school. The communication folders will only be put into the child's bag when there are letters to be sent home.

Aldi – Kit for School Campaign

Our poster is filling up nicely!! If you or your family and friends shop at Aldi, please accept the stickers and pop them into the School Office. A BIG Thank You to all those who have brought some stickers in!



Praise Assembly

Next Praise Assembly will be on Friday 18th October at **3pm**.

PTA News

The PTA are holding an Autumn Disco on Friday 25th October at Grassington Town Hall from 6:30 – 8pm. (Please see attached flyer). The school will have a 'Dress Down' Day on Friday 18th October in exchange for Raffle prizes. The prizes will be raffled off in 3 Hampers which will have a colour theme. Could Class 1 children please donate Purple items; Class 2 Red items and Class 3 Green items?

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.

REPLY SLIP

Year 3 & 4 Parents

I confirm that I will drop off / pick up my child at Burnsall School on Thursday 24th October and Friday 25th October 2019.

Child's Name.....

Parent / Carer's Name.....

Parent / Carer's signature.....

Burnsall School Times: Staff will be in the playground from 8:45am and finish at 3:30pm.

Children that usually travel to school by bus will be dropped off at Grassington School and a member of staff will take them across to Burnsall and pick them up in time to catch the bus home at the end of the school day.