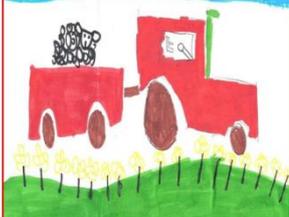


Autumn Term 1

Friday  
18<sup>th</sup> October  
2019

Grassington CE (VC) Primary School



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## Message from the Executive Headteachers

Dear Parents / Carers

We have held our parent consultation evenings this week, a big thank you to all those who were able to attend. The first meeting of the year is an important opportunity for parents/carers to meet their child/children's class teacher to see how they have settled into the new academic year and learn about their targets for this academic year.

### Science Days

Plans are now finalised for our Science Days on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. These days will be an opportunity for children to immerse themselves in the science curriculum, in a fun, engaging and educational manner. Children will work with their year group peers from across the Federation. **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.** Children will be transported between the schools by minibus; exact arrangements will be included in individual schools' newsletter. All Reception and Key Stage 1 children will remain in their own school.

### Learnology

Children across the federation have had weekly 'learnology' sessions this term, led by their teacher, this being an integral part of our new curriculum. In key stage one children have learnt why the brain is an important organ; why exercising our brain makes us better learners; how practising helps our brain to remember' and that our brains control different emotions. Children know that we need to look after our brain by drinking plenty of water, eating healthy foods, participating in physical exercise and ensuring we have plenty of sleep. Alfie from Cracoe learnt that "the brain has a growth mind set, which means that it is determined and that you are not going to give up!"



Children at Cracoe School

In key stage two, children have learnt that the brain is an important organ; that by exercising the brain, it makes us better learners and they can identify different parts of the brain. They have learnt what a neuron is and how making connections between neurons effects our learning. They realise the importance of keeping fit and healthy, in order, for our brain to function effectively.

“I have really enjoyed learning new facts about the brain, which I previously did not know, especially how neurons send signals to different parts of the body. We even made a neuron out of sweets!” Henry enthusiastically reported, whilst applying his brain to problem solving in maths!



After half term, we will be holding ‘learnology’ workshops for parents on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30 at Burnsall and 5:00 at Cracoe – further details to follow.



**Supporting children with reading at home – come and join us at Grassington School on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30** when Mr Scott (English Lead across the Federation) will be sharing some information with parents on the benefits of reading outside of school. Success at reading is crucial for our children, not only for high academic achievement across the curriculum, but for the pleasure and fulfilment, that reading will bring to them now and as adults.

He will also provide some tips and advice on how you and your children can read most effectively together, including strategies around questioning and deepening comprehension. This is relevant for all parents/carers of children from Reception to year 6.

**This will be immediately followed by a Phonics evening for parents/carers, at 7:00.** Our English Adviser Heather Russell will deliver this workshop. **Phonics** is the way we teach our children to read and write. Children are taught how sounds made by individual letters or groups of letters and how by joining these sounds together they make a whole word. This would be a most valuable workshop for parents of Reception and Key stage one children; but could be of value to all parents/carers. Please join us for either or both, of these workshops.

### **School Meals**

We informed you last week of the increase to school meals, the new cost of **£2.80 per meal** will apply from **Monday 4th November 2019**.

### **Choir**

Does your child like singing? Come and join us at Grassington School every Monday from 3:30 to 4:30. Mrs Turvey needs new recruits for our Federation Choir. If your child is interested, please inform the Admin staff at your school.

## Timetable

Week beginning 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2019	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday		Thursday	Friday
AM	Grassington	Grassington	Cracoe	Burnsall	Kettlewell
PM	Grassington	Grassington	Cracoe	Grassington	Grassington

## Attendance

Our school attendance this week is **96.55%**

Our school target is **97%**

Mrs E N Besharati and Mrs C Boxall

## Federation Diary Dates

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> October:

KS2 Science Days

**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 **9:30** at Burnsall and 5pm at Cracoe

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December:

RE Days around the theme of 'Light'

Wk beginning 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

## School Diary Dates

**24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> October**

**Science Days**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Influenza Immunisation, whole School\*

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Need

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

NSPCC Assemblies for KS1 at **9:30am** & KS2 at **10am**. Then workshop for Y5/6 at **10:45am**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Change4Life Festival (PM) Boyle and Petyt, details to follow

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Dickensian Day

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Panto – Snow White at Harrogate Theatre **2pm**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Dickensian Day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

KS1 Nativity Play (**2pm and 6pm**)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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** – At Grassington Primary School for Y5/6 on the following Thursdays from 3.30pm to 5pm:

>24<sup>th</sup> October                      >7<sup>th</sup> November                      >14<sup>th</sup> November

>21<sup>st</sup> November                      >28<sup>th</sup> 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**



Grassington In Bloom volunteers have been hard at work this week clearing the Gardening Patch and preparing the ground. It is anticipated that the children will soon be involved in planting some onions and garlic, blackcurrant and redcurrant bushes and in planting up some pots with bulbs for the children to take home. Watch this space....!!

### **Craven Cluster Football**



A HUGE WELL DONE to our Y5/6 Football Team who have qualified for the Craven Small Schools Football Final. The final will be held at South Craven School on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, from 3:45pm to 5:45pm. More information to follow.

### **Science Week**

Further to the feedback that we have received from the parents of our Federation children, The Friends of the Federation Schools have kindly funded transportation to take the Y3/4 children from Grassington to Burnsall School. To ensure that the children benefit from **a full day** of learning can we ask that parents drop their children off at school in time to catch the minibus to Burnsall that leaves at 08:30 prompt.

### **Childhood Immunisations**

The School Nursing Team will be visiting the School on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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.

### Aldi – Kit for School Campaign

We are almost there....; please keep the stickers coming!! 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

There will be no Praise Assembly next week (25<sup>th</sup> October). Next Praise Assembly will be on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm.**

### PTA News

Thank you to all those who have donated Raffle Prizes for the PTA Autumn Disco on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** at Grassington Town Hall from 6:30pm – 8pm. The table is looking very colourful!

The Dickensian days this year are on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.** The PTA would kindly like to ask for volunteers to support the event. Please contact Siobhan Tywang for further information.

The PTA AGM is next **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm**, at Grassington School. We would really appreciate it if you could come along and join our PTA Committee.

Next **PTA** meeting will be held **on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm** at the Devonshire Pub in Grassington. All welcome.

