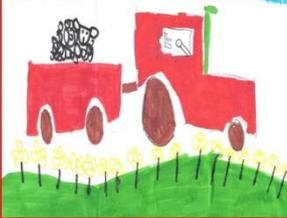


Autumn Term 1

Friday
25th October
2019

Grassington CE (VC) Primary School



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UPPER WHARFEDALE PRIMARY
FEDERATION



Message from the Executive Headteachers

Dear Parents / Carers

It is hard to believe that we have reached half term already. We know that the children are very tired and ready for their break; it has been a busy term in which they have been fully engaged in their learning. All staff and governors wish to thank parents / carers for their continued support within each individual school and across the Federation. We hope you have an enjoyable half term.

Science Days

Key Stage 2 children from across the Federation have been fully engrossed in the two Science Days this week. The children have extended their subject knowledge and understanding and have been working scientifically. Year 3 children have worked with Mrs Harrison looking at light sources. They have learnt to recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. That light is reflected from surfaces; recognised that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes and that shadows are formed when a solid object blocks the light from a light source.



Year 4 children have worked with Mr Scott exploring sound, identifying how sounds are made. They have learnt how to recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. They have explored finding patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it; have found patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it and begun to recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.

Based at Grassington have been our Year 5 and 6 pupils. Mrs Steeples has worked with the Year 5 children comparing and grouping together everyday materials based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, including their solubility and reversible and irreversible changes. Year 6 children worked with Mrs Gibbons exploring Evolution and Inheritance. As part of this, the children learnt to recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. They built on their existing knowledge that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents. They have identified how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.



A Reminder to all parents of the workshop “Supporting children with reading at home” at Grassington School on Wednesday, 6th November at 6:30pm. This is relevant for all parents / carers of children from Reception to Year 6. This will be immediately followed by a Phonics workshop at 7:00pm. We hope that as many of you can join us as.

Can you help?

Have you any dressing up clothes and / or any small world / construction toys which your children no longer uses at home? If so, the After-School Club would be grateful to receive these donations. Many thanks Anne, After-School Club Leader.

School Meals

Just a reminder of the increase to school meals; the new cost of **£2.80 per meal** will apply from **Monday 4th November 2019**.

Attendance

Our school attendance this week is **98.71%**

Our school target is **97%**

Timetable

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

Mrs E N Besharati and Mrs C Boxall

Federation Diary Dates

October Half Term:

Monday 4th November
 Wednesday 6th November
 Monday 11th November:
 Wednesday 13th November:
 9th & 10th December:
 Wk beginning 16th Dec:

School Closes:

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

School Re-opens
 “Supporting Children at Home” & Phonics workshops
 Friendship Week
 ‘Learnology’ Workshop for parents **9:30** at Burnsall and 5pm at Cracoe
 RE Days around the theme of ‘Light’
 Class 1 Nativities & Christmas Festivities, see school dates below for individual schools

Friday 20th December

School Diary Dates

Monday 4th November

Monday 4th November
 Tuesday 5th November
 Tuesday 12th November
 Friday 15th November
 Wednesday 20th November
 Thursday 21st November

Monday 25th November
 Saturday 30th November
 Thursday 5th December
 Saturday 7th December
 Friday 13th December
 Thursday 19th December

School Re-opens

Dickensian Workshop **3:30 – 4:30pm**
 North Yorkshire Cross Country @ Dalby Forest
 Influenza Immunisation, whole School*
 Children in Need
 Craven Small Schools Football Final South Craven School, **3:45pm - 5:45pm**
 NSPCC Assemblies for KS1 at **9:30am** & KS2 at **10am**. Then workshop for Y5/6 at **10:45am**
 Change4Life Festival (PM) Boyle and Petyt, details to follow
 Dickensian Day
 Panto – Snow White at Harrogate Theatre **2pm**
 Dickensian Day
 Christmas Jumper Day
 KS1 Nativity Play (**2pm and 6pm**)

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School Christmas Party
School Closes

Allergies

We currently have some children in school that have an allergy to Nuts. Could we ask that children who bring a packed lunch to school refrain from bringing in items that contain nuts / nut products. Thank you.

After Half Term, the children will be going over to Burnsall School for some of their PE classes and not Cracoe Village Hall. They will travel there by Hargreaves Bus and return in time for the end of the end of the school day.

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:

>7th November

>14th November

>21st November

>28th 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.

Accordion Sessions

Those children who expressed an interest in learning to play the Accordion have already been given a letter to take home for parental consent. Please ensure that consents are returned to school so that they can be passed on to Mr Hinchcliffe.



Poppy Appeal

We have Poppies and associated items in the Main Reception, if you would kindly like to donate to a worthwhile cause. The Y6 children will also be going around the classrooms after Half Term; if the children would also like to donate, they are welcome to bring some money into school. Thank you.

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. **Please note that the children in Years 3 & 4 who usually have a school meal, have NOT been charged for the two days whilst they were at Burnsall School participating in the Science Days this week.** If you have any queries, please contact the school office to discuss this further.

Communication Folders

The children now have a Communication Folder which is 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? Thank you.**

Aldi – Kit for School Campaign

We are almost there....; please keep the stickers coming! **We only have 64 squares to fill!!** A BIG Thank You to all those who have brought some stickers in!



Praise Assembly

Next Praise Assembly will be on **Friday 8th November at 3pm.**

PTA News

The Dickensian days this year are on **Saturday 30th November and Saturday 7th December and the PTA will be serving refreshments to visitors.** The PTA would kindly like to ask for volunteers to support the event that creates valuable funds for us. There will be a rota going up at the entrance to school after the half term break. If everyone can spare just an hour of their time this will help share the load – thank you in advance for your help! Please contact Siobhan Tywang if you need any further information.

End of Term Disco – TONIGHT! We hope that you're all raring to go and have your dancing shoes ready for the disco this evening! As per the attached poster, we are getting started at 6.30-8.00pm. There is also a cheap cash bar for parents, candyfloss and snacks on sale and also glitter painting and tattoos and a raffle with 3 hampers up for grabs!

Price is £3 per child or £5 for 2 siblings, payable on the door.

Everyone welcome, open to all children, come and celebrate the start of the half term holiday!

Next PTA Meeting

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

