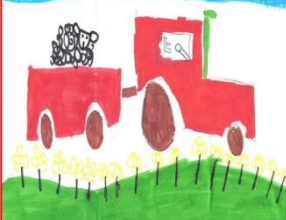


Autumn Term 1

Friday
4th October
2019

Grassington CE (VC) Primary School



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Message from the Executive Headteachers

Dear Parents / Carers

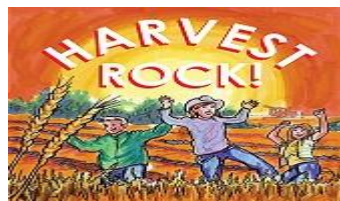
We opened our doors at Cracoe and Grassington this week to welcome prospective parents to our schools. It was a privilege to be able to show our schools in action.

Makaton training

Members of staff at Burnsall have started Makaton this week to support children in school. Makaton is designed to support spoken language – signs are **used** with speech, in spoken word in order to help children and adults to communicate. Using signs can help children who have no speech (either because they have communication difficulties or are very young) or whose speech is unclear. No doubt, other children in school will also become quite proficient as time progresses!

Harvest Festival

Harvest 'rocked' for all the children, parents/carers, friends and the community on Thursday at St. Mary Church, Kettlewell. Every child was involved in the service, singing, dancing, reading poems or leading the prayers. Donations of food were made and will be taken to Skipton food Bank. Friends of Kettlewell School provided tea, coffee and biscuits at the end of the service.



Water Aid

On Monday, at Grassington, we were lucky to have Water Aid join us at school. Children took part in a couple of workshops where we learnt about what Water Aid do, why water is so important and where our water comes from. We learnt some interesting information and it has inspired us to raise money on World Toilet Day (more details to come)!



Science Days

In line with our Federation vision, we will be running two science enrichment events this year. The first of which will be on **Thursday 24th October and Friday 25th 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, on age appropriate areas of learning, in line with the national curriculum. This will create learning opportunities that develop a sense of excitement and curiosity, which are fundamental to supporting children's learning, in science.

Staff will plan science activities in an engaging and practical way. This will provide a platform to explore different types of inquiry and they will learn to embed these in their learning. This will be inclusive of - observation over time: pattern seeking, identification, classification and grouping; comparative and fair testing and research using secondary sources. The children will have opportunity to take part in range of hands-on experiments as well as develop their scientific knowledge and understanding.

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.

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.

'Big Sing'

Please note that the 'Big Sing' event has been postponed until after the Christmas holidays. Dates to follow.

Timetable

Week beginning 7 th October 2019	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday		Thursday	Friday
AM	Grassington	Kettlewell	Burnsall	Cracoe	Grassington
PM	Grassington	Kettlewell	Burnsall	Cracoe	Kettlewell

Mrs E N Besharati and Mrs C Boxall

Attendance

Our school attendance this week is **97.84%**

Our school target is **97%**

Federation Diary Dates

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
Wk beginning 21 st October:	Science Week
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 16th Dec: Class 1 Nativities & Christmas Festivities, see school dates below for individual schools
School Closes: Friday 20th December

School Diary Dates

Friday 11 th October	Harvest Festival 1:45pm
Wednesday 16 th October	Parents Evening
Thursday 17 th October	Parents Evening at Grassington & Cracoe
24th & 25th October	Science Day
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
Thursday 5 th December	Panto – Snow White at Harrogate Theatre 2pm
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 still require Volunteers to support the Breakfast Club between 07:45am and 08:45am Monday through to Thursday. If you can spare some time, please contact Mrs Wall in the School Admin Office or Lisa Roddis for further details.

Primary Formula 1 Club - Takes place at Grassington Primary School for Y5/6 on the following Thursdays from 3.30pm to 5pm:

>10 th October	>17 th October	>24 th October
>7 th November	>14 th November	>21 st 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!!

Year 5/6 Football Tournament

Letters have been sent out today to all Year 5 & 6 parents with details of the Cluster Football Tournament. Unfortunately, parents cannot spectate at this event.

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.hdfnhs.uk/flu-consent) and instructions contained in the letter. If you have any queries please contact the Childhood Immunisations team directly on childhood.immunisations@hdfnhs.uk or 01423 542360.

Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival will be held on Friday 11th October at 1:45pm at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Linton. We would welcome donations of non-perishable items and tinned items. All donations will be sent to The Skipton Food Bank.

Rev. David writes

St Michael's Church, Linton is hosting a Harvest Festival on Sunday 6th October at 4.30pm. We have an English country band and food and beer (please come and help me with a firkin of Hetton Pale Ale). There is craft and songs, faith and stories. This is an event for all the Parishes and everyone is really welcome. There is no charge.

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 still collecting the 'Aldi's Team GB' stickers. 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! The children are having fun sticking them to the poster!!



Praise Assembly

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

PTA News

The **PTA AGM** was due to be held this week; unfortunately, due the required numbers of people to attend the meeting not being met we could not legally hold the meeting.

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.....

Burnsnall 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.