

Autumn Term  
Friday 18th  
October  
2019



## A 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 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. 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 mini bus; exact arrangements will be included in individual schools' newsletter. All Reception and Key Stage 1 children will remain in their own school.

Class 2 children from Cracoe & Rylstone will travel to Burnsall/Grassington by coach. Please can we ask that you drop your child to school in time for a prompt departure at 8.45am on both day. The children will be back in school in time for normal after school arrangements. Please bring a packed lunch and a water bottle. Thank you.

### 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 sends 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 6:30pm** 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 7:00pm**

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 the 4th of November.

### 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.

### Attendance

The target for our school is 97%

This week's attendance:

### Timetable

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

Mrs E N Besharati and Mrs C Boxall

### **Federation 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
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Phonics workshop for parents 7:00 at Grassington
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Friendship Week
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Learnology Workshop for parents 9:30am at Burnsall and 5pm at Cracoe.
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> December	RE Days around the theme of 'Light'
Week commencing 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**

Wednesday 20th November	Y5/6 Football Final, 3.45pm - 5.45pm, South Craven School
Thursday 12th December	Whole School trip to Harrogate Panto
Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19th December	Class 1 Nativity Play

### **Pumpkin Competition**

A reminder that judging for our Pumpkin competition will take place on Wednesday. Please bring your creative carving to school no later than Wednesday morning along with £2 entry fee.

### **Poppy Appeal**

Poppies and related accessories will be available from the school office from Monday 21st October.

### **Cracoe Farm Shop Competition**

Cracoe children have been kindly invited to produce a new logo for the farm shop in Cracoe Village. Keith came to visit us for an assembly on Thursday to explain to the children what they need to do. We have put an A4 piece of cartridge paper in each letter wallet which the children can use to create a logo. The logo can be based anything they want as long as it is associated with a 'café' theme. He has also said it can be in colour or black and white. The closing date for the competition is Monday 4th November. We look forward to seeing the children's creations.