

Autumn Term
Friday 4th
October
2019



A Message from the Executive Headteachers

Dear Parents/Carers,

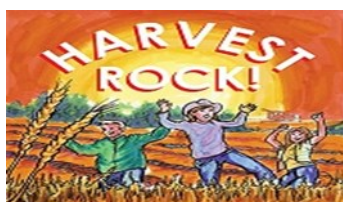
We opened our doors at Cracoe and Grassington this week to welcome prospective parents to our schools. It was a privilege to be able to show our schools in action.

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.

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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	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

Federation 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
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 9:30am at Burnsall and 5pm at Cracoe.
9 th & 10 th December:	RE Days around the theme of 'Light'
Week commencing 16 th Dec:	Class 1 Nativities & Christmas Festivities, see school dates below for individual schools.
School Closes:	Friday 20 th December

School Diary Dates

Monday 14th October	Y1 Hearing tests
Wednesday 16th October	Parents Evening
Thursday 17th October	Parents Evening
24th & 25th October	Science Day
Thursday 12th December	Whole School trip to Harrogate Panto
Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19th December	KS1 Nativity Play

Shine Award

This weeks awards go to:

Class 1 - Bobbie for being such a smiley girl with lots of positivity and for fantastic blending, demonstrating the Christian Values of Perseverance and Determination.

Class 2 - Alice for outstanding writing demonstrating the Christian Value of Love.



WOW !!!

By coming to school in non uniform and having a cake sale we have raised **£130** for Skipton Food Bank. Well done everybody. And the cakes were delicious too.

Cross Country

Well done to all our children who ran in the Cross Country Finals yesterday. We are extremely proud of all you. A special mention to Isaac who won his race and qualifies for the North Yorkshire Finals.

Year 5/6 Football Tournament

On Thursday 10th of October all our Y5/6 children will take part in a football tournament at Upper Wharfedale School. They will travel to and from UWS by minibus and will be accompanied by Mrs S Webster. Please ensure your child has their PE kit, shin pads, a waterproof coat and water bottle. Thank you.

Class 1 Performance Poetry

Class One spent the week exploring rhyme and rhythm, analysing poems and performing them.

We looked at the poem 'My Teacher Ate My Homework'. The verses were split up and children took responsibility for learning their part of the poem using actions. They couldn't wait to perform it on our 'outdoor stage!' Check out our Facebook page for the video.



Friends News

Friends Meeting at the Devonshire Arms in Cracoe, 7pm October 16th. Our fabulous Friends group REALLY needs help. Please come along to the meeting or get in touch with Rebecca Greenfield if you would like to help but can't make the meeting.

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REPLY SLIP—Year 5 & 6 Parents only:

Science Day Parents transport— please return to school ASAP

Name (Child)

Year 5 & 6—I am able to drop my child off at Grassington school on the two science days

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Signed