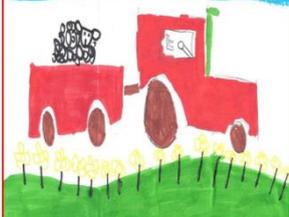


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Friday
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Message from the Executive Headteachers

Dear Parents / Carers

This week has been Friendship Week in our schools. Children have been learning about the importance of friendship and being respectful to one another. We have also discussed the different forms of bullying and what children can do if they are worried about something. On Tuesday children took part in National Odd Sock Day to raise awareness that everyone is different, and we should celebrate that!



Thank you to all the parents who attended our Learning sessions on Wednesday. Parents who attended the sessions said that this was a useful insight into what is happening in schools. If you were unable to attend the sessions but would like to know more then we will send copies of the presentation to parents in next week's newsletter.

Early Years Visit

Last Monday Class 1 teachers and teaching assistants went with Mrs Besharati to visit St. Chad's Primary School to see their early years provision. All the staff had a productive afternoon and took away lots of ideas to enhance their own early years environment. Miss Tiffany, our new teacher at Grassington, also joined us. Friends have agreed to support in funding some of the new Early Years resources.

Mrs Harrison

Mrs Harrison will be leaving Grassington Primary School at Christmas. Mrs Harrison has worked at Grassington for over 13 years and is a valued member of our school community. We will miss her but understand that she has other passions she now wants the time to pursue. We should be able to inform you in our newsletter next week of the new staffing arrangements for January.

Allotment at Grassington Primary



We are pleased to have a group of volunteers from Grassington in Bloom support us with our new allotment area. The team have started some of the groundwork already and will continue over the coming weeks. Next week, children will be involved in planting new fruit trees and vegetables. Could you please ensure your child brings wellies/outdoor footwear and waterproof clothing on the following days;

Monday 18 th Nov	Class 3
Wednesday 20 th Nov	Class 2
Friday 22 nd Nov	Class 1 & Class 3

Learning Power!

Teamwork

The learning power we are focusing on in our Learnology sessions over the next two weeks is 'teamwork'.

"When we work as a team it is really, really fun because you get to do more things together" Elodie Y3 Burnsall

"I like it when we all work together and listen to one another's ideas" Jed Y4 Burnsall



Supporting children with reading at home and Phonics information evening

We hope you will find these links useful to help with phonics learning at home.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/phonics/>

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>

http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

<http://www.mrthorne.com/>

<http://oxfordowl.co.uk/>

If you would like a copy of the power point presentation, delivered by Mr. Scott about reading with your children at home, please contact the school office and they will forward this to you electronically or provide you with a hard copy.

PE and Swimming Timetable

Children in KS2 will continue to access swimming sessions every fortnight, so will need to come to school in their PE kit **and** bring their swimming kit on the following dates:

Tuesday	5 th Nov	12 th Nov	19 th Nov	26 th Nov	3 rd Dec	10 th Dec	17 th Dec
Year 3 & 4	✓		✓		✓		✓
Year 5 & 6		✓		✓		✓	

Year 5 & 6 also need to come to school in their PE Kit every Wednesday.

Attendance

Our school attendance this week is **99.3%**

Our school target is **97%**

Timetable

Week beginning 18 th November 2019	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Kettlewell	Cracoe	Burnsall	Kettlewell	Cracoe
PM	Grassington	Grassington	Burnsall / Grassington	Kettlewell	Cracoe

Mrs E N Besharati and Mrs C Boxall

Federation Diary Dates

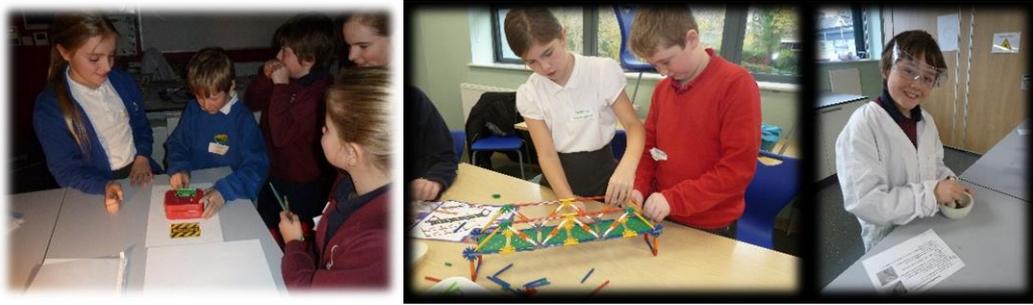
Wednesday 20 th November	Y5/6 Football Final
Monday 25 th November	Change4life Festival
Wk beginning 16 th Dec:	Class 1 Nativities & Christmas Festivities, see school dates below for individual schools
School Closes:	Friday 20th December

School Diary Dates

Wednesday 20 th November	Y5 &6 Craven Schools Football Finals, South Craven School, 3:45pm - 5:45pm
Thursday 21 st November	NSPCC Assemblies for KS1 at 9:30am & KS2 at 10am . Then workshop for Y5/6 at 10:45am
Friday 22 nd November	Class 2 & 3 visit to 'The Deep', Hull. (See letter sent home for details)
Monday 25 th November	Change4Life Festival (PM) Boyle and Petyt, details to follow
Saturday 30 th November	Dickensian Day Festival
December (date TBC)	Rewind to Christmas, St Michael & All Angels Church, Linton
Thursday 5 th December	Panto – Snow White at Harrogate Theatre 2pm
Saturday 7 th December	Dickensian Day Festival
Thursday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity, 2pm and 6pm (please note change of date)
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Service, St Michael & All Angels Church, Linton 10:30am
Wednesday 18 th December	Pupil Christmas Lunch at school
Friday 20 th December	School Christmas Party
Friday 20th December	School Closes
Monday 6th January	Staff Training
Tuesday 7th January	School re-opens to pupils

STEM Day at Skipton Girls' High School

We were very lucky to have been invited to Skipton Girls' High School's STEM Day for Year 6 children on Thursday 14th November. We took Carys and Daniel from Burnsall, Ellis and Harris from Cracoe, Lexi and Oscar from Grassington and Arabella and Tom from Kettlewell. The children took part in four sessions to experience Science (making perfumes from different herbs and foods), Technology - computing (solving puzzles and discovering codes to stop an evil computer hacker from releasing a virus onto the Internet), Engineering (building different types of bridges using K'Nex) and Maths (thinking about how many people in the UK would buy a Christmas jumper and what the environmental impact of these would be). Everyone did really well and enjoyed all of the activities. Some of them even won 'champion medals' - Lexi and Ellis for Science, Oscar for Technology and Arabella for Maths. Well done everyone and thank you to SGHS! Mr S Willis.



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.

Awesome Owls – Please see attachments

Primary Formula 1 Club – At Grassington Primary School for Y5/6 on the following Thursdays from 3.30pm to 5pm:

>21st November

>28th November

>12th December

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



Accordion Workshops will be on the following days during school hours:

- Wednesday 20th November
- Wednesday 27th November
- Wednesday 4th December
- Wednesday 11th December
- Wednesday 18th December

Pantomime – Harrogate Theatres

On Thursday 5th December, the children will be going to Harrogate Theatre to see Snow White. We require 5 parent volunteers to accompany the children on the trip. If you can spare the time, please contact Mrs Wall in the school office.

Children in Need



What a fantastic array of PJs we've seen today! The children had a great time raising funds for Children in Need today. Thank you to all those who baked / donated cakes. They were very yummy!

We shall let you know how much was raised in next week's Newsletter. All funds will go to Children in Need. Thank you.

School Council Event - World Toilet Day

Tuesday 19th November is World Toilet Day.

'Go Blue for your Loo' - The children are raising money to help fund clean, sanitized community toilets in countries where this is difficult and is part of the Rivers project that they have been covering this term. Children are asked to come dressed in [Blue](#) and donate £1.00.

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 did it! We completed not ONE BUT TWO posters!! **A BIG Thank You** to all those who brought some stickers in!!! We have posted them back to Aldi....fingers crossed that we win the £20,000 for school.



Praise Assembly

Next Praise Assembly will be on **Friday 29th November at 3pm.**

PTA News

Dickensian Festival 2019

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 – if there is one event on our calendar that raises the money it's this one!

The rota for the Dickensian Festival is now up at school. We require as many volunteers as possible as this is our biggest fundraiser. If you cannot get to school but would like to add your name to the list, please contact a member of the PTA or Mrs Wall, in the school Office to add your name to the rota. Thank you.

Please contact Siobhan Tywang if you need any further information.

Next PTA Meeting

Next PTA meeting will be held in the New Year, date to follow.