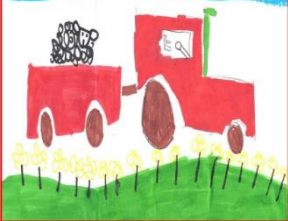


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## Message from the Executive Headteachers

Dear Parents / Carers

We have had another busy week in our schools. In addition, we've had a lot of after school events from preparing for the Dickensian to Football Tournaments! In the last newsletter we mentioned that we could send out copies of the Learnology presentation, once we had deleted all the photos of children and videos there was not a lot left to present. A lot of the evening was a verbal discussion. A post has been put on our UWPF Facebook page and we will continue to update the curriculum part of our websites.

### Class 3 Grassington

We are very pleased that the second applicant that we shortlisted at Cracoe and Rylstone School for the Base Leader role has agreed to come to Grassington Primary. Mr Edward Roe has already visited the school and is excited about joining the team. He currently teaches Year 6 at Giggleswick School and has previously worked as a Lead Advisory Teacher. Unfortunately, Mr Roe will not be able to start until February due to notice of leave requirements in school. Mrs Harvey, an experienced Year 5/6 teacher and Senior Leader has agreed to be the interim class teacher and Base Leader. Both teachers will be in school on occasions before Christmas to get to know the children and parents.

### Curriculum Vision: Outdoor Learning

#### >Willow Dome at Burnsall

Last week pupils at Burnsall Primary helped to make their new Willow Dome to improve their outdoor area.



#### >Allotment at Grassington Primary

A BIG thank you to the volunteers who came to Grassington this week to do a lunchtime gardening club. The children have planted fruit trees and some vegetables in our new allotment area in the hope that we will be able to use them in our cookery lessons in the spring!

#### >Garden at Kettlewell

One of our Governors, Niki Child, visited Kettlewell Primary to draw up plans for the garden/allotment area. We would like to offer a big thank you to Mr Addyman who gave up some of his free time to do a lot of the groundwork.

#### >Field next to Cracoe

Plans are in motion for Cracoe Primary to acquire the field adjacent to the school. The field will be used to house our school allotment and wildlife garden.

### Year 5/6 Football

Both Grassington and Cracoe got through to the next round of the football tournament this week held at South Craven School. The boys played really well; competing in 5 matches. The overall score was Grassington Second place. Cracoe won the tournament and will now go on to the small schools section of the North Yorkshire Finals in York.

### Learning Power!

Our learning power that we have been focusing on in our Learnology sessions is teamwork. Our learning heroes this week are **Phoebe** for working well in a team and **Eddie** for great independent work. These pupils have shown teamwork this week and been nominated by their peers.

### Wooden Cable Drums

Does anyone know where we can get some wooden cable drums for our schools? Preferably FREE! Please contact Mrs Wall, in the school office. Thank you.



### 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 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	17 <sup>th</sup> 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 **96.14%**

Our school target is **97%**

### Timetable

Week beginning 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Grassington	Cracoe	Burnsall	Burnsall	Kettlewell
PM	Grassington	Cracoe	Burnsall	Grassington	Kettlewell

Mrs E N Besharati and Mrs C Boxall

### Federation Diary Dates

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

**School closes**

**School re-opens**

Y5/6 Athletics – Time and venue TBC

KS2 Swimming Gala at UWS (**morning**)

RE Week

Internet Safety Day

Federation BIG SING Performance, Grassington Town Hall (**2pm & 6pm**)

### School Diary Dates

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament, South Craven school <b>3:45pm to 5:45pm</b>
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Dickensian Day Festival
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Reception pupils Height / Vision screening <b>am</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5 Rewind to Christmas, Netherside Hall, Threshfield <b>09:30am to 11:30am</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School - Panto – ‘Snow White’ at Harrogate Theatre <b>2pm</b>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Dickensian Day Festival
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupils to Town Hall to sing at Lunch Club
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity, <b>2pm</b> and <b>6pm</b> (please note change of date)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school - Christmas Service, St Michael & All Angels Church, Linton <b>10:30am</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Party
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>School Closes</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Staff Training Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>School re-opens to pupils</b>

### 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 attached Newsletter

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

>28<sup>th</sup> November                      >12<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> November
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### Children in Need



**We raised £107.40 for Children in Need.**  
**Thank you everyone for getting involved!!**

### Message from The School Council

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November was World Toilet Day - 'Go Blue for your Loo'!

We raised £63 which will be used to help fund clean, sanitized community toilets in countries where this is difficult and is part of the Rivers project that we have been covering this term.

Grassington School has been twinned with Cote D'Ivoire in West Africa. Please click on the link for further information <https://www.toilettwinning.org/location/ivory-coast-cote-divoire/>

### 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.

### Praise Assembly

Next Praise Assembly will be on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm**.

### PTA News

#### Dickensian Festival 2019

The first Dickensian day this year is next Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November and then on the following Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The PTA will be serving refreshments to visitors and would kindly like to ask for volunteers to support the event that creates valuable funds for us. The Dickensian Festival brings in the largest proportion of funds from all our fundraising events and enables the PTA to fund the cost of trips such as 'The Deep' in Hull and the pantomime at the Harrogate Theatre and much more.

**The rota for both days is now up at the entrance in 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.

We are also asking for donations of home baked cakes (or shop bought)! These can be taken to school on the Friday before the Dickensian Days or on the Saturday morning of the event. If anyone has any tombola prizes that they would like to donate, we will gladly put a tombola together. We do, however, appreciate that there have been quite a few events this half term at school.

### Next PTA Meeting

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