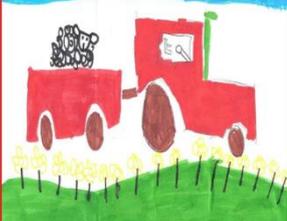


Autumn Term 2

Friday
8th November
2019

Grassington CE (VC) Primary School



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Message from the Executive Headteachers

Dear Parents / Carers

We hope that you have enjoyed the half term holiday and that the children feel refreshed for the busy half term ahead. Thank you to all the parents who attended our Reading and Phonics evening on Wednesday. We hope that the evening was a useful insight into how reading and phonics are taught in schools and how good early reading habits are so important.

We would like to welcome Jacob (Year 6) and Edie (Year 2) to Burnsall Primary School. We know that the staff, children and parents will make them feel very welcome at our school. At the end of the half term we said goodbye to Jacob in Class 2 at Grassington. We wish him all the best at his new school.

Odd Sock Day

Next week is 'Friendship Week' in all of our schools and as such we are asking children to come in odd socks on **Tuesday 12th November**.



New Teachers

We made two new appointments in the federation before half term. We were fortunate to have a strong field of applicants, with almost all of the applicants saying that the idea of a federation; of the opportunity to work together with a larger group of colleagues, attracted them to applying in the first place. Miss Hannah Tiffany, who is an experienced key stage 1 teacher, will be teaching Class 1 at Grassington from January. Miss Tiffany currently teaches Year 1 at St Stephen's RC Primary and is really looking forward to joining our team. The children in Class 1 have already met Miss Tiffany when she taught the class a lesson themed about The Stickman!

As you know, Mrs Gibbons, will be starting her first headship in January at Sutton CE Primary. We have appointed Miss Joanne Oakes as the new Base Leader at Cracoe and Rylstone. Miss Oakes is an experienced key stage 2 teacher and SENDCo, currently working at Wycliffe CE Primary School. She has been a deputy headteacher and class teacher so has a firm understanding of the senior role of Base Leader. The children in Class 2 met Miss Oakes as part of the interview process.

Cookery Teacher

Our new cookery teacher, Mrs Allen, started at Grassington this week. She will spend the half term in each of our schools working with all the children. We have used funding to purchase lots of new equipment which will be used across the federation.



If any Grassington parent volunteers would like to come to our cookery lessons, then please let Mrs Wall, in the school office, know.

Burnsall Bee Hive Play Group

Two Burnsall parents, May and Clover, started a play group this week at Burnsall. The group which is open to parents, pre-schoolers and toddlers will meet at the school every Tuesday 1:15pm to 3:15pm. Parents are free to drop in anytime. There are a variety of activities set up for the children to enjoy as well as refreshments. This week we had 16 children come along! Please spread the word!!

Collective Worship Theme: Kindness

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

— Ephesians 4:32

The theme for collective worship assemblies this half term is ‘Kindness. Our collective worship committee have this to say:

“It is good to be kind – little acts of kindness make our school a nice place to be”.

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 **97.72%**

Our school target is **97%**

Timetable

Week beginning 11 th November 2019	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Grassington	Kettlewell	Burnsall	Cracoe	Out
PM	Cracoe	Kettlewell	Cracoe	Grassington	Out

Mrs E N Besharati and Mrs C Boxall

Federation Diary Dates

Monday 11 th November:	Friendship Week
Wednesday 13 th November:	'Learnology' Workshop for parents 9:30 at Burnsall and 5pm at Cracoe
Wednesday 20 th November	Y5/6 Football Final
Monday 25 th November	Change4life Festival
9 th & 10 th December:	RE Days around the theme of 'Light'
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

Tuesday 12 th November	Influenza Immunisation, whole School*
Tuesday 12 th November	'Odd Sock Day' for Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 20 th November	Craven Small Schools Football Final 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
Monday 25 th November	Change4Life Festival (PM) Boyle and Petyt, details to follow
Saturday 30 th November	Dickensian Day
Thursday 5 th December	Panto – Snow White at Harrogate Theatre 2pm
Saturday 7 th December	Dickensian Day
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19 th December	KS1 Nativity Play (2pm and 6pm)
Friday 20 th December	School Christmas Party
Friday 20th December	School Closes

North Yorkshire Cross Country Finals

A huge WELL DONE and Congratulations to Charlie (Y3) and Tamsin (Y4) who took part in the North Yorkshire Cross Country Finals at Dalby Forest on Tuesday.



Dickensian Workshop

Children from all year groups took part in a Dickensian Festival Workshop on Monday and designed characters from the Nutcracker. Designs will be exhibited at the Dickensian Festival on Saturday 30th November and Saturday 7th December.



School Dinner

Parents / Grandparents are kindly invited to join the children at lunchtime for a hearty School Dinner of Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding and seasonal vegetables followed by Sticky Toffee Pudding with custard on Wednesday 13th November. As we are limited for space in the School Hall, we have 15 places on a first come first serviced basis. **Could you please contact Mrs Wall, in the school office by Tuesday 12th November at the latest if you would like to attend?** Cost of the meal is £3.50. Not to be missed!

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

>14th November

>21st November

>28th 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.

Accordion Sessions



The first Accordion Workshop will be on Wednesday 13th November during school hours. Those who have returned their consent forms have been added to the list and will commence their sessions next Wednesday.

Poppy Appeal



The Y6 children will also be going around the classrooms next Monday 11th November. If the children would like to donate, they are welcome to bring some money into school. We Will Remember Them. Thank you.



Children in Need

Friday 15th November is Children in Need and children can dress up in their PJs (please make sure that they are appropriate!) for a donation of £1.00 per family. The children will be running a cake stall; and would kindly like donations of cakes and biscuits. Cakes 50p, Biscuits 30p. They will also be running a 'Guess the name of the Teddy' competition - 50p for 2 guesses and 30p for one guess. All in aid of Charity! All funds raised will go to Children in Need. Thank you.

School Council Event - World Toilet Day
Tuesday 19th November is World Toilet Day.

What is World Toilet Day?

November 19th was designated as World Toilet Day by the United Nations General Assembly; and is coordinated every year by a partnership between UN-Water and governments around the world. World Toilet Day was made to spread and increase public awareness of broader sanitation systems such as wastewater treatment, stormwater management, and hand washing. Goal 6 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals calls for adequate sanitation, which includes the system assuring that waste is safely processed. Their efforts to call attention to the sanitation crises were strengthened in 2010 when the right to water and sanitation was officially declared a human right by the UN.

'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 have completed one poster A BIG Thank You to all those who have brought some stickers in!

As we have received some more stickers, we decided to start another poster in the hope that we fill it up before the deadline for return of the posters on the 18th November. So do please keep the stickers coming to give us twice the chance of winning!!



Praise Assembly

Next Praise Assembly will be on **Friday 15th November at 3pm.**

PTA News

We have elected a new Treasurer and the Committee for this year is:

Chairman - Kate Villarrubia

Treasurer - Laura Cuthbert

Secretary - Hannah Harsley

With many thanks to Siân Wheal for all her hard work as Treasurer.

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! There will be a rota going up at the entrance to school next week. If everyone can spare just an hour (or two if you like) of their time this will help share the load – thank you in advance for your help!

Please contact Siobhan Tywang if you need any further information.

End of Term Disco

We hope that everyone who attended the disco had a great time! Many thanks to all who attended and supported the event, it is greatly appreciated. A special word of thanks must go to Midgley Motor Cars who kindly sponsored the DJ and hire of the Town Hall for us. Their support enabled us to raise £430 to put to important use towards the children's education – **THANK YOU!**

Next PTA Meeting

Next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday 14th November at 8pm at the Devonshire Pub in Grassington. All welcome.