

Autumn Term 2
Friday
13th December
2019

Grassington CE (VC) Primary School



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Message from the Executive Headteachers

Dear Parents / Carers

The Christmas season is now upon us and all the schools have been getting into the swing with lots of different Christmas festivities. On Monday afternoon, the reception children came together at Burnsall. Here they entered Santa's workshop – dressing up as elves, the children set to work checking lists, wrapping presents and singing songs.

'I loved it!' said a very excited, Elijah
'Everyone has been good this year' – Arianna
'All the wrapping was hard work' - Freddie



Kettlewell School

Kettlewell celebrated Elf Day in aid of the Dementia charity, Alzheimer's Society – raising £101.20. Well done to all those involved!

Grassington School

Year 5 & 6 pupils at Grassington visited the luncheon club at the Town Hall where they sang a host of carols for the retired people in the community.



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Farewell to Miss Crosby

Miss Crosby, who has been a Teaching Assistant at Grassington Primary for 13 years, will be leaving us at the end of term. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Crosby for her effort and support with the pupils at the school over the years. We all wish her the very best for the future.

End of Term Arrangements

Please remember to check the calendar for your child's school for next week. There are numerous events happening including Nativities, Carol Services, Christmas lunches and parties, detailed information is included in all newsletters.

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 on Wednesday.

A reminder that children should wear plain navy / black shorts or joggers for PE lessons. These should not have any sports logo or branding.

Attendance

This week's attendance is **93.3%**

The target for our school is **97%**

Timetable

Week beginning 16 th December 2019	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Grassington	Burnsall	Cracoe	Cracoe	Grassington
PM	Grassington	Grassington	Burnsall / Kettlewell	Cracoe	Burnsall

Mrs E N Besharati and Mrs C Boxall

Federation Diary Dates

Friday 20th December

Tuesday 7th January

Thursday 16th January

Tuesday 28th January

Monday 3rd February

Tuesday 11th February

Thursday 13th February

Friday 14th 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 Hal
(**2pm & 6pm**)

School closes for half term

School Diary Dates

Monday 16 th December	Whole school - Christmas Service, St Michael & All Angels Church, Linton 10:30am
Wednesday 18 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 th December	School Christmas Party
Friday 20th December	School Closes
Monday 6th January	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 7th January	School re-opens to pupils

KS1 Nativity

On Thursday 12th December, KS1 put on an amazing performance in their Nativity Play about 'The Bossy King'. Well done to all the children learning all their lines and the songs. I'm sure there were very proud Parents and Grandparents in the audience!



Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

Today, we raised £48.45p for Save the Children! Some of the children designed their own Christmas Jumpers by using old jumpers thus contributing to reducing greenhouse emissions. Thank you very much for all your donations to this worthwhile charity.

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.

Accordion Club



Accordion Workshop – last session for this term will be on Wednesday 18th December.

Communication Folders

The children now have a Communication Folder which is placed in their bags when there are letters / forms to be sent home to parents. **Could we please ask that any reply slips are placed back into the folders and returned to school? Thank you.**

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.

A note from Rev David Macha

Family Praise Carol Service @ St Michael's, Linton

Craft, Angels, instant choir, shadow puppet nativity, food, mulled wine, a warm welcome, fun & faith... (& sprouts!). Everyone from across the parishes is welcome to another open celebration - in the manner of our last Harvest Festival Service - this coming Sunday December 15th at 4.30pm at St Michael's, Linton.

Praise Assembly

The final Praise Assembly for the term will be on **Friday 20th December at 9:15am. All welcome.**

PTA News

The combined total raised by the PTA across both Dickensian Saturdays was £1,869.47 which will go to directly benefit all our children!

Thank you so much everyone who contributed to either or both of the Dickensian weekends, either by donating baking, tombola prizes or their valuable time. The PTA are extremely grateful for your support, thank you.

The PTA would like to wish everyone in our school community a very peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in 2020 for more exciting events! 🍪🍪🎄👶👶🌟

Next PTA Meeting

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



Christmas Dates

Monday 16th December - Christmas Service, St Michael & All Angels Church, Linton

The children will walk to the church accompanied by the staff. The service will start at 10:30am and all parents are welcome to attend. **Could we kindly ask for some parent volunteers** to walk with the children to the church? Please let Mrs Wall know if you can help as soon as possible. Thank you.

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Lunch

Please see the attached menu for Christmas Lunch. For those children who usually have a packed lunch, please let Mrs Wall know if you would like your child/ren to have a Christmas Lunch by Monday at the latest. Thank you at all those who have already done so. Please note that there will be **no** Quorn Roast on the menu.

Friday 20th December – Christmas Party



Children are invited to come dressed in their party clothes. Please ensure that they wear sensible shoes, and clothes are appropriate. We would kindly like to ask for donations of food for the Christmas Party. There is a list on the door in the main entrance to school to annotate your name against the item(s) that you wish to donate. We would like to ask for some parent volunteers to assist with setting up at 2pm and clearing away before 3:30pm. Please let Mrs Wall know if you available to help. Thank you.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the staff and parents who have helped with various events throughout the term. Much appreciated!!