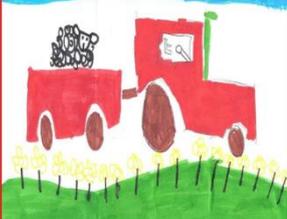


Autumn Term 2
Friday
6th December
2019

Grassington CE (VC) Primary School



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Message from the Executive Headteachers

Dear Parents / Carers

Dickensian Weekend

It is the Dickensian weekend again in Grassington this weekend. There are a whole host of activities for children and stalls to browse. Please visit <https://www.grassingtondickensian.co.uk/> for more details.

School will be open on Saturday providing hot beverages and snacks. A HUGE thank you to parents and staff who volunteered their time last Saturday and managed to raise funds for Grassington School.



Communication Group

The communication strategy group met on Monday to discuss how we can further communicate and celebrate the work of the schools in our federation to improve our pupil numbers. As you may know, Burnsall VA Primary School, have almost doubled their pupil number from 17 to 31! The positivity from the parent community and the use of social media has really helped to showcase what the school offers.

As you know we have put work into communicating with existing parents through weekly newsletters, social media sites for each school and federation, text message service. The communication strategy group are now appealing to our parents to be:

- Proud
- Positive
- Proactive

...on social media so that we can engage with new families in our communities to come and visit our schools.

Awesome Owls

Awesome Owls after school club can now take childcare vouchers. If you would like to set this up, please contact Elizabeth Taylor: 07946 560280

Did you know that could be eligible for support towards after school childcare fees? Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/tax-credits> for more information.

Reminder about Christmas Jumpers

One in four Christmas jumpers bought last year was thrown away or is unlikely to be worn again, according to new research which reveals that most novelty sweaters will only ever be worn once. The Ellen MacArthur foundation recently exposed the scale of the waste generated by the fashion industry, and how its throwaway culture generates greenhouse emissions of 1.2bn tonnes a year – more than international flights and shipping combined.

We are therefore encouraging families not to go out and buy a new jumper for our Christmas jumper day.

Christmas jumper day is on **Friday 13th December**.

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.

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

Learning Hero

Nicole – Class 2 for always showing amazing listening skills.

Phoebe – Class 1 for concentrating (nominated by Isla Class 1).

Attendance

Our school attendance this week is **94.2%**

Our school target is **97%**

Timetable

Week beginning 9 th December 2019	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday		Thursday	Friday
AM	Cracoe	Out	Burnsall	Grassington	Kettlewell
PM	Cracoe	Burnsall	Grassington	Grassington	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

Saturday 7th December

Wednesday 11th December

Thursday 12th December

Friday 13th December

Monday 16th December

Wednesday 18th December

Friday 20th December

Friday 20th December

Monday 6th January

Tuesday 7th January

Dickensian Day Festival

Pupils to Town Hall to sing at Lunch Club

KS1 Nativity, **2pm** and **6:15pm**

Christmas Jumper Day

Whole school - Christmas Service, St Michael & All Angels Church, Linton **10:30am**

School Christmas Lunch

School Christmas Party

School Closes

Staff Training Day

School re-opens to pupils

Class 2 & 3 News

Rev. Peter Thomas came into school on Monday afternoon and the children took part in a Christmas workshop. They listened to the Christmas Story which he told in his animated and engaging way. Thank you to Mrs Fattorini; who helped with the workshop activities too.

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:

>12th December

Accordion Club



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

- Wednesday 11th December
- 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.

Praise Assembly

Next Praise Assembly will be on **Friday 13th December at 3pm.**

PTA News

Torchlit Procession

As is the usual tradition at the Dickensian Festival, there will be a torchlit procession around the village at 4pm on Saturday and Sunday this weekend, ending with community carol singing in the Village Square. Children are invited to meet outside Reverend David's house (follow driveway directly opposite school's main entrance, but no parking available) at approx. 3.45pm to dress in nativity costume (provided) and lead the procession round the village with the donkey, calling at the pubs to see if there is 'any room at the Inn'? Unfortunately, numbers have been quite low in recent years, if you can come along it is a lovely experience for everyone involved and a great way to get into the Christmas spirit!

Dickensian Festival 2019 - taking place tomorrow – Saturday 7th December.

THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered last Saturday or kindly donated baking or tombola prizes. We managed to raise just over an impressive **£1,000!!!**

We are getting ready to try and do the same again this Saturday. Massive thanks to the people who have volunteered to help, it does make the whole event so much more of a success if everyone joins in and lightens the load.

Baking & Tombola

Another way you can help is to donate home baked cakes (or shop bought), or tombola prizes. These can be dropped off as late as the morning of the event at school. If you have anything lurking in your cupboards suitable as a tombola prize, then please think of us when you have your pre-Christmas clear out and get it to school ASAP!

Next PTA Meeting

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

Other News

Angela Harrison, former Headteacher of Brougham Street Nursery School, is collecting used stamps from cards and letters to support "Octopus for a premie UK" this Christmas. This is a charity which provides a premature baby with a knitted or crocheted octopus to have with them in the incubator. The tentacles replace the umbilical cord as a comfort to the baby whilst also preventing them playing with and potentially removing the tubes that they may rely on for feeding/oxygen etc. Please could you collect any used stamps and hand them in to Mrs Wall, in the school Office, and we will pass them on to Angela in the New Year. Thank-you.



Christmas Dates

Wednesday 11th December - Pupils to Town Hall to sing at Lunch Club

Class 3 pupils will have an early lunch and then walk over to the Town Hall to sing Christmas Carols to the Lunch Club. They will be accompanied by Mrs Harrison.

Thursday 12th December - KS1 Nativity

KS1 will be performing their Nativity Play - 'The Bossy King' in the School Hall. There will be a 2pm and 6:15pm performance. Children will be sent home with 2 tickets per family for both the morning and evening performances. Miss Tiffany – new Class 1 teacher, will be attending the evening performance and you will have the opportunity to meet with her over coffee after the performance.

Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day



Non-uniform day and children may come to school wearing their Christmas Jumper. Donation of £1 for 'Save The Children' charity.



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. 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. 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 like to ask for some parent volunteers to assist with setting up at 2pm and clearing away before 3:30pm. Thank you.

