

Autumn Term  
Friday 6th  
December 2019



BURNSALL VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Friday News

UPPER WHARFEDALE PRIMARY  
FEDERATION



## A Note from the Executive Head Teachers

Dear Parents/ Carers,

### Dickensian Weekend

It is the Dickensian weekend again in Grassington this weekend. There is 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 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 on 07946560280

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>

### PE Kit

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

Children in key stage 2 will continue to access swimming sessions every fortnight, so will need their swimming kits of the following dates:

Tuesday's	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 & Year 4	✓		✓		✓		✓
Year 5 & Year 6		✓		✓		✓	

### Timetable

W/C—9.12.19	Mrs Besharati	Mrs Besharati	Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Cracoe	Out	Burnsall	Grassington	Kettlewell
PM	Cracoe	Burnsall	Grassington	Grassington	Burnsall

### Federation Dates

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January:	School reopens
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> January:	Y5/6 Athletics - times & venue TBC
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January:	KS2 swimming gala at UWS (morning)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February:	RE week
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February:	Internet Safety Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February:	Federation BIG Performance at Grassington Town Hall (2pm and 6pm)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February:	School closes

### Stamps

Angela Harrison, a former head teacher of Brougham Street nursery school, has asked me to collect used stamps from cards and letters to support 'Octopus for a preemie 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. If you could ask parents to collect used stamps in this way I will pass them onto Angela in the new year. Thank you.

### Attendance:

Our attendance this week is 94.52% - **Target is 97%**

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# Diary Dates

12.12.19—Panto @ Harrogate 2pm

13.12.19—Christmas Jumper Day

17.12.19—Christmas Dinner

18.12.19—Nativity 2pm & 6pm

19.12.19—Party lunch and party Afternoon

20.12.19—Christingle Service @ 2pm

20.12.19—Break up for Christmas

07.01.20—Back to School

*Keep checking diary dates as there are plenty more to follow*

## Breakfast Club

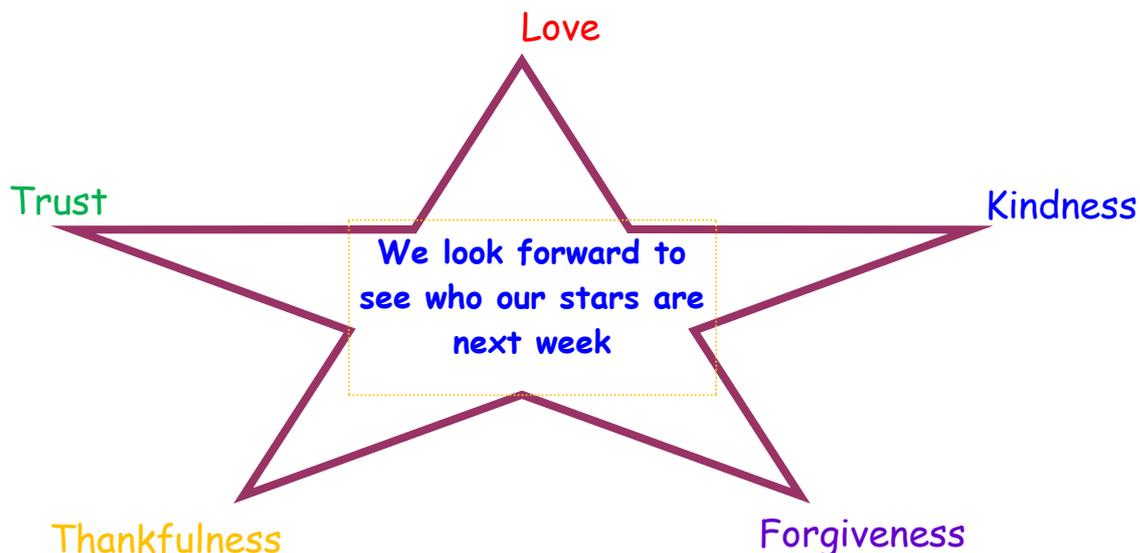
Breakfast club - open to Burnsall children from 8 am until the start of the school day. Please contact school if interested. Please don't forget to send your money to pay for Breakfast club. This can be done weekly or half termly. As from September 2017 the cost for each session will be £3.50 to cover costs. Please can you let me know if your child/ren will be attending. If your child would like attend breakfast club please can you notify school 2 or 3 beforehand then we can let Julie know. Thank you .

## Reminder about Christmas Jumper—Christmas Jumper Day—Friday 13th December

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 throw-away culture generates greenhouse emissions of 1.2bn tonnes a year - more than international flights and shipping combined. We have therefore encouraging families not go out a buy a new jumper for our Christmas jumper day. If you already have one that can be reused then by all means wear this, otherwise bring an alternative jumper that you don't mind being altered and we will decorate it at school with lots of Christmas sparkle!

## Christmas Post Box

The post box is now open and ready for the children to post their Christmas cards to their friends. Please can you make sure the names are clearly marked on the front of the envelopes as the children sort and deliver the cards to the children. Thank you



# News from School

## Swimming Kit—10th December

This week Year 5 & 6 will need their swimming & PE kit. Thank you

## School Photos

Please can all school photo orders be sent into school by Monday 9th, so that I can get them sent off before Christmas. Thank you

## Dinner Money—04.11.19-20.12.19—7 weeks—Class 2 only

Dinner Money for this half term is—£98.00 - **don't forget to pay this before end of term!**

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## Christmas Celebrations 2019

Thursday 12th December—Our annual trip to the Pantomime. This year we will be watching Snow White. The friends have kindly offered again to pay for this trip and for the children to have an ice cream in the interval. We will leave school at 12.30pm and return approximately @ 5.15-30pm Please can we ask that when you arrive at school to pick your child/ren up, you do not park on the yellow zigzag line in front of school as the coach will need to pull in there to drop the children off safely. Thank you

Friday 13th December—Christmas Jumper day—To help make this special day even more festive, we will be wearing our Christmas jumpers. In return we ask for a donation of £1 for Save the Children. There is no need to buy a brand new jumper just find an old unwanted one and have fun decorating it.

Tuesday 17th December— Christmas Lunch. If your child normally has a packed lunch that day and would like a Christmas dinner, please let me know. The cost for the meal will be £2.80. Thank you

Wednesday 18th December—Nativity 2pm & 6pm—details to follow.

Thursday 19th December—Party afternoon. The children are able to come to school dressed in their party clothes, for an afternoon of fun and games. The children will have a party lunch provided by Julie.

Secret Santa Stall—Thursday 19th December—We will be having a Secret Santa stall again this year. We are in need of gifts to sell. If you have anything at home that you think would be the perfect gift for someone else, please can these be sent into school. We are looking for items that are suitable for both mums and dads. We are always short of dads presents! Chocolate is always a good one. Any donations would be greatly received. The cost will be £1.00 per gift. Thank you

Friday 20th December—End of term and Christingle service @ 2pm.

HAPPY  
WEEKEND