

Autumn Term
Friday 6th
December
2019



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 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>

Reminder about Christmas Jumper

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 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 jumper day at Cracoe is Wednesday 18th December. Please donate £1 if possible, for Save the Children.



Safeguarding at the end of the day

Please be aware that we cannot send your child home with another adult unless you have contacted us to give permission for this to happen.

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.

Learning Power!

Our learning power that we have been focusing on in our Learnology sessions is listening.

Attendance

The target for our school is 97%

This week's attendance: 94.3%

Timetable

	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Cracoe	Out	Burnsall	Grassington	Kettlewell
PM	Cracoe	Burnsall	Grassington	Grassington	Burnsall

Mrs E N Besharati and Mrs C Boxall

Federation Dates

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

School Diary Dates

Thursday 12th December	Whole School trip to Harrogate Panto
Friday 13th December	Flu Immunisation in school
Friday 13th December	Fundraising group Film and popcorn afternoon.
Wednesday 18th December 9.00am	9.15am Christmas Service at St. Peter's Church, Rylstone. Children to arrive for
Wednesday 18th December	12pm Christmas Lunch - all parents invited to join us for a festive feast
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
Thursday 19th December	2pm Class 1 Nativity Play supported by Class 2 choir. This will followed by Christmas refreshments at Cracoe Village Hall provided by Friends
Friday 20th December	AM: Whole school walk to Cracoe Farm Shop Café to see their artwork in place
Friday 20th December	PM : Christmas Parties
Friday 20th December	Friends Christmas Drinks and Nibbles
Saturday 21st December	Friends Christmas Coffee Morning

After School Clubs

After school sports and after school band have now finished for the term, They will return after Christmas. Outdoor Learning Club will run this week but not on Tuesday 17th December.

Other News

Angela Harrison, former Headteacher of Brougham Street Nursery School, is collecting used stamps from cards and letters to support "Octopus for a preemie UK" this Christmas. This 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 Washington, in the school Office, and we will pass them on to Angela in the New Year. Thank-you.

We made Christingles with our buddies for the service at St Peter's Church on Sunday

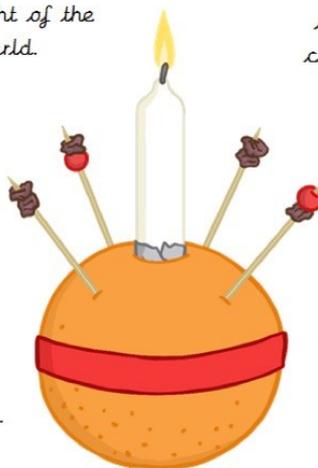
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The lit candle
represents Jesus as
the Light of the
World.

The fruits or sweets
skewered on sticks
represent the fruits
of the Earth.

The orange
represents the world.



The 4 sticks
represent the four
compass directions
and the four
seasons.

The red ribbon (or
red paper frill)
represents the blood
of Jesus.

Christmas Celebrations 2019

We have a whole host of Christmas Celebrations and festivities planned for the coming weeks.

Thursday 12th December

Snow White at Harrogate Theatre

Our annual trip to the Pantomime in Harrogate. This year we will be seeing Snow White. If you have not already made a voluntary contribution towards the cost, please consider doing so. Thank you. We also still need parental consent for some children.

Friday 13th December

Cracoe Christmas Film Afternoon:

The fundraising group are hosting a Christmas film afternoon on Friday 13th December. The group have chosen to watch 'The Grinch' (U). Children are invited to bring a donation of £2.50 for entry and a box of popcorn (no child will miss out if a donation is not made). There will be a prize for the person who finds a golden ticket in their popcorn box. All proceeds will be sent to 'Dogs Trust', the Fundraising Group's chosen charity.

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Service:

Our Christmas Church Service will take place on Wednesday 18th December at St. Peter's Church, Rylstone. We would like to invite all members of the school community.

The Service will start at 9.15am but please drop your child to the church for 9.00am.

If your child will be attending breakfast club on that day, please let school know so that we can arrange transport. Thank you. All children will return to school by minibus after the service.

Christmas Lunch:

We will be having our annual Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall on Wednesday 18th December. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have a Christmas Dinner, please let us know. A school dinner costs £2.80 and can be paid for on ParentPay or by cash/cheque to the school office.

All parents are invited to join us for lunch. **Please book your place no later than Monday 2nd December.** An adult lunch costs £3.36 and this can be paid for by cash/cheque to the school office.

Christmas Jumper Day

To help make this special day even more festive, we will also be wearing our Christmas Jumpers on Wednesday 18th December. In return we ask for a donation of £1 for Save the Children. We are 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!

Thursday 19th December

On Thursday 19th December the whole school community are invited to join us in Village Hall at **2.00pm** for our Class 1 Nativity. Class 2 will be the supporting choir. After the Nativity there will be a chance to spend some festive time together over mulled wine and mince pies, kindly provided by Friends. This will also be an opportunity for Parents to say farewell to Mrs Gibbons.

Friday 20th December

AM: Visit to Cracoe Farmshop Cafe

Following the recent 'design a logo' competition run by Cracoe farm Shop café, all the children will walk to the café where they can admire their artwork on display and enjoy a Christmas treat of hot chocolate and cake. Please ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat in school.

PM: Christmas Parties

Our last day of term this year will be non-uniform. Please come to school in your party wear. Each class will have lots of festive fun and games

We look forward to seeing you during our festivities.