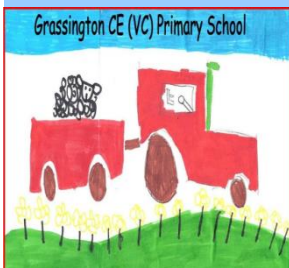


Spring Term 1
Friday
10th January
2020



GRASSINGTON CE (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tractor Times



Message from the Executive Headteachers

Dear Parents / Carers

Happy New Year! We hope that you have all had an enjoyable Christmas break and that the children are re-energised for the term ahead. I cannot believe that this time last year I was writing my first newsletter for the federation – how time flies when you're having fun!

We have a few welcomes at Grassington Primary this term. First of all, welcome to Eleanor who has joined our Year 5 class this week and has been quick to get stuck in with our new display for the school entrance. Also welcome to Mrs Harvey who is the interim Base Leader until the end of this half term. Mrs Harvey will be based in Class 3. Finally, welcome to Miss Tiffany who is our new Class 1 teacher. We hope that everyone in our Grassington community will make our new staff and pupils feel at home.

Tuesday	7 th Jan	14 th Jan	21 st Jan	28 th Jan	4 th Feb	11 th Feb
YR 3 & 4	✓		✓		✓	No swimming or PE (Children will be practising for BIG Performance Concert)
YR 5 & 6		✓		✓ No Swimming as Cluster swimming gala but pupils will still do PE		

Wednesday afternoon workshops

Wednesday afternoon workshops for KS2 (Class 3 at Grassington) are as follows:

Burnsall	STEM - building and launching rockets
Cracoe	PE / PHSE
Grassington	Computing - robotics and programming
Kettlewell	PE / PHSE

Please ensure your child brings their full PE kit in a school bag on this day if they have PE. If your child is not having PE on Wednesday the class teacher will deliver a session at another time during the week, this information will be provided in the school section at the end of the newsletter.

Safeguarding

All staff had safeguarding training on Monday. Until our new Base Leaders have their formal designated safeguarding training, the interim arrangements are as follows:

	Burnsall	Cracoe	Grassington	Kettlewell
Designated Safeguarding Leader	Miss Thompson	Mrs Besharati	Mrs Boxall	Mr Scott
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leader	Mrs Besharati/ Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	Mrs Besharati	Mrs Besharati/ Mrs Boxall

Any concerns regarding the safety of a child, please contact the above people.

Shine Assembly

We will continue to have our shine assemblies every other Friday, starting Friday 17th January. All schools will have their assembly **fortnightly**.

Collective worship

The theme for our collective worship this half term is forgiveness.

'Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others' – Colossians 3:13

Attendance

Our school attendance this week is **99.35%**

Our school target is **97%**

Timetable

Week beginning 13 th January 2020	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Kettlewell	Burnsall / Grassington	Grassington	Grassington	Grassington
PM	Grassington	Grassington	Burnsall	Cracoe	Grassington

Mrs E N Besharati and Mrs C Boxall

Federation Diary Dates

Thursday 16th January

Y5/6 Athletics at UWS **1pm -3pm**

Tuesday 28th January

KS2 Swimming Gala at UWS **1pm – 3pm**

Monday 3rd February

RE Week

Tuesday 4th February

Athletics Final at UWS (**after school**)

Tuesday 11th February

Internet Safety Day

Wednesday 12th February

Swimming Finals at Skipton (**Time TBC**)

Thursday 13th February

Federation BIG SING Performance, Grassington Town Hall (**2pm & 6pm**)

Friday 14th February

School closes for half term

What's happening next week?

School Diary Dates

DATE	During School	After School
Monday 13th January		
Tuesday 14th January		
Wednesday 15th January		
Thursday 16th January	<i>Class 1 Penguin Day at Burnsall School 9am – 11am</i> <i>Y5&6 Athletics UWS 1pm – 3pm. Letters sent home yesterday. Please return reply slips.</i>	
Friday 17th January		



The children will be having regular exercise sessions at school.

Class 3 (Years 5 & 6) will have weekly sessions on Monday afternoon.

Class 2 (Years 3 & 4) daily morning exercise. The children do not need to bring their PE kit in for these sessions. Please note however, that they will need PE kit for the regular Tuesday PE / swimming sessions mentioned earlier.

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.

After School Club – The After School club is now run by Kanga Sports. There will be a range of sporting activities for the children to participate in. They will also do craft and creative activities. Also, children who prefer, will be able to have some quiet time in the library. A snack will be provided for them.

Accordion Club - Accordion sessions continue after lunch on Wednesdays.

Gardening Club - Will commence in March. More details to follow.

Thursday 16th January

Class 1 will be going over to Burnsall Primary School for a 'Penguin Day'. They will take part in a range of activities and interact with other the EYFS / KS1 children from across the federation.

Class 3 (Year 5 & 6) will be taking part in the Cluster Sportshall Athletics Tournament at Upper Wharfedale Primary School, from 1pm – 3pm. The children will walk over to UWS with Mrs Harvey and Mr Wills and return to school in time for the end of the school day. Mrs Harvey will remain at the event to supervise our team. Please return the consent reply slips sent home yesterday.

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.

Message from Rev David Macha

New Reverb Youth & Children Worker

Project Reverb have appointed a new Youth & Children Worker who will be working with children and young people in Wharfedale. Sam Buster is Australian and comes to us from New South Wales. Do watch out for him as he gets to know everyone.

Praise Assembly

Next Praise Assembly will be on **Friday 17th January at 3pm. All welcome.**

PTA News

Next PTA meeting will be held at the Devonshire Pub, Grassington on Thursday 23rd January at 8pm. All welcome.

Coffee Morning

The annual Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 14th March at Church House. Could we kindly ask for helpers on the day and donations of cakes? Thank you.