

Spring Term 1
Friday
24th January
2020

Grassington CE (VC) Primary School



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Tractor Times

UPPER WHARFEDALE PRIMARY
FEDERATION



Message from the Executive Headteachers

Dear Parents / Carers

The first few weeks of term have passed very quickly! All of our new staff members have settled into the routine of their own class, school and being part of the Federation, really well. Children, who have joined the schools this term, have made many new friends.

PENGUIN DAY

All of class 1 children from the federation met last Thursday to launch their theme 'Wonderful World'. The children have adopted a penguin, from Antarctica, through the World Wildlife Fund, which enables the charity to help fund projects to monitor penguins and their movements and to see how they are being affected by climate change. Children will receive regular updates, photographs and information about their penguin. On the day, they made mini penguins, did penguin collages and even wrote a story about what would happen if a penguin arrived on their doorstep!



SPACE ODYSSEY UWPf Performing Arts Concert



Children have already begun rehearsals for our performances on Thursday 13th February at 2pm and 6pm. In the first instance, three tickets per family will be available, we will then open up more tickets should there be any spare. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £3.50 per person, which goes towards the cost of hiring the premises and refreshments. Please request tickets via the school office as soon as possible.

Congratulations

We are sure you will join with us in congratulating Mrs Allen, our cookery teacher, who is expecting her second child. Her maternity leave will begin in May.

Sportshall Athletics



Congratulations to all our Year 5 and 6 children, from the federation, who took part in the Indoor Athletics Competition last week. A huge well done to Grassington School, who secured second place!

New Church Youth Worker

Sam Buster, from Australia, is our new Reverb Children and Youth Worker. He has been visiting schools this week with Rev. David Macha. He will be helping to lead Collective Worship, but also offering himself to work with the Collective Worship / Faith Committees in each school, seeking to develop Collective Worship in our Federation. We warmly welcome him to our school communities and wish him all the best in his new role.

Kanga After School club

Kanga are successfully running our after-school provision at Grassington School on a daily basis. The children are offered a healthy snack followed by a range of activities including drawing / art activities; Lego construction, crafts, board games, reading and enjoying books and even a movie night. Alongside this the children have the choice of participating in a sports activity every evening. If your child does not attend the club and you are interested, please contact the school office or look for further information on the Kanga website - www.kangasports.co.uk.

Attendance

Our school attendance this week is **92.76%**

Our school target is **97%**

PE and Swimming Timetable

Children in KS2 will continue to access swimming sessions every fortnight, so they will need to come to school in their PE kit **and** bring their swimming kit on the following dates:

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		

Timetable

Week beginning 27 th January 2020	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Cracoe	Grassington	Burnsall	Grassington	Kettlewell
PM	Cracoe	Grassington	Burnsall	Grassington	Kettlewell

Mrs E N Besharati and Mrs C Boxall

Federation Diary Dates

Tuesday 28 th January	KS2 Swimming Gala at UWS 1pm – 3pm
Monday 3 rd February	RE Week
Tuesday 11 th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 12 th February	Swimming Finals at Skipton (Time TBC)
Thursday 13 th February	Federation BIG SING Performance, Grassington Town Hall (2pm & 6pm)
Friday 14 th February	School closes for half term

What's happening next week?

School Diary Dates

DATE	During School	After School
Monday 27th January		Kanga Sports
Tuesday 28th January	KS2 Swimming Gala, UWS	Kanga Sports
Wednesday 29th January	Race for Life, Grassington Sports Field (13:30)	Kanga Sports
Thursday 30th January	Accordion Exams (09:40)	Kanga Sports
Friday 31st January		Kanga Sports



Race for Life

The children will be having a Race for Life session at school on **Wednesday 29th January**. This will take place on the Sports pitch behind the school if it is not too boggy. Please can the children bring in their PE kit for this event. Thank you.
Please note however, that they will need PE kit for their regular Tuesday PE / swimming sessions.

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.

STAR AWARDS

In next week's Newsletter

LEARNING HEROES

The Learning Hero is awarded to a member of the class who is recognised by their peers, using the 7 C's to guide them in their choices.

In next week's Newsletter

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 31st January at 3pm. All welcome.**

PTA News

Next PTA meeting will be held at the Devonshire Pub, Grassington on Wednesday 18th March at 8pm (TBC). 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? Could you please contact a member of the PTA if you can volunteer your services? Thank you.

We shall be having a **'Dress Down'** at school on **Friday 6th March** in exchange for Tombola and Raffle prizes for the Coffee Morning. Please bring them in to school on the day. Thank you.