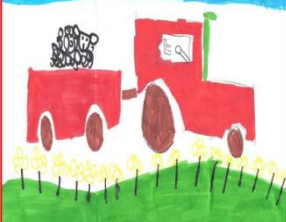


Spring Term 1
Friday 31st
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Grassington CE (VC) Primary School



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UPPER WHARFEDALE PRIMARY
FEDERATION



Message from the Executive Headteachers

Dear Parents / Carers

Walking around the classrooms in all of our schools, we can see how engaged the children are in their learning. The classroom environments reflect their current learning and children can access learning resources/equipment to support them with their work, all in an aim to make them independent learners.



We are having a huge drive on developing children's reading, aiming for all of our children to be exposed to a rich and varied range of texts on a daily basis, including independent reading for pleasure. We are prioritising early reading across the Federation, with an emphasis on the effective teaching and learning of phonics. We will provide challenging reading comprehension/guided reading exercises regularly, with incisive and varied questioning as key, and success strategies specifically taught. An important factor in all of this is the expectation that children read at home. We encourage parents/carers/ older siblings/relatives to read with their children at home. This is not restricted to the books brought home from school, but could include comics, newspapers and books they access at home etc. The Book Trust states "sharing a book with a child is fun - it's a time for closeness, laughing and talking together. It can also give children a flying start in life and help them become lifelong readers."

SPACE ODYSSEY UWPF Performing Arts Concert



Come and join us for this the first Federation event of the year. For those who have not already requested their tickets, please do so from the school office.

Rehearsals continue to go well. Tamsin from Grassington says that, she is really enjoying the rehearsals, especially singing 'Reach for the Stars' and when class 2 sing 'Ground Control to Major Tom'.

If your child attends after school club at Grassington, please can you send them to school with a 'packed tea.' They do have a snack at the club, but will probably need something more substantial on this occasion. The children, who attend afterschool provision, will be walked back to school by staff following the afternoon performance and staff will walk the children back up to the Town Hall in readiness for the evening performance.

Swimming Gala

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the swimming gala on Tuesday. Watch this space for the results!!

Religious Education Week

Next week, children across the Federation will have a RE learning focus for part of the school day. In key stage 2, they will explore the question “Fasting....does this make you a better person?” and in Class 1 they will focus on Festivals with a particular link to Jewish festivals. We will give you a full update in next week’s newsletter.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS - Are you missing out?

To find out if you are eligible and apply online go to www.northyorks.gov.uk or telephone 01609 780 780. An application form is also available from the school office.

Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation 2020/2021 – School holiday dates.

For those parents who may already be planning holidays for the next academic year, we hope the information below will be useful. We encourage parents to book holidays during the school holiday periods.

	SCHOOL CLOSSES	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
AUTUMN TERM		Tues. 8.9.20
HALF TERM (Autumn)	Fri. 23.10.20	Mon. 2.11.20
CHRISTMAS	Fri. 18.12.20	Tues. 5.1.21
HALF TERM (Spring)	Fri. 12.2.21	Mon. 22.2.21
EASTER	Fri. 26.3.21	Tues. 13.4.21
MAY DAY	Mon. 3.5.21	Tues. 4.5.21
HALF TERM (Summer)	Fri. 28.5.21	Tues. 8.6.21
SUMMER	Fri. 23.7.21	-----

Training Days 2020/2021

Monday 7th September 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 12th April 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

Monday 26th July 2021

Attendance

Our school attendance this week is **92.46%**

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	7th Jan	14th Jan	21st Jan	28th Jan	4th Feb	11th 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 20 th January 2020	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Kettlewell	Burnsall	Grassington	Grassington	Burnsall
PM	Kettlewell	Burnsall	Grassington	Grassington	Burnsall

Mrs E N Besharati and Mrs C Boxall

Federation Diary Dates

Monday 3rd February

Tuesday 11th February

Wednesday 12th February

Thursday 13th February

Friday 14th February

RE Week

Internet Safety Day

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

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

School closes for half term

What's happening next week?

School Diary Dates

DATE	During School	After School
Monday 3rd February	Y6 Health screening	Kanga Sports
Tuesday 4th February		Kanga Sports
Wednesday 5th February		Kanga Sports
Thursday 6th February		Kanga Sports
Friday 7th February		Kanga Sports



Race for Life

This week the children took part in a Race for Life to raise money for Cancer Research UK. The awful weather did not dampen their spirits or amazing teamwork!

Class 1 ran a full mile whilst Class 2 & 3 all ran at least 2 miles!! We have not yet gathered all the sponsor money but please don't worry, we have until the end of half term to keep collecting.

Thank you to those parents who showed their support by cheering them on during the race and for all those who have donated money. Lastly a huge thank you to the children of Class 2 for organising the event. Well done!!

Mrs Steeples
Class 2

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 on Thursday 12th March and is open to Y1 to Y6 children. Please see letter sent home yesterday for further details.

STAR AWARDS

Class 1

1. **Forrest** – for writing a wonderful story based on the book ‘Lost and Found’
2. **Lily** – for persevering even when an activity is tricky!

Class 2

1. **Nicole** – for a great explanation about bone density in space and using that to form a scientific explanation
2. **Hannah** – for pushing herself in her Maths work, applying her fractions work to everyday problems

Class 3

1. **Hollie** – for showing a fantastic attitude, resilience and confidence in all her learning
2. **Oscar** – for showing a fantastic attitude in all his learning and never giving up!

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.

Class 1

Ronan – for planning a detailed story map and using it to write a fantastic story!

Class 2

Frank – for always being a supportive team member

Class 3

Sonny – working hard and concentration!

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 14th February 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.

'Big Sing'

The Friends of the PTA would kindly like to ask for volunteers to help serve refreshments after each of the performances at the 'Big Sing'. If you are available to help, please contact Siobhan Tywang on stywang@uwpf.n-yorks.sch.uk.

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.