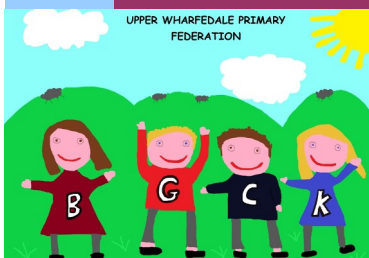


Spring Term
Friday 17th
January 2020



BURNSALL VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday News



A Note from the Executive Head Teachers

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We had two very successful stay and play sessions at Kettlewell and Grassington. Kettlewell hosted their first stay and play on Friday, where families enjoyed meeting staff and mixing with the younger children. Teachers felt that this was a positive way of forging links with our new families and hope to make this a regular event at Kettlewell - the last Friday of each half term.

At Grassington, a teddy bear's picnic was organised with staff; some older pupils engaged in a range of activities for the younger children to explore and enjoy. Again, both parents and staff felt this would be great to have a regular session for families in the area with young children. We are hoping to establish a weekly stay and play session at Grassington like we have at Burnsall.

Burnsall Beehives has been a great success, thank you to May and Clover, both parents at Burnsall for volunteering to run this session. If any families with children under 5 would like to come to Burnsall Beehives, it is open to anyone, regardless whether you come to our school or not. Burnsall Beehives is every Tuesday from 1:30pm.

Welcome

A warm welcome back to Mrs Kellett. Mrs Kellett taught at Kettlewell last academic year and has agreed to job-share with Mrs McGee until the end of July. It is great to have someone come back to the federation who was part of all of our training and work around the curriculum last year - welcome back!

Mr Willis

We would like to congratulate Mr Willis on his new post - although it will be sad to see him leave as he has been a fantastic asset to all of our schools, we know that he will be amazing in his new role at Upper Wharfedale School. Mr Willis will be leaving on 3rd February but will continue to run F1 Club for the foreseeable future at Grassington Primary. Mrs Blair, who has been teaching at Grassington Primary, will step into part of Mr Willis's role and until we appoint a teaching assistant we have Mrs Campbell, a qualified teacher, working full time at Grassington alongside the class teachers to offer additional support.

Hello and Goodbye

We said goodbye to Charlie in Year 1 at Burnsall at the end of term. Charlie will be moving up the Dales when he returns to England...but good news for us, his parents want him to stay within the federation and will return as a pupil at Kettlewell at the start of February! Charlie already knows the Year 1 children at Kettlewell from his Monday afternoons with them. I am sure he will settle into life at Kettlewell quite quickly.

Learning Hero

We introduced a new learning hero this term. Rosie Ready has four learning powers. For the past two weeks we have been focusing on the power of 'contributing'. What does contributing mean? Why is it important?

The children and staff voted for the person in the class who they think has shown this power over the last two weeks.

Learning Hero—Katie Herd in Class 2 & Zander Horn in Class 1



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

Timetable

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

Federation Dates

Tuesday 28th January: KS2 swimming gala 1-3pm at UWS
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
Thursday 13th February: Federation BIG Performance at Grassington Town Hall (2pm and 6pm)
Friday 14th February: School closes

PE Times

Class 2—PE Friday morning with Hedley—Tag Rugby
Class 1—Dance with Mrs Braithwaite on a Thursday morning.

Attendance

The target for our school is 97%
This weeks attendance is 90%

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At the beginning of every term, we like to remind parents/carers that in the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation, we believe that attendance at school is very important for all of our children. This enables them to make good progress and reach their full potential. Absence can lead to poor progress and poor attainment thereby preventing children from achieving their full potential. Parents should inform the school office before 8:50 of the first day of a child's absence. A letter from parents confirming the reason for absence is required on the child's return. If the parents do not make contact with the school by 9.20 am regarding a child's absence, the school will make contact by telephone to establish the child's safety. It is very important that children are punctual and arrive in school on time.

We also request that whenever possible, every effort should be made to arrange medical and dental appointments outside of the school day. If it is necessary for a child to be out of school for this reason, the child should return to school directly after the appointment. Medical appointments will be recorded as "authorised absence" in the register. We also appreciate that in some circumstances this is not possible.

Parental Requests for Holidays during Term Time

Families taking holidays during term time is a cause of absence, which has been highlighted nationally as a disruptive factor in child's education. Schools are required to implement government regulations regarding the taking of Leave of Absence in term-time. The law gives no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time. Parents who feel there are exceptional circumstances for their child being absent from school, must obtain the school's permission before making any arrangements for leave, otherwise the absence will be recorded as "unauthorised". Details of which can be found on the website. A form (available from the school office or via the school website) requesting leave of absence should be completed by the parent/carer and returned to the school as far in advance as possible and preferably at least 6 weeks before the first date of the period of leave being requested.

Head teachers and governors, monitor very closely attendance, e.g. persistent absence, recurring patterns of absence, frequent lateness, on-going attendance which falls below 90%.

All of our schools actively promote and support children's attendance by:-

- Ensuring a broad and balanced curriculum that provides children with the best possible learning opportunities and experiences;
- Providing a welcoming, safe and caring environment in which each child is valued and supported;
- Building and maintaining effective partnerships between the school and its parents, external support agencies and the wider community.
- Acknowledging good attendance.

We hope that you will be supportive of our school policy.

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Diary Dates

28.01.20—Swimming Gala for KS2 @ UWS

31.01.20—Next payment for Cober Hill—£100

11.02.20—Internet Safety Day

11.02.20—No PE for KS2—practice for 'Big Sing'

13.02.20—Big Sing 2pm & 6pm

14.02.20—Break up for half term

24.02.20—Return to school

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 to attend breakfast club please can you notify school 2 or 3 beforehand then we can let Julie know. Thank you .

Dinner Money for this half term 07.01.20-14.02.20

Dinner money for this half term will be—£81.20

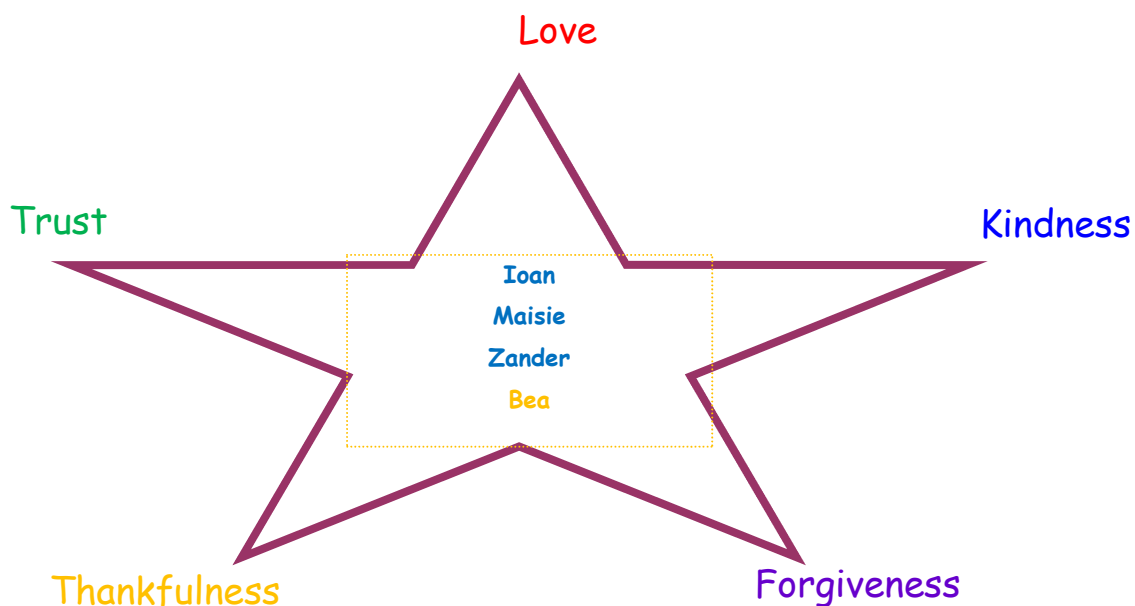
Shine Awards

Maisie for always being a helpful and thoughtful member of the class—Kindness

Ioan for always being polite and thoughtful to adults in school - Kindness

Zander for always making sure others have someone to play with—Kindness

Bea for working hard to set a good example for others to follow—Thankfulness



News from School

Swimming Kit—Tuesday 21st January

This week Year 3 & 4 will need their swimming & PE kit. Thank you

Class 1—PE Kit

Please see letter enclosed in your folder with regards to Class 1 PE kit.

Tag Rugby

Tag Rugby is every Friday. Please can your child come to school in full school uniform (including school shoes) and bring their PE Kit to school to get changed into. Thank you.

SATs Blaster

This will run every Thursday for Year 6 children this half term until Thursday 6th February.

HAPPY
WEEKEND
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