

Spring Term
Friday 31st
January 2020



BURNSALL VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday News

A Note from the Executive Head Teachers

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."

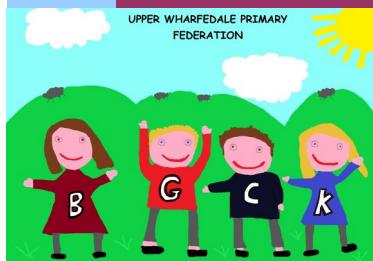
SPACE ODYSSEY UWPF Performing Arts Concert

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 an 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 CLOSES	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

Big Sing

The Friends of the Grassington 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. Thank you

Attendance

The target for our school is 97%

This week's attendance: 99.3%

Timetable

Week beginning 3/2/20	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday		Thursday	Friday
AM	Kettlewell	Burnsall	Grassington	Grassington	Burnsall
PM	Kettlewell	Burnsall	Grassington	Grassington	Burnsall

Mrs E N Besharati and Mrs C Boxall

Federation Dates

- 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.

PE Timetable

	7 th Jan	14 th Jan	21 st Jan	28 th Jan	4 th Feb	11 th Feb
Year 3/4	✓		✓		✓	No swim- ming or PE (Children will be prac- tising for BIG Perfor- mance Con- cert)
Year 5/6		✓		✓ No Swim- ming as Cluster swimming gala but pupils will		

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Diary Dates

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 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

Learning Heroes: Rosie Ready

Our learning heroes, chosen by the children, this week are: Carys and Bea.



Shining Stars

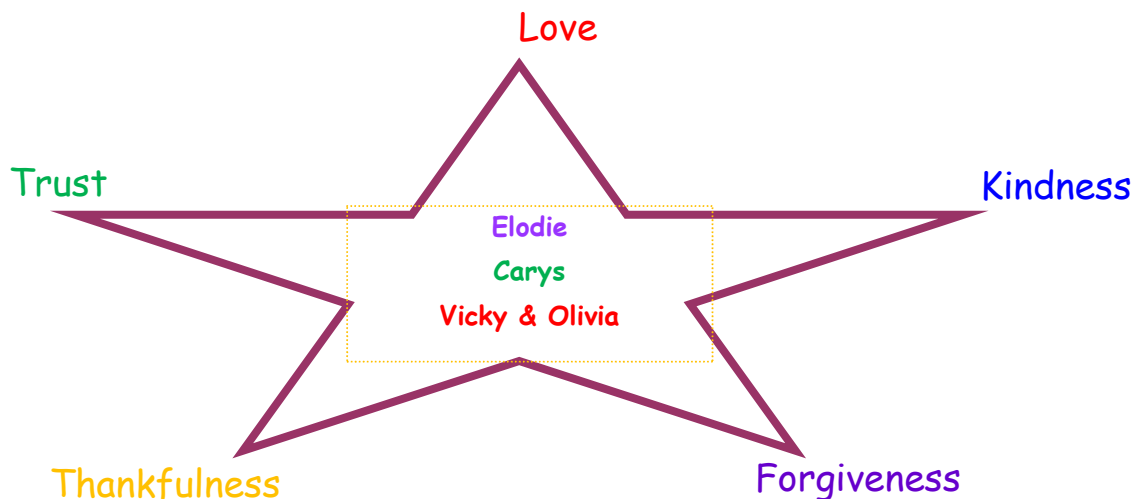
Shining Stars this week are:

Carys—for always getting on with work and being ready to learn

Elodie—Forgiving her friends when they make mistakes

Olivia—For fantastic phonics work. You are using your sounding and blending to help you to write

Vicky—For preserving your writing about Robert Falcon Scott



News from School

Swimming Kit—Tuesday 4th February

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

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.

KS2 Swimming/PE Timetable

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

Class 2 PE KITS—Fridays

As the weather is wet and cold at the moment, please can the children come to school in school uniform and bring their PE Kits with them to get changed into for Tag Rugby on a Friday. Thank you.

Class 1

Please remember to bring a shoe box on Monday. Thank you

Residential—Cober Hill

Don't forget the next payment of £100 is due. Thank you

