



Federation Newsletter 24th April 2020

Dear children and parents/carers,

We hope you are all safe and well. Welcome to the Summer Term 2020, very different to what we are used to! We hope that you enjoyed the 'Easter break'. Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope,



renewal and new life – something to remember in these challenging times. We know that the children decorated eggs, painted, coloured and collaged egg designs, did some Easter baking, had Easter egg hunts, but particularly enjoyed eating their chocolate eggs.

This photograph shows the creative skills of Alfie and Ellis from Cracoe!

Home Learning

From this week the home learning activities can be accessed on The Upper Wharfedale Federation website: <https://theupperwharfedaleprimaryfederation.co.uk/>

There is a variety of different activities for your children to access so please choose the ones, which suit your child. Any additional activities will be updated on a weekly basis. Not all of the resources that are suggested need to be printed out and we would encourage parents not to print all of the worksheets. Instead, the children could write the answers to the maths questions straight into their maths exercise book and for English SPAG activities they could be discussed together or your child could choose some of the sentences to copy down into their books then complete the task. If you have no internet access and have let us know a learning pack will be/has been posted to you.

If you are having any problems accessing any of the links or wish to share anything you have been doing at home please contact your child's class teacher via the following email addresses. Staff will try to respond to any queries when they are able.

New email addresses – stay connected to your child's class teacher:

Class 1 teachers: KS1@uwpf.n-yorks.sch.uk

Class 2/3 teachers: KS2@uwpf.n-yorks.sch.uk

Please note **Carries War**, one of the books on the read together section of the KS2 home learning information, is available as a free audiobook/podcast on the BBC sounds App.

Phonics Learning

From next Monday, 27th April, the DfE are working in conjunction with an education company called 'Letters and Sounds' to provide phonics learning at home via YouTube (please see the attached letter for further details). 'Letters and Sounds' is the phonics system all schools in our federation use to teach phonics, under Mrs Newey's leadership and guidance. Whilst we know that learning at home can be challenging, as well as the other privations and difficulties we are facing at the moment, keeping the children reading on a daily basis, including practising phonics for the younger ones, is crucial to maintaining their development. Mrs Newey and I would urge you to please try and find time to access these online lessons everyday, if your child is in Reception or KS1.

Thank you. Andrew Scott, Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation English Lead.

Welcome to Isabella who has now joined Reception at Kettlewell.



We wish Mimi from Burnsall and Niamh from Grassington, a very happy birthday this week; have a lovely day from all your friends and staff at the federation.

We miss the children greatly, but do enjoy hearing how they are getting on, thank you. Stay safe!

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