

26th June 2020

Dear Parents,



How lucky are we? I took this photograph at 8:00 in the morning, yesterday, as I was visiting Kettlewell School. It has been difficult during lockdown for so many of our families and friends, but it is views like this that have made it slightly easier.

We have welcomed more children from year 2,3,4 and 5 into our schools this week and will continue to do the same next week. It is great to see their smiling faces and welcome the energy that they bring back into our 'new look' classrooms. All of the children have been most resilient, responding to new rules and regulations put in place to ensure their safety and the safety of staff. Children have continued to share their 'lockdown' experiences with staff and some have taken opportunities to speak with staff on a one to one basis if they have been worried about something. But, they are back!

Here are some of the comments children have made about their return.

What I enjoy most about coming back to school is seeing my friends and being able to laugh, talk and sit within 2 metres of each other. Maddie

Tom has enjoyed seeing his friends again

Arabella has appreciated coming back to school to see her friends and teachers

Kitty too has enjoyed being back with friends after not seeing them for ages!

None of the Year 6 children at Kettlewell, appear to have missed Mr. Scott's jokes!!

I have enjoyed seeing friends; learning more, especially in maths we have been doing multiplication and division of decimals! This has been great, Niamh says

Layla has enjoyed having lunch outside and having some maths lessons outside too.

Eleanor has enjoyed doing art, in the style of Friedensreich Hundertwasser. This artist does not like straight lines, just curves and he uses bright colours.

Exciting News! Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation Pre School:

We are delighted to be able to announce that we have published a consultation document regarding the offer of pre- school nursery provision for the Federation. This is in response to clear local need and parental demand: it allows us both to support local families and provide the pre-school experience our children will enjoy before they start in Reception at any of our Federation schools. We are very excited about this initiative and are busy planning our resources and Nursery unit which will be housed in the old children's centre at Grassington. You may well see activity over the summer holidays as we prepare.

For further information and to view the document please do get in touch at fbm@uwpf.n-yorks.sch.uk or log on to any of our school websites. Exciting times!

Staff Training Day - Monday 13th July:

Governors and head teachers have agreed to hold a training day for all staff on Monday 13th July. This will be an opportunity for all our staff to meet to reflect and consider our plans for September. This means that all schools will be closed to children on this day.

Year 6:

We would like to ask families of our Year 6 children to keep these dates free during the last week of term, as we do plan to have a special leaving celebration for the children. Details will follow in the next few weeks.

Burnsall - 17th July pm

Cracoe - 17th July pm

Grassington- 16th July pm - **please note this is a changed date**

Kettlewell - 17th July pm

Midas Training:

If any parents or other members of our communities are interested in training to drive our federation mini bus, please can you contact Mrs Washington at Cracoe - admin@cracoerystone.n-yorks.sch.uk

Reports:

We know you all received a copy of a summary report prepared by your child's class teacher and head teacher in May. We are hoping to arrange some form of parent consultations at the beginning of the new academic year. This will be an opportunity for parents to meet class teachers and discuss your child's learning. If in the meantime you would like to discuss anything with the class teacher please contact admin@burnsall.n-yorks.sch.uk or email using the email accounts below

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

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

Government guidance around end of year reporting to parents has changed, following the cancellation of the 2019/20 national curriculum assessments. The Department for Education (DfE) has laid regulations to remove the requirement to report the outcomes of key stages 1 and 2 tests or teacher assessments for pupil's reports. These regulations also remove the requirement to include comparative information about the attainment of pupils of the same age in the school or nationally for this year's reports.

The DfE has laid regulations to remove the requirement to report pupils' attendance data for the 2019/20 academic year, in recognition of the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on the possible attendance.

Kanga Sports - Virtual sports day:

Along with the newsletter we have attached a link and details of a virtual sports day that Kanga Sports are running.

To sign up (there is no cost) use the following link: <http://eepurl.com/gk-zn5>

Take Care and Stay safe

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