



Friday News

25th September, 2020

Dear Parents,

Reading Books

Reading books are beginning to be sent home this week. The children have now been assessed and have begun daily phonics learning. The books that are sent home are to match your child's letter/sound recognition.

As your child progresses with their phonics learning, the books will change to reflect this. For some children a text may have no words yet, these are to encourage speech development and use of imagination when telling their own story. Books will be changed every **Monday and Thursday**.

Last year we thrilled to join Burley Woodhead English Hub to strengthen our phonics teaching. We were successful in receiving funds to purchase new 'decodable' reading books. Each book is placed into a phase corresponding with the Letters and Sounds phonics programme used in school. In each phase, books progress by introducing new sounds whilst also revisiting previously learnt sounds. Pupils' reading books are chosen according to their phonic ability. This is to ensure that all pupils can read the book rather than having to sound out every single grapheme, as the latter often results in reluctant readers. In the front of each reading book, there is useful information for the reader and the listener.

Phonemes that will be covered in the book are to be practised, as well as the common exception and high-frequency words that are going to appear through the book. Ideally, when pupils come across these words, they do not need to sound out and should read them straight away e.g. some, was. It also informs children and whoever is listening to them, which words cannot be decoded because they are common exception words and do not follow phonic patterns.

At the back of each reading book, there are specific questions linked with various reading skills. This is something we really encourage to ensure the child has a good understanding of what they have just read and this also supports parents with their questioning.

We normally hold a phonics session for new parents at the start of the academic year. This year we plan to do this virtually. If you are interested in the parents' phonics session then please email the school office to let us know.

School Council

The following children have been voted in to represent the school council this year:

Burnsall	Cracoe	Grassington	Kettlewell
Olivia (Y1)	Y6 Riley	Joe - Y6	Y6 - Ellie
Florence (Y2)	Y5 Isaac	Eleanor - Y6	Y6 - Jake
Cain (Y3)	Y4 Maleeha	Amelia - Y4	Y5- Jack
Dylan (Y4)	Y3 Alfie	Phoebe - Y3	Y4 - Jacob
Tom (Y5) Vice-chair		Angus - Y2	Y3 - Connie
Blane (Y6) Chair		Bertie - Y1	Y2 - Betsy
			Y1 - Jack

Mrs Wall

Our brilliant school administrator, Mrs Wall, will be leaving Grassington Primary at October half term. Mrs Wall and her family are relocating to Oxfordshire. We know that you will agree that she has been a great asset to our school and will be sadly missed. An advertisement for a part-time school administrator has been posted on NYCC website.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is back up and running! Breakfast Club starts from 8.00am and is run by Julie. Breakfast Club is charged at £3.50 per child and includes a healthy breakfast. Full details of our breakfast club can be found on our school websites. If you would like to book a place for Breakfast Club please return the booking form attached to the school office.

Pupil Premium

Have your circumstances changed during the pandemic? If so, you may be entitled to pupil premium funding for your child. Pupil premium funding is extra funding given to the school to support families to finance school trips, residential, clubs as well as provide funding to support the provision your child receives to help boost their achievements. If you would like to discuss this in confidence, with ourselves we would be happy to talk with you.

For more details on the criteria and to apply, visit:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Healthy Schools Award

The North Yorkshire Healthy Schools award covers four key these are: Active Lifestyles, Emotional Health & Wellbeing; Food in Schools and Personal, Social & Health Education We are very pleased to have been awarded the silver level of this prestigious award. We hope now to work towards the gold level!



Shine Awards

Blaine has received our Kindness award this week for his amazing efforts with helping our new and younger children settle in to Burnsall. Well done Blaine!

Judah has received our Love of Learning award this week for his enthusiasm when retelling stories. Well done Judah!



Head teacher Timetable

Week beginning 28.9.20	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Cracoe	Kettlewell	Burnsall	Burnsall	Kettlewell
PM	Grassington	Kettlewell	Grassington	Burnsall	Cracoe

Federation Diary Dates

Below are some important dates for this term. Please be aware that we do not know exactly how these events will run at present (either face to face or virtually) but we thought you would like to make note on your calendars:

Week beginning 5th October: Harvest Festival
Mental Health Week

Monday 12th October: Open morning at Kettlewell

Tuesday 13th October: Open morning at Burnsall

Week beginning 19th October: Science week

Tuesday 20th October: Open morning at Grassington

Wednesday 21st October: Open morning at Cracoe

Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd October: parents evening

Week beginning 9th November: Friendship Week

Wednesday 11th November: Learnology workshop for parents

Christmas festivities dates TBC



Pre-School News

The children showed a lot of interest in the home corner, we had to extend the table to fit everyone round. They were engrossed in imaginary play with all children contributing. Pasta was a popular dinner choice!

Serious construction has begun, we've had an elevator, cow shed, bridge and 'super car' garage. The children demonstrated fantastic problem solving, design and co-operation.

We would like to develop our music wall outside. If you have any old metal pans, spoons, baking trays that you would like to contribute to Pre-School, we would be very grateful.



News from School

Reading books

Please could children in Class one bring their reading books in on a Monday and Thursday and Class Two children bring their reading books and reading record folder in every day. Thank you.



Birthdays

We are aware that with current Covid restrictions that many children with birthdays at the moment are unable to celebrate in their usual way. To help try and make their birthday month special, we are allowing the children who have had a Birthday in September to come in their own clothes on the 30th September (Katie, Dylan, Jess W, Miley, Maisie, Lucas, Ivy & MISS THOMPSON!) School will provide a cake for the children to share and we will play a few party games over lunch time. We know it won't replace a big birthday celebration but do hope to make it memorable for the children. Our birthday day for children who have a birthday in October will be on 23rd October.



Kind regards

Ella Besharati & Chris Boxall