



## Friday News

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents,

We cannot believe that it is the end of half term already. We hope that everyone had an opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher this week. The aim of this was to see how your child has settled back into school life and discuss what areas the teacher is focusing on with them. Under normal circumstances, we would have had face-to-face parent's consultation evening and open classrooms by now; we know you understand the reasons why this has not happened. As soon as we are able to have more people safely into our schools, we will have face-to-face time with teachers, open classrooms and coffee mornings; until then we will provide remote opportunities for parents.

### SENDCo Meeting:

A virtual opportunity to meet with our SENDCo.

After school, on Thursday 5th November there will be an opportunity to speak to our Federation SENDCo - Miss Oakes. This will take place via zoom and is an opportunity to say hello and chat about anything related to supporting your child with special educational needs. If you would like a 10 minute slot, then please email our admin team and we will allocate you at 10 minute slot.

### Early Years Meeting:

A virtual opportunity to listen to our Early Years Leader, Miss Smith, talk about the early years. If your child is in pre-school or reception this is a useful presentation to see what our early year's provision looks like and how we support children's learning. After school, on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November** you may join the presentation via zoom. Further details will be provided after half term.

### Phonics Meeting:

Following the early year's presentation there will be an opportunity for parents to join a phonics presentation led by our Phonics Leader, Mrs Newey and English Leader, Mr Scott. This presentation is aimed at **all** parents. It aims to share with you our new phonics scheme, books and how we teach phonics in school so that you can support

reading development at home. After school, on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November** you may join the presentation via zoom. Further details will be provided after half term.

### Learnology workshop:

On **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**, Mrs Besharati will share a repeat of the Learnology presentation that was offered to all parents last year. If you were unable to attend last year or you are a new parent who would like to know more about what 'learnology' is then please join us via zoom for a presentation followed by a discussion.

### E-safety:

Attached is our new e-safety policy. Children will be focusing on e-safety as part of their computing lessons as well as marking national e-safety day. You will find an updated acceptable user agreement that we ask parents to sign, please send a signed copy back into school. In the spring term we will be hosting an e-safety session for our parents, which is useful for parents of older pupils as they transition to secondary school and therefore have more access to online content.

### Goodbye and Welcome:

Today is Mrs Wall's last day at Grassington Primary School. We will miss Mrs Wall, who has been a great addition to our Grassington family. We wish her all the best as she starts her new adventure in Oxfordshire.

We have appointed a new administrator to replace Mrs Wall. Mrs Clayton will start after half term at Grassington. She has been working alongside Mrs Wall over the last two weeks and we hope that everyone will make her feel welcome.

We would like to welcome Mrs Woodward to Burnsall Primary. Mrs Woodward has been appointed as a teaching assistant and will be based in Class 1. Mrs Woodward has a background in supporting children with special educational needs and is delighted to be joining Burnsall.

### House Points

Diamond	Sapphire	Ruby	Emerald
50	47	46	56

# Shine

## Shine Awards:

Iris for the love of learning - for your enthusiastic attitude towards learning new skills on Audacity.

Mimi - for your enthusiasm in all that we do. We have really seen your confidence grow. Well Done Mimi.

Aiyana - for always being ready to learn. Your confidence in phonics has really impressed us.

## Learning Heroes:



Maisie - for always being ready to learn

Bea - for always setting an excellent example for others to follow



## Head teacher Timetable:

Week beginning 2.11.20	Mrs Besharati		Mrs Besharati & Mrs Boxall	Mrs Boxall	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Grassington	Grassington	Kettlewell	Kettlewell	Grassington
PM	Cracoe	Grassington	Kettlewell	Burnsall	Grassington

## Collaborative learning:

We have made the decision not to move the children around the Federation on Mondays and Fridays, keeping current arrangements in place. Specialist staff will continue to teach French, Music, RE and PE to our KS2 children. We are constantly reviewing the situation in line with guidance from the Dfe and local authority.

## News from Pre-school:

The children's interest in the police has continued this week, the children transformed a cardboard box into a police car. We looked online and the children identified the

colours they needed. We talked about how the police help us and protect us but they also "catch baddies".

We investigated different orange fruit and vegetables. I asked the children to predict what they thought would be inside the fruit or vegetables. Unfortunately we didn't find any caterpillars but we did discover lots of seeds.

Pumpkin soup was the 'special' on the menu this week. A number of the children worked hard to scoop out the pumpkin flesh and add a pinch of salt. There was lots of dialogue between the children. The children talked about making soup at home and make sure you blow the soup because it is hot.

All the children have settled so well and we have had a brilliant first term. I hope you all have a restful half term. Mrs Middleton xxx



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> return to school

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> November: Friendship Week

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Learnology workshop for parents

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November - School photos

Christmas festivities dates TBC

**Congratulations:**

We would like to send our congratulations to Mr & Mrs Swale, Elodie, Clemency and Ottilie on the arrival of Lilia.



Ella Besharati & Chris Boxall  
Executive Headteachers