



# TRACTOR TIMES

**Autumn Term**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**  
**2017**

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Dear Parents/Carers

What a glorious Autumn week we have had. It is lovely to watch the children playing and enjoying PE outside. However, despite the sunshine it has been very cold - please make sure your child ALWAYS has a warm coat and that their PE kit is suitable for outside and inside.

The trim trail at Cracoe was in full use this week. Thank you to Friends and Tarmac who helped fund this. It will be enjoyed by all our children.

Don't forget that next Saturday (25th) is the first ever Friends Christmas Fair at Cracoe Village Hall, from 2pm - 4pm. Please do come along and support it if you can.

It was lovely to see just how quiet and respectful the children were during the Remembrance Collective Worship.

Mrs Morton Lee  
Executive Headteacher

## **Diary Dates**

Please find below dates for activities this half term. There will be more to add such as any party dates so please make sure you check the list regularly each week on the Tractor Times.

We will send more details of each event to the appropriate Year Groups during the course of the term.

### **Regular Activities and Events**

**Every Friday**

3.00pm Praise Assembly – All welcome

**Every Monday**

3.30-4.30 pm Federation Choir.

Please let us know if your child would like to join in (KS2 children only).

**Tuesdays until 12 December**


3.30-4.30 pm Kanga Cheerleading Club

**Wednesdays until**

**6 December**

3.30-4.30 pm Mr Baines Sports Club

### **Specific Events and Activities**

Monday 13 November	6pm Y6 Cober Hill Residential Meeting for parents at <b>Cracoe &amp; Rylstone</b> School
Tuesday 14 November	Class 3 NSPCC Workshop
Wednesday 15 November	Class 3 Coram Life Bus workshop at Upper Wharfedale School
Friday 17 November	BBC Children in Need 
Wednesday 22 November	9.30-11.30am Class 1 Open Morning
Wednesday 22 November	Reception through to Year 4 Flu immunisations for children with completed consent forms only
Tuesday 28 November	4.00-5.00pm Y5/6 Basketball Festival at UWS
Friday 8 December	Y5 Rewind Christmas at Scargill House
Monday 11 December	2.00 pm Grassington School Christmas Service at St Michael & All Angels Church, Linton
Tuesday 12 December	Federation Schools 'Big Christmas Sing' rehearsal Grassington Town Hall
Friday 15 December	Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper Day'
Monday 18 December	Federation Schools 'Big Christmas Sing'. Performances at 2.00pm & 5.45pm
Tuesday 19 December	School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20 December	School Christmas Parties
Friday 22 December	Break-up for Christmas.

### **Wednesday 22 November: Open Morning for Prospective Parents 9.30 to 11.30 am**

We are inviting prospective parents to come and see why we are so proud of our wonderful school. This is an opportunity for them to take a look around; meet the staff and pupils; have a chat and enjoy some refreshments.

Please help us to publicise this event by passing this message on to any parents who you know may need this information.

### **Children in Need**

The BBC Children in Need Day is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

There will be a Cake Stall organised by the School Council (donations of cakes and other delightful baked, or bought, confectionary are welcome of course) and the children can come to school in their pyjamas or in a onesie. They can bring in a small teddy if they wish, but please make sure that it is not their most special one as we would hate them to lose them at school on such a special day.

Donations of £1 for wearing non-school uniform will be accepted on arrival.

## Message from the Governors

The Governors of the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation would like to thank all those parents and members of the wider community who attended the Federation Communications Evenings in October. The Governors have undertaken an analysis of the responses and comments and are using the information to inform their discussions and thinking as the Federation moves forward. The Governors will respond to the detail in due course and hope to be able to give an update on progress in the New Year.

## Grassington Dickensian Nativity

The Grassington Dickensian Nativity will be performed on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 4.30 pm in the village square. This is a free event and is part of the mid-week events between the main Dickensian weekends. It is also outdoors so please remember to wrap up warmly and be prepared for any possible inclement weather.

## News from Class 1

The Year 1 children this week have been working hard on their sounds. I have kept their sounds books this weekend to check they have all the sounds they need to practise at home. The Reception children have been playing rhyming games, making 'Silly Soup' which has objects in that rhyme, such as chick, brick and stick.

In Maths this week Year 1 have been learning about addition and using number bonds to write 4 different addition sentences. For example, using 2, 3 and 5 making the sentences:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & 2+3=5 & & 3+2=5 \\ & 5=2+3 & & & 5=3+2 \end{array}$$

Reception children have also been investigating addition and have been learning the song '*Farmer Pete has got 10 sheep*', which can be found on YouTube. The children have made sock puppet sheep to act out the song in class, which they thoroughly enjoy.

The children have also been practising writing numerals. Each Reception child has brought home the number they are practising. Here are some ideas to help.

- Trace over the number shape with your finger.
- Use flour in a tray, asking your child to write the number with their finger.
- Use tomato sauce or glitter instead of flour.
- Water and a paintbrush and write it on the floor or wall outside.
- Chalk the number on the path as large as you can.
- Rainbow writing: write the number in pencil and then go over the top in lots of different colours.

Please make sure your child starts and finishes the number in the correct place.

Year 1 have spelling homework this week, which needs to be returned next Thursday. Have a lovely weekend together.

## News from Class 2

This week Class 2 have been busy analysing the features of instruction writing, finding out what is important. They used the instructions they followed to make their own poppies to find the title, numbered steps, imperative verbs and prepositions. They have begun brainstorming their ideas of how to wash their own woolly mammoth (be prepared for the great lengths some will go to just to get them in the bath!!). The children also consolidated last half-term's spelling work and combined it with their handwriting practice.

In Maths the children have continued their skills of counting up in a range of numbers and are now fluent in how to complete missing number sequences and problem solving. Next week we are starting our new topic of addition and subtraction.

In the children's Science lessons they got messy with chocolate in order to find out about the three different types of rock. They then used their findings to create an information leaflet about them.

Please find a new homework topic sheet in the learning logs for the following weeks of this half-term.

## News from Class 3

In English we have continued reading our Wolf Brother story. We have been answering questions in response to the text.

In Maths we have been solving multiplication by one digit and two digits problems. We have been using our top-tips to help us. Next week we will be solving multiplication word problems.

The image shows handwritten mathematical work on a grey background. At the top left, the number '15,000' is written in red. To its right, the letters 'Th', 'H', 'T', 'U' are written in red above the digits of '269'. Below '269' is '53', with red arrows indicating the multiplication process. A horizontal line is drawn below '53'. Below this line is the product '807' in black. Another horizontal line is drawn below '807'. Below this line is the number '13450' in blue, with small blue numbers '2' above the '4' and '5'. Below '13450' is the number '14257' in red, with small red numbers '3' above the '3' and '4'.

Topic – In Science we have investigated the durability, density and permeability of different types of rocks. We have produced information posters on our chosen type of rock too.

HOMEWORK - Please read at least 5 times in the week and do your Maths Mission.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Harrison

**School to Home Communications**

**Please complete and return this information by Next Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November**

**Tractor Times**

We are aiming to start sending the weekly Friday Tractor Times newsletter home via email. This will help us to save a lot of paper and ensure that important information is not lost via pupil post.

Please indicate on the slip below if this is convenient for your family and confirm the email address(es) you would like to use. (Please note we will only send 'blind' copy emails so that email addresses are not passed on to other parties).

If you are not able to access the Tractor Times via email a paper copy will still be available.

Name of child / children .....

Please tick beside the method by which you prefer to receive the Tractor Times.

- 1. **Email** (please supply email address(es))

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- 2. **Paper Copy** .....

**School Visit/Event Letters**

We will still send some paper letters home regarding school visits and events which need specific consent.

**Text Messages**

From time to time we send a text message to parent/carers with important reminders or urgent information. Please confirm which mobile number you would like us to send these messages to. **(one per family)**

Mobile number.....

Parent/Carer Name.....

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