



TRACTOR TIMES

Autumn Term
Friday 17th November
2017

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Dear Parents/Carers

Another busy week has flown by, with KS2 children visiting the 'Coram Life Bus' for a PSHE workshop. We are very fortunate to have had this event sponsored by Skipton Rotary Club. This year I organised this for our four Federated schools, plus Threshfield and Boyle and Petyt.

Your child's safety is very important and accordingly many of us have been renewing our First Aid qualifications. It's interesting to note that that even within a period of just three years the thoughts and legislation can change.

I would like to remind you that only medicines prescribed by a doctor can be administered at school and only with the written consent of the parents. The medication must be in the original packet with the child's name on it. If you wish for anything else to be administered then you are most welcome to come to school and administer other treatments yourself.

One of the suggestions is that each school should have their own defibrillator, which we shall all be eventually trained to use. Usually these cost over £1500 but the Department for Education have said that if schools buy the units through them, they will only charge schools £520. Now this is a substantial sum but not when compared against a child's life. I shall be asking the PTA of each of the schools who don't have one if they will support this purchase. However, if you wish to make a direct donation please feel free to do so.

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

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.

Lost - one white trainer

Last Thursday afternoon, 9th November, one of the boys in Class 3 lost a white trainer at Upper Wharfedale School. If it has accidentally appeared at home please can you bring it in to school and leave it with the office? Thank you.

Flu Immunisations Wednesday 22 November

Those children in Reception through to Year 4, whose parents completed and returned the consent forms, will receive their flu immunisations on Wednesday 22nd November 2017.

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.

Grassington Dickensian Nativity

The Grassington Dickensian Nativity will be performed on Wednesday 6th 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

This week we have focused our English learning on poetry. We have talked about the repetition of words, that capital letters start each line, as well learning to perform a poem to an audience. The Year 1 children have changed a poem to create their own.

In Maths Year 1 have been investigating making number stories, using number bonds and talking about the part and whole of a number. Reception children have been investigating the number 1, finding 1 object including learning where 1 comes in a ten frame and the 1 numicon. Each week Reception will focus on a new number, including what it would look like on a ten frame, the formation of the number, number stories and the numicon shape for the number.

In Science we have been investigating the properties of materials and discussing which words we can use to describe the materials. Reception children created their own game, blind folding a friend and asking them what object they were holding. They enjoyed playing this game and returned to it many times during the day.

In History we have learnt about the events of The Great Fire of London. Year 1 worked with a partner to create a timeline of the events and Reception worked well together to draw a group picture of events. Photos of their work can be seen in the cloakroom.
Have a super weekend.

News from Class 2

This week Class 2 have been planning and writing their own instructions of how to wash a woolly mammoth. They have assessed themselves as they are writing to ensure they have included all of the key features, for example prepositions, imperative verbs, numbered steps, colon, title etc. The children have worked very hard on this and are looking forward to producing their final drafts.

They have then used their instruction writing skills in Science in order to let the cavemen know how to make new rocks for their houses.

In Maths we have been focusing on addition this week where Years 3 and 4 have been getting to grips with exchanging and carrying-over, using practical equipment and the Year 2 children have been making the bar model to represent different bonds. The children have also been solving reasoning problems, understanding the importance of looking for patterns, working systematically and exploring all different methods of solving and answering.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend together,
Mrs Steeples

News from Class 3

In English we have been creating some very powerful antonym poems. This one is by one of our Year 6. The children had to create a word bank and follow a pattern. Can you spot it?

<u>War</u>
Blood, sweat, glory, pain Poppies, cornflower, clean, stain.
Sweat, glory, pain, blood Forget, remember, air, mud.
Glory, pain, blood, sweat Love, hate, sorrow, regret.
Pain, blood, sweat, glory Hell, heaven, calm, fury.

In Maths we have been solving multiplication reasoning and word problems. We have also moved on to solving divisions using the bus stop method. We have been using the equipment to help us through the processes.

In Science we have found out a bit about Mary Anning who was a palaeontologist. We have also started to create our own fossils in art today from clay.

On Wednesday we walked up to Upper Wharfedale School to The Life Bus. We took part in a session on 'Making Decisions'. The children were all superb at listening to one another and taking part in discussions.

HOMEWORK

I will be giving the children a research project to do on Mary Anning on Monday. The instructions will be in their file. It needs to be handed in by the 11th December.

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

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Harrison

School to Home Communications

We are still missing a number of forms stating your preferred way of receiving newsletters. Please complete and return this information as soon as possible

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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