

# TRACTOR TIMES

**Autumn Term  
Friday 20 October  
2017**

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term holiday and that the children return to school refreshed. We have a very long eight week 'Christmas half term'.

There are some very unpleasant gastric bugs around at the moment. These do spread very quickly in school communities, so please don't send your child to school for 48 hours after their last 'bout', even if they appear better. This isn't a school rule but NHS advice.

I'd like to thank all those parents who helped at Kettlewell and Cracoe & Rylstone sites in 'smartening up' our schools. There has obviously been a great deal of effort and time put in in planting flowers, weaving in willows in the tunnels and taking away detritus.

I'd also like to thank all those parents, friends and members of the community who came to the Governors' communication evening. They were very well attended.

Mrs Morton Lee  
Executive Headteacher

## **Diary Dates**

**Monday 30 October**

8.55 am School Reopens (Yippee!)

**Friday 3 November**

3.00pm Praise Assembly – All welcome

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Admissions to Primary School in September 2018**

The Area Education Office has produced a letter outlining the admission procedure for children who are due to start school in September 2018. If you need this information for your child please contact Mrs Hardaker, School Administrator on 01756 752365, or email [admin@grassington.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@grassington.n-yorks.sch.uk).

**The application deadline is 15 January 2018.**

Please pass this message on to any parents who you know may need this information.

## **Diary Dates**

We will update the list of dates for your diary of all the extra activities taking place next half term in the first newsletter after half-term. We will continue to send reminders of these and the normal weekly events each Friday via the Tractor Times. Where appropriate, for example activities for specific year groups only, we will continue to send out separate letters. Please make sure you check the list regularly in case there are any amendments as time goes on. We will send more details of each event

to the appropriate Year Groups during the course of the term.

It is vitally important for you to return all of the consent slips and other approval forms to allow your child to take part in some of the activities. If forms are not returned by the due date it may not be possible to allow you child to take part.

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| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup><br>October    | School Reopens                 |        |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup><br>November | Parents evening                | School |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>November  | Parents evening (Class 1 only) | School |

**Reminder:Parent/Teacher Meetings-**

**Class 2 & 3 - Wednesday 1 November 2017**

**Class 1 - Wednesday 1 November and Thursday 2 November 2017**

These meetings, held once per term, enable you to find out how your child is progressing with their learning and discuss any queries or concerns that you may have with your child's class teacher. Please either add your name to the list at the school entrance or alternatively contact Mrs Hardaker in the school office to make an appointment.

**News from Class 1**

This week in Literacy the children have performed "Room on the Broom" with Miss Coulton, each taking on a different role.

With Miss Potter the Year 1 children learnt about changing a singular word in to a plural by adding a letter 's'.

In Maths the Year 1 children have been counting in 2s and finding out how many jumps there are between two numbers, which will lead on to subtraction work (finding the difference). Reception have been counting, ordering numbers to 10 and playing number splat.

In Art we have been exploring how a colour can be changed by adding white. Reception have enjoyed their radio programme "Listen and Play" using their listening skills.

We have sent home two reading books for the holiday and we would like Year 1 to continue to practise their sounds and Maths Missions.

Have a lovely half-term holiday. Hopefully the weather will be fine and you will get the chance to go and play in the autumn leaves.

See you all soon,  
Mrs Tulley

## News from Class 2

This week class 2 have been completing some monster mash maths where they have been practising their counting in a range of numbers. Some played games of hopscotch to practise counting in 5s, whilst others adjusted their scores to counting in 50s using their place value skills. Another group played dart champions where they could only gain points if they could count to it in 3s. Please continue practising this with your child as it is crucial to help build their fluency in counting and calculations.

In Literacy the children have finished the first drafts of their dream stories, with some editing along the way. They have used the class structure and ideas well to help them adapt to their own stories. We really are going to have some world class footballers, chefs, ballerinas, horse riders and many more professions in years to come.

In Science we learnt what makes a healthy meal by revising the different food groups and looking at what makes a balanced diet. The children really thought carefully about how many of each food they should have each day and incorporated this into their meals.

Everyone has their reading book(s) for over the holiday as well as their Maths Missions and common exception words. Please continue with this work in support of your child's learning.

I hope you have a wonderful week off together and you can make some lovely memories.  
Mrs Steeples

## News from Class 3

In English we have been writing descriptions of our Stone Age Houses as if we were estate agents. We have been including details that convince the reader our houses could be 'your dream home' with all the Stone Age 'mod cons'.

In Maths we have been 'making connections' by using visual representations to investigate patterns in numbers. This investigation shows groups of 3 consecutive numbers. If you multiply the middle number by 3 you can find the total of the numbers. We found it worked for any three consecutive whole numbers.

$$1+2+3 = 6 \quad 3 \times 2 = 6$$

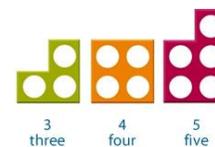
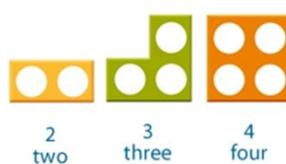
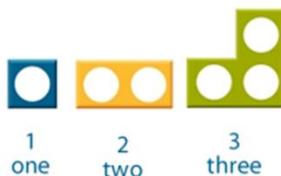
$$2+3+4 = 9 \quad 3 \times 3 = 9$$

$$3+4+5 = 12 \quad 3 \times 4 = 12$$

2 is the middle number

3 is the middle number

4 is the middle number



The children then investigated consecutive even numbers. Could you multiply the middle number by 3 to get the total? What about consecutive square numbers?

We also had the amazing privilege of working with an architect to design a Folly for Fountains Abbey. The children came up with some fantastic creations and I'm looking forward to seeing their final plans. They also used Microsoft Publisher to create Mood Boards to help illustrate their ideas.

HOMEWORK – I've given each child a folder for their Folly design with instructions. I've also set the children an apostrophe hunt task. They need to produce a poster and all the instructions are in the folder.

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

Have a lovely half-term holiday,  
Mrs Harrison



The poster is divided into several sections. At the top left, there is a colorful geometric pattern in shades of red, yellow, and green, with the text 'Project Reverb' in a red, cursive font. To the right of this is a grey box with the words 'FILM NIGHT' in a white, dotted font, with a red and white striped popcorn bucket below it. The main part of the poster features the DreamWorks logo at the top, followed by the title 'JOSEPH KING OF DREAMS' in large, white, serif letters. Below the title is an illustration of Joseph and Mary. To the right of the illustration, the event details are listed in bold black text: 'Project Reverb Half -Term Film night!', 'Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October!', '5.30-7pm', 'Church House, Grassington', 'Popcorn and Pizza!', and 'For all children and youth welcome!'.

**Project Reverb**

**FILM NIGHT**

**Project Reverb  
Half -Term Film  
night!**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>  
October!**

**5.30-7pm**

**Church House,  
Grassington**

**Popcorn and  
Pizza!**

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