



# TRACTOR TIMES

**Autumn Term**  
**Friday 22nd September**  
**2017**

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Dear Parents/Carers

The weeks are just rushing by, Harvest Festivals will be with us soon and conversations have already started about Christmas. Each school is collecting food which will be given to various food banks and centres so please feel free to send your donations to school.

Listening to the singing at each of the schools is an enjoyable experience and because of this, and so many parents asking for a pupil choir, we are funding a Federation Choir which is running on a Monday after school at Grassington. If your children wish to take part then if they are at Burnsall or Cracoe they can leave a few minutes early to join in. Please let your child's school administrator know if your child wishes to attend.

I've noticed several of the older children have started to wear trainers or converse trainers to school. Please can you remind your child that this is not appropriate and will not benefit their feet? All children, no matter what year group they are in, need to wear shoes suitable for school.

This week the children have had some fantastic results in the Cluster Cross Country races, in 10 out of 14 races pupils from our four Federation schools came first, a real achievement for them. Well done!

Mrs Morton Lee  
Executive Headteacher

## Diary Dates

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| <b>Monday 25 September</b>    | 1.15 pm <b>Leave school</b> for Harvest Festival at St Michael's Church, Linton at <b>2 pm</b> – All Welcome |
| <b>Monday 25 September</b>    | 3.30 pm KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) Federation Choir Club with Mrs Turvey   |
| <b>Tuesday 26 September</b>   | 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm Yrs 5/6 Mixed football at Upper Wharfedale   |
| <b>Tuesday 26 September</b>   | 3.30 pm Kanga Gymnastics   |
| <b>Wednesday 27 September</b> | 3.30 pm Years 5/6 Sports Club with Mr Baines   |
| <b>Friday 29 September</b>    | 2.30 pm Book sale for Martin House Hospice <b>and</b> after Praise Assembly as well.                         |
| <b>Friday 29 September</b>    | 3.00pm Praise Assembly – All welcome   |
| <b>Tuesday 3 October</b>      | <b>Class 2</b> Stone Age Day at Skipton Woods  |
| <b>Tuesday 10 October</b>     | <b>Class 3</b> Stone Age Day at Skipton Woods  |

Please find below a list of dates for your diary of all the extra activities taking place this 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 25 September             | 2 pm Harvest Festival Service  | St Michael and All Angels, Linton |
| Tuesday 26 September            | 4.00 pm Years 5 & 6 Mixed Football                                   | Upper Wharfedale School           |
| Friday 29 September             | 2.30 pm. Second-hand sale of Children's Books in aid of Martin House | School                            |
| Tuesday 3 October               | Class 2 Stone Age Day  | Skipton Woods                     |
| Tuesday 3 October               | 1.00 pm Years 5 & 6 Girls Football                                   | Sandylands                        |
| Thursday 5 October              | 5 pm Cross Country Finals  | Giggleswick School                |
| Tuesday 10 October              | Class 3 Stone Age Day  | Skipton Woods                     |
| Wednesday 11 October            | Morning - Class 2 Gaun Raje – Indian Story Teller                    | School                            |
| Tuesday 17 October              | 9.00 am Years 5 & 6 Folly Project                                    | School                            |
| Tuesday 17 October              | 1.00 pm Years 5 & 6 Netball  | Upper Wharfedale School           |
| Thursday 19 October             | Parents evening – details to follow                                  | School                            |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October | Year 6 Endangered Species Day  | Upper Wharfedale School           |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October | Break up for half-term   |                                   |

### **Monday 25 September: School Harvest Service at St Michael's Church, Linton**

Apologies for the error in last week's newsletter. The Harvest Festival Service is definitely on **MONDAY 25 September**. There is a box in the entrance hall where any donations for Skipton Food Bank can be placed. Everybody is welcome. We do need some help to walk with the children setting off from school at 1.15pm. Please let us know on Monday morning if you can help, if you haven't done so already.

### **Friday 29 September Second-hand Children's book sale**

Next Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, we shall be holding a second-hand sale of children's books in aid of Martin House. It will take start at 2.30 pm and continue after Praise Assembly. We're holding the book sale not only to raise money for Martin House, but also to encourage children to read.



Please can children bring in any books (children's book only please) they no longer want during the week or on Friday morning, provided that they are in good condition? And, of course, please can they bring in some money to buy some books as well?

### **The Butterfly and The Bird - Martin House**

Don't forget that *The Butterfly and the Bird*, the unique art installation celebrating 30 years of hospice care for children and young people will be at Skipton Town Hall between 11 am and 3 pm on Sunday, 24 September.

### **Cluster Cross Country Races**

The runners who took part in the cross country races all did very well and we understand that everyone has got through to the finals, which will be held at Giggleswick School on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Special mention must be made of those runners who came first in their races: both Charlies, Mabel, Maia and Nancy.

### **News from Class 1**

Our focus book this week in Literacy has been '*The Tiger Who Came to Tea*'. We listened carefully to the story. Also we discussed how the pictures give us clues that the story was written nearly 50 years ago. We made lists of the food that the tiger ate.

In Maths Reception have been showing their counting skills on the Funky Finger table and trying the challenge of covering the Numicon board with the different Numicon shapes. Year 1 have been learning about number patterns; counting forwards, backwards and finding missing numbers to 10. They have also been solving problems and using their reasoning skills. For example look at the pattern 10, 9, 8, 6, 5, 4, spot the mistake and explain what has gone wrong.

In Science we have been looking for signs of autumn. We went into the Nest garden and picked the apples from our tree, which were delicious. We also collected autumn leaves, which we used to make transient art, similar to the work of Andy Goldsworthy.

Year 1 have a new group of spellings and a new activity in their book. Research has shown that the best way for young children to learn spellings is through a variety of fun activities. This week we have sent home a Look, Cover, Write and Check sheet. Ask your child to look at each word, and then cover it, ask

them to write the word, then uncover the original word and check how they have written it. This method can be used for all spellings. The children have been practising their spellings in their phonic lessons and there will be no test. Each week we will send home an idea to help your child practise their words, as well as an activity to complete.

Please can you save and bring into school any cereal boxes, small cardboard boxes (i.e. toothpaste, stock cubes boxes, etc.) yoghurt pots and kitchen roll tubes. For hygiene reasons we cannot use toilet roll tubes. We need them in our creative area for the children to design and make.

Thank you and have a good weekend together

### **News from Class 2**

This week Class 2 have been very busy again in their place value work. Everyone has been using their place value skills to understand what digits are worth, their positioning, how to partition them and also how we can find 1, 10, 100 and 1000 more or less. We will continue to build on these skills over the next couple of weeks as they will aid in our learning when we move to addition and subtraction.

We have been using our new spelling scheme this week and the children have been enjoying using their new spelling journals to help them practise the key words and sounds. Year 2 have been working on **ea/ee/ey** graphemes, using their sound mats to help them make the best choices. Year 3 have been working on a range of suffixes including **s, es, er, ed and -ing**. Year 4 have explored a group of common exception words, finding ways to help them remember the difficult parts. Please find a spelling activity in your child's spelling folder that will support their learning from this week and allow them to continue practising their skills.

In Literacy the children have started the writing of their own story based on our class book *Ballet Dreamer*. The children have learnt about the use of similes and exciting verbs and have applied these well in their openings. Next week we will continue with our stories, looking at how speech is used and punctuated.

Have a wonderful weekend together.

Mrs Steeples

### **News from Class 3**

In English we have continued writing our biographies on Charles Darwin, editing our work to improve them. We have worked on making on of our sentences better by putting in a relative clause to add extra information.

In Maths we have been continuing our work on Place Value. We have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10000, 100000, 1000000 and 10000000. This week we have been solving mastery problems to take our learning to a deeper level. We have also started working with negative numbers, understanding what happens when we count across zero.

In our topic work we have been finding out about houses in the Stone Age and the evidence we have to tell us how people in the Stone Age lived. We have designed jewellery and begun to make our designs.

HOMEWORK – Please read at least 5 times in the week and do your Maths Mission practice. Y6 have some Maths homework to do on negative numbers which needs to be handed in next Friday. Well done to all those who did their homework and handed it in today.

For next Friday, I would like the children to collect any items such as feathers, wool, cleaned animal skeletons, moss (this is protected in the wild so you need to have the landowner's permission), small pebbles, twigs and shells. We will be using them to create decorations.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Harrison

### **Autumn Term School Clubs**

All our Clubs run from 3.30pm to 4.30pm:

- Monday: KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) Federation Choir Club with Mrs Turvey
- Tuesday: Kanga Gymnastics
- Wednesday: Years 5/6 Sports Club with Mr Baines

### **School Photographs**

The last day for receiving photograph orders is **Monday 25 September**.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

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**PLEASE HELP US TO BE BUG BUSTERS**

We have children in school with head lice at the moment. These are easily passed from one child to another during head contact.

## What can you do?

- Wash your child's hair at least weekly to detect head lice.
- Comb the hair thoroughly night and morning.
- If lice or live eggs are found near to the scalp the wet comb method should be used for a two week period.

## Wet combing method

- Wash in the normal way with an ordinary shampoo.
- Using lots of conditioner and whilst the hair is still very wet, comb through the hair from the roots with a very fine tooth comb.
- Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with every stroke. Do this over a pale surface, such as a paper towel or the bath.
- Clear the comb of lice between every stroke.
- Wet lice find it difficult to escape, and hair which is slippery from conditioner makes it hard for them to keep a grip-so removal with a comb is easier.
- If you find any lice repeat this routine every 3 days for 2 weeks so that any lice emerging from the eggs are removed before they can spread.

Other parents have found it useful to check all the family every 3 days if head lice are found, not just the infected child. If your child has long hair you may wish to ensure it is tied back whilst they are at school.

Remember there is no shame in having head lice. If you discover that your child has head lice, please tell the class teacher and your friends, so that anyone else who is infected can be treated.

Where head lice are persistent your School Nurse, Health Visitor, pharmacist or doctor will give advice.

Where insecticide preparations are used, the manufactures instructions must be followed carefully.

Detector combs are an efficient tool, both for self-diagnosis of head lice, and combing. They can be bought cheaply from most chemists. It also helps reduce infestation if long hair is tied back securely.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Morton Lee".

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Executive Headteacher