



TRACTOR TIMES

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Dear Parents/Carers

We've had some wonderful Harvest Festivals this week with the children demonstrating their fantastic singing skills. Thank you to all those parents who supported our food collections.

The Federation choir increased its attendance by 100% last Monday, with a mix of girls and boys. They were having such a good time marching and singing when I popped in.

I'm having a word with North Yorkshire Pupil Transport as several pupil taxis are arriving at school very early. One pulled up today at 20 past 8, for a 9 o'clock school start and yesterday one was a good ten minutes earlier than it should have been. If you have any concerns do talk directly to North Yorkshire Pupil Transport.

A Kettlewell parent mentioned to me yesterday that she had heard of free on line training around internet safety specifically for parents. I have found this link as it may be of interest to you.

<https://www.yorkshirecoastradio.com/news/local-news/2390411/online-safety-training-for-yorkshire-coast-parents/>

Mrs Morton Lee
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 2 October	3.30 pm KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) Federation Choir Club with Mrs Turvey
Tuesday 3 October	Class 2 Stone Age Day at Skipton Woods
Tuesday 3 October	1.00 pm Year 5 & 6 Girls Football at Sandylands
Tuesday 3 October	3.30 pm Kanga Gymnastics
Wednesday 4 October	3.30 pm Years 5/6 Sports Club with Mr Baines
Thursday 5 October	4.00 pm Cross Country Finals at Giggleswick School
Friday 6 October	3.00pm Praise Assembly – All welcome
Monday 9 October	3.30 pm KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) Federation Choir Club with Mrs Turvey
Tuesday 10 October	Class 3 Stone Age Day at Skipton Woods
Tuesday 10 October	3.30 pm Kanga Gymnastics

Class 2 Visit to Skipton Woods / Stone Age Day - Tuesday 3 October

We need a couple of extra helpers for this visit. If you are available and willing to go with the children please let Mrs Hardaker know on Monday. Thanks

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.

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	4 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 th October	Year 6 Endangered Species Day	Upper Wharfedale School
Friday 20 th October	Break up for half-term	
Wednesday 1 November	Parents evening – details to follow	School

Cluster Cross Country Races

The Cluster Cross County races will take place on Thursday 5th October at Giggleswick School. The children taking part from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have already had letters but we would like to remind everyone to be at Giggleswick as early as possible (from 3.20 pm for a 4.00 pm start) and that there will not be a member of school staff present at the event.

Harvest

The Harvest Service was really lovely and we would like to thank all parents who contributed to the Food Bank. Mrs Hardaker and Mrs Harrison will be delivering the donations to the Food Bank during the week.



News from Class 1

This week in Literacy we have based our story writing on *'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'*. The children have chosen an animal they would like to come to their house for a meal. Year 1 have drawn a story map to plan their story and have then written their own story, remembering to use capital letters and full stops. We also focused on how important finger spaces are for reading our work.

Reception have been busy following their play. We have seen pirates with maps, searching for treasure and making their own pirate ship. The children have shown their planning skills, how they share ideas and play collaboratively. This week the children have also been busy mark making in note books in the house area, in the creative area and using the white boards alongside the Year 1 children.

In Maths this week Year 1 have been learning to find 1 more and 1 less, as well as solving problems using their counting skills, for example *'Can a family of 5 all travel in a six seater car?'* The children have then been asked to explain their reasoning.

Please can I remind everyone that Thursday is our library day and the children need to return their library books so they can choose a new book?

We were extremely proud of all the children at our Harvest Festival. They sang beautifully and we enjoyed our chats to and from church.

Thank you and have a super weekend together.

News from Class 3

In English we have finished and evaluated our biographies on Charles Darwin. We have also been doing spelling sessions in each English lesson, looking at 'able', 'ible', 'ably' and 'ibly' endings of words for Year 6. Year 5 have been practising 'ough' ending of words.

In Maths we have been reading, writing and solving reasoning problems involving Roman Numerals. The children have been explaining how they know their answers, which is quite a tricky skill to master.

In our topic work we have been finding out about Stone Age hunters and gatherers. We have used our prior knowledge to write recipes such as Fish Platter, Berry and Nettle soup and Stone Age Haribos.

In Science we have briefly studied 'The Theory of Evolution' and looked at what many different scientists from around the world believed.

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 and Year 5 have some work on Roman Numerals. Well done to all Year 6 who did their homework and handed it in today.

Have a lovely weekend,

News from Class 2

This week Class 2 have started off their days in their new guided reading sessions where they have been exploring new stories and sharing great discussions about them.

Whilst some were busy reading others used their time to work on their common exception words. Mrs Steeples has included a copy of these in the spelling folders for this week. There is no set task for this week, but Mrs Steeples would like you to take the time to look at the words on a regular basis with your child/ren. They are required to be able to read and spell these by the end of Year 2 and Year 4.

In Maths we have explored partitioning where they have used their place value knowledge really well. They were set challenges of finding how many different ways numbers could be partitioned and used their equipment brilliantly. Please find some maths homework linked to this which is due in next Friday.

In Topic we focussed on road safety where children explored how accidents can happen and what to do to prevent these.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.