

# TRACTOR TIMES

**Autumn Term**  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
**2017**

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Dear Parents/Carers

The schools all feel very autumnal with displays inside reflecting the colours for outside. I'd like to thank everyone who came to the 'Communication Evenings', there was a very supportive turn out with of visitors from all across the communities.

A Kettlewell parent is steering the application for additional funding to develop the Federation Forest School. The link is included elsewhere on the email. The last time I looked we had over 1,000 votes. Each one of us has 10 votes so as every vote counts let's make a big effort to win the bid.

Cracoe Friends are also making a bid for some additional funding from Tesco's to support the library.

Dates have been set for School Christmas fetes at Cracoe and at Kettlewell. Watch this space for further details.

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

(Mrs Hardaker will confirm if your child has a place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November)

**Wednesdays until  
6 December**

3.30-4.30 pm Mr Baines Sports Club

### **Specific Events and Activities**

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| Monday 13 November    | 6pm Y6 Cober Hill Residential Meeting for parents at <b>Cracoe &amp; Rylstone School</b>               |
| Friday 17 November    | BBC Children in Need  |
| Wednesday 22 November | 9.30-11.30am Class 1 Open Morning  |
| 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.  |

### **The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

This year in addition to poppies being available in school we have been supplied with a 'goodies box'.

We have a **very** limited number of each of the goodies including slap rulers, reflectors, wristbands, pencils and friendship bracelets. The suggested donations are £1 for the friendship bracelets and slap rulers and 50p for the other three items. None of the items are suitable for children three and under. They will be available from the school office from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and School Council will be selling poppies from Monday as well.

### **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.

### **Help Kettlewell Primary School win a Forest Classroom for the whole Federation**

Kettlewell Primary School has recently applied for funding from the Aviva Community Fund to erect a Forest Classroom in the woodland area at the end of the school field. This Classroom would massively benefit all of the primary schools in the federation as well as the local community.

Please help Kettlewell get enough votes to go through to the judging round. If they get through, then the school stands a good chance of winning the funding which would be an amazing boost to us all.

All you have to do is click on the link below, which will take you to the application and you can then register by entering your email address and confirming it. You have 10 votes in total and it would be great if you could give them all to Kettlewell. Voting closes on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-3147>

### **Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation Parent Governor Position**

The post of Parent Governor on the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation Governing body has been filled by Mrs Niki Child. She was the only candidate and therefore no ballot was necessary. She currently has children at Cracoe and Rylstone Primary School.

### **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.

### **News from Class 1**

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and are ready for a busy half term

This week in Literacy we have focussed our learning on writing lists. We have used the book '*Rainbow Jelly and Red Rockets*'. We discussed how everyone likes different things and that we are all different. Year 1 wrote phrases about their likes, using commas to add more items to their lists. Reception drew the things they liked and talked about the pictures with their friends.

In Maths Year 1 have been learning about the 'part whole method'. I have attached a sheet explaining how this is used in our Maths lesson. Reception have been counting and matching to numerals to 10. They have also been using dice, recognising the pattern of the dots. As well as creating their own addition sentences using the dice.

We have been learning about the reason for Bonfire night, as well as discussing how to keep safe when

going to a Bonfire party. Next week we shall create a variety of firework pictures.

We have also started to learn about The Great Fire of London. This week we discussed timelines and how long ago the fire took place. The children discussed what they knew about London and the places they had visited. We then looked at images from present day London and images from 17<sup>th</sup> Century London and made comparisons.

In Art this week we have continued to mix our own colours using the primary colours and then adding black to create a 'tone' of colour.

Year 1 have spellings this week adding 'er' at the end of words. Please return the books next Thursday.

Have an exciting and safe Bonfire Night and a good weekend together.

### News from Class 2

This week class 2 have been introduced to the book "*How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth*". They discovered it was a funny instruction book and have started analysing the language features of it. At the beginning of the week we became super bossy by practising our imperative verbs. They created their own mucky creature and explained what had to be done to it to make it clean. There was lots of scrubbing, washing, rinsing, cleansing, combing and detangling going on with these grubby animals.

The children then got to grips with prepositions which gave us extra detail of where something was or when it was. The children then took on the challenge of changing "*We're going on a bear hunt*" by using as many different prepositions for the usual part of "we can't go *under* it, we can't go *over* it, we've got to go *through* it. The children were incredible and actually discovered 41 different prepositions!

In Maths we have been exploring counting in 3s and 6s. We have been building towers, singing songs, completing missing number sequences, solving word problems and creating finger snappers to play with our friends. The children have brought home some maths homework this week involving their finger snappers. Please help to encourage the children with this important skill and help them to build their fluency.

In Science we discovered how important exercise is for our body and what happens to our muscles. The children took part in a range of activities to analyse what changes were happening in their bodies. They found their hearts to beat faster, they became sweaty, their muscles ached and they were breathing faster. They used their findings to create a poster to convince others to stay healthy.

Have a lovely weekend together,  
Mrs Steeples

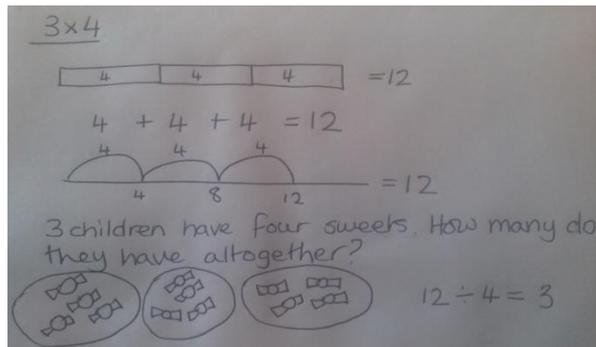
### News from Class 3

In English we have completed our final drafts of our Stone Age Homes. They sound fantastic – just where you've always dreamed of living.

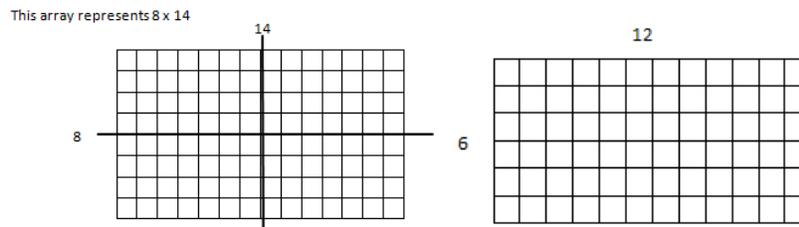
We have also looked at modal verbs and how they can change a sentence into a persuasive one or a question.

In Maths we have been solving addition and subtraction mastery problems. We have also moved on to showing visual representations of multiplications.

#### Repeated addition



#### Arrays



We will then be moving on to understanding short and long multiplications.

**HOMEWORK** – Well done to each child who did their Folly design homework. I was really impressed with the high level of attention to detail and creativity. To continue our punctuation learning I have set a new piece of homework for Year 5 and 6 on apostrophes for omission. It needs to be handed in on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

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

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Harrison

Have a lovely weekend everyone.