



# TRACTOR TIMES

**Autumn Term**  
**Friday 6 October 2017**

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Dear Parents/Carers

This has been another exciting week at our schools. The Class 2s' Stone Age Day sounded great fun, even though the weather wasn't ideal.

Burnsall School's first Open Morning was successful, with current parents of children in Class 1 enthusiastically sharing their own experiences of school. It was a really positive morning. The other three schools also have 'open sessions' dates set.

There are several PTA and Friends events coming up with Christmas Fairs and social events already on the calendar. Do try and support these; the money raised helps the schools enrich the educational experience we can offer.

Just a little reminder about not coming to school too early. This week I've seen children arriving at 8.30 am, when school starts at 8.55 am. It really is too early, especially when it's raining. They don't need to be at school that early; it can cause them to have a poor, and possibly wet, start to their day.

Mrs Morton Lee  
Executive Headteacher

## Diary Dates

**Monday 9 October**

**CHOIR CLUB HAS BEEN CANCELLED THIS WEEK DUE TO UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES**

**Tuesday 10 October**

Class 3 Stone Age Day at Skipton Woods

**Tuesday 10 October**

3.30 pm Kanga Gymnastics

**Wednesday 11 October**

**MR BAINES' SPORTS CLUB HAS BEEN CANCELLED THIS WEEK**

**Friday 13 October**

3.00pm Praise Assembly – All welcome

**Monday 16 October**

3.30 pm KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) Federation Choir Club with Mrs Turvey

**Tuesday 17 October**

3.30 pm Kanga Gymnastics

**Wednesday 18 October**

3.30 pm Years 5/6 Sports Club with Mr Baines

**Friday 20 October**

3.00pm Praise Assembly – All welcome

**Friday 20 October**

3.30 pm Break up for half-term

**Monday 30 October**

8.55 am School Reopens

## Thursday Afternoon Sports at Upper Wharfedale School

We have been asked to remind parents that, under no circumstances, should they go in to the hallway to wait for, or collect, their children, unless specifically requested to do so by a member of staff. We

have also been asked to ensure that parents and carers leave access routes to the doors clear and unobstructed at all times as children from Upper Wharfedale School and our schools must have a clear way in and out.

### **Diary Dates**

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 10 October	Class 3 Stone Age Day	Skipton Woods
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Morning - Class 2 Gauri Raje – Indian Story Teller	School
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Mr Baines' Sports Club has been cancelled this week as Mr Baines is on a First Aid Course	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00 am Years 5 & 6 Folly Project	School
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	1.00 pm Years 5 & 6 Netball	Upper Wharfedale School
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School Reopens	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Parents evening – details to follow	School

### **Cross Country Finals**

The Cross Country Finals were held at Giggleswick School yesterday afternoon. Unfortunately none of our children qualified to represent Craven at Dalby Forest, but a great time was had by everyone who took part. Well done to all of you for trying so hard against stiff competition.

### Parent/Teacher Meetings- Thursday 19 October and Wednesday 1 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. From Monday, a list of available appointments will be posted on each classroom door. Please either add your name to the list, or alternatively contact Mrs Hardaker in the school office to make an appointment.

### Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation Governor Roadshows are holding roadshows

May we remind you that the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation Governors are holding roadshows in all four Federation Schools next week.

#### **FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL**

#### **This affects YOU and everyone else in the Upper Wharfedale community**

The roadshow at Grassington School is on Thursday 19 October in the School Hall. Please feel free to drop in at any time between 3.00pm and 7.00pm

### Martin House Book Sale

Thank you very much for your support. We raised £46.10 to send to help support the work of Martin House. The left over books have been donated to the annual Yorkshire Cancer Research Jumble Sale in Grassington Town Hall tomorrow.

### News from Class 3

In English we have started reading a story called Wolf Brother. It is gripping! The blurb on the back reads, '*A breath-taking adventure that carries you back thousands of years to a shadowy world steeped in natural magic.*' We have started to look at the setting and characters and we will continue to investigate this further next week.

In Maths we have been using our knowledge of place value to add numbers using the formal methods of addition. We have used the Cuisenaire rods, the Dean's blocks and Numicon to help us show what happens when you have more than nine in a column.

This week the girls took part in a football match in Skipton competing against teams from across Craven. We came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 12. An excellent result and we are all very proud of their teamwork skills.

Today the class has taken part in our whole school Creation Day. The children have co-operated well and learned many new things about the Creation stories from Islam, Sikhism, Christianity and Hinduism.

HOMEWORK – Please read at least 5 times in the week and do your Maths Mission practice. Year 6 have a piece of Maths homework to do to hand in next Friday. I will be setting a project piece of homework on Monday (for Years 5 and 6) to be handed in after the half-term holiday.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Harrison

## **News from Class 1**

This week in Maths we have been comparing two groups of numbers to 10. We have introduced the greater than '>', the less than '<' and equal to '=' symbols to use in our recorded work.

In Literacy we have completed our own version of *"The Tiger who Came to Tea"*. We also introduced the story *"Knock Knock"* which encourages children to join in a repeated refrain.

Today all of the children learnt about the Creation Story. Reception heard the Christian Story, whilst Year 1 joined their Gotcha Group to learn about the Islamic, Christian, Jewish, Hindu or Sikh stories of creation. The Year 1 children took part in presenting their story to others, as well as considering 'big questions' such as, *"If you could ask God a question about creation what would you ask?"*

As we all took part in the school RE Day this week spellings will be sent home on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend together,  
Mrs Tulley

## **News from Class 2**

This week Class 2 have been working on their handwriting and presentation skills in Literacy in order to create a final draft. Children needed to use their edited piece of work, remembering to include their corrected spellings and punctuation.

In Maths we have been using our greedy crocodiles to compare numbers. The children have learnt ways of expressing their number sentences using symbols and vocabulary. The children have also been unpicking problems to solve and used their representation skills to prove their answers.

In Science Years 3 & 4 have been looking at the nutritional value of their favourite meals. The Year 2 children have explored what animals need to keep them alive and happy!

In order to make it fairer on the children I am going to give a two-week window to hand in learning logs. The work has been fantastic but, so I can hand marked books back in enough time, a two-week window is now in place. The next piece will be due in on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Steeples