



TRACTOR TIMES

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Dear Parents/Carers

What a great week this has been, so busy with Sports afternoon, trips, a cluster Year 1 Fantasy Day, Year 6 Mountain Biking and shows happening across our schools. This weekend Grassington School have their Summer Fete on Saturday afternoon, whilst Kettlewell are doing a sponsored walk throughout their catchment area. All those hills!

With all of these events both staff and volunteers put themselves out to ensure that our children have as wide an 'educational' experience as they possibly can. The friends groups are always busy raising money for the benefit of our children. Recently Cracoe and Rylstone have secured planning permission for static 'play equipment' that will be jointly funded by 'Friends' and the community. Grassington PTA have been able to buy sheds and playtime equipment. Burnsall Friends are supporting the decoration within school and Kettlewell have funded ICT equipment. Please continue to support them. Their contributions to school funds is more and more important with the smaller and smaller budgets which schools are given by the Government. Just to get a flavour this web site gives possible scenarios <http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk/#!/schools>

The Collective Worship led by the children have been mentioned to me as being particularly wonderful this half term. Two jump to mind from this week; one at Kettlewell where a child spoke eloquently about his Great, Great Granddad and Great, Great Uncle who had inspired his life by the life they had led. The other was by a small group who led a Collective Worship at Burnsall when a Governor was in school. This was her response to the children:

'Thank you so much for your superb assembly today. You delivered a very professional performance in introducing the topic and involving the classes so well. I especially liked the way you never said a child was wrong, when he or she gave you an unexpected answer to your questions, but praised them for trying! I think you would all make very good teachers one day!'

Breakfast Club Staff

We have a vacancy for someone to run the Breakfast Club at Grassington from September. If you are interested please give me a call.

Mrs Morton Lee
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 10 July

Year 3 Cultural Day at Cracoe Village Hall

Wednesday 12 July

3.30pm – 4.30pm Sports Club with Mr Baines (last one of term)

Friday 14 July

Two performances of the wonderful **Jack and the Beanstalk** at the Town Hall

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.

Sat 8 July	PTA Summer Fair	
Mon 10 July	School Concert Rehearsal	Town Hall
Mon 10 July	Y3 Cultural Workshop	Cracoe VH
Thurs 13 July	Y5 Refugee Day	UWS
Fri 14 July	School Concert 2.00pm & 6.00pm	Town Hall
Mon 17 July	Class 3 Outing to Linton – details to follow	
Thurs 20 July	2pm Leavers Service at St Michael and All Angels, Linton	St Michael and All Angels, Linton
Fri 21 July	3.15pm Leaver’s Guard of Honour	Playground

Friday 14 July - Summer Show - Grassington Primary School presents ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’

There are two performances in Grassington Town Hall at 2.00pm and 6.00pm. Tickets are available from the school office and cost £2 each. There will be room to accommodate siblings and other family members/friends in the Town Hall at each performance. All welcome.

The second concert rehearsal will take place on Monday 10 July. We will be walking to the Town Hall. Consent is covered under the ‘Annual Rolling Consent for Local Visits’ completed at the start of the school year.

Practical Arrangements

Afternoon Performance : Parents who attend the afternoon performance will be able to take children home afterwards from the Town Hall. The rest of the children will be walked back to school where they can be collected at 3.30pm, or go home on the school bus, as usual.

Evening Performances: ALL the children need to be at the Town Hall at **5.40pm** to get ready. Please make arrangements for your child to be collected at 6.45pm, if you are not going to be at the performance.

Thursday 20 July: Whole School Leaver’s Service at St Michaels and All Angels, Linton

Our Leaver’s Service is being prepared by all the children and is our opportunity to come together and celebrate their time with us at Grassington School. Everyone is invited and it would be lovely if as many of you as possible could walk to Church with us (setting off from school at 1.15pm), or alternatively

meet us there for the Service. Parents will be able to take children home afterwards or staff will walk back to school with children where they can be collected at 3.30pm, as usual.

Please return the attached slip (see below) to confirm the arrangements for your child/children and to let us know how many members of your family will be joining us, by Monday 17 July at the latest.

This is particularly important if your child normally travels home on the school bus.

School Meals from September 2017

The price of a school meal has remained unchanged for several years. Unfortunately we have been informed that when we return to school in September there will be a small increase in the cost of a school meal to £2.20 per day (£11.00 per week).

Once a month, we plan to have 'Children's Choice Day'. The children who have a school meal will have an opportunity to vote for their favourite meal. The children who bring a packed lunch will be invited to try a school meal that day. More details in September.

County Music Service - Instrument Tuition

Instrument lessons are available in school. Currently we have guitar and keyboard lessons provided in school. For the variety of tuition available and information on how to apply for lessons, please look online at the North Yorkshire Music Hub website: www.northyorkshireremusicclub.co.uk or pick up a leaflet from the school office.

Important Advice from North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children's Board.

Concerns over use of Snap Maps: North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board has issued guidelines to schools and parents. Snap Maps allows users to see where in the country their Snapchat contacts are, as well as seeing location-based pictures and videos. The Snap Map shows a user's Bitmoji, their cartoon avatar within Snapchat, pinpointed on a world map. Users can then zoom into the map to see the exact location of their friends.

The Board warns that sharing locations can be risky as people you do not know may be able to make contact or see what you have posted. Its tips for children on location-sharing are:

- Only share your location with people you know in person. Never share your location with strangers.
- Do not add contacts to Snapchat if you do not know them in person.
- Regularly review your settings and take an active decision about whether you want people to know your location. **Remember, you can switch this off at any time.**
- Think about where you are sharing your location. Location services such as Snap Maps can lead people to your house. Think about what times you are on the app and whether these are locations you want to share – if not, then **turn this off within your settings.**

North Yorkshire County Council's Executive Member for Children's Services, Councillor Janet Sanderson, said,

“It is important to be careful about who you share your location with, as it can allow people to build up a picture of where you live, go to school and spend your time.

Given how specific this new feature is on Snapchat - giving your location to a precise pinpoint on a map - we would encourage users not to share their location, especially with people they don't know in person.”

There are three settings for sharing location on the map:

Ghost Mode - this means that you are the only person who can see your location on the map. You can still see the locations of your friends but they will be unable to see you. This setting will ensure that you have complete control over who knows your location.

My Friends - this means that **ALL** of your contacts on Snapchat can see your location. If turning on this setting, then it would be important for users to review their Snapchat contacts and also make sure that they never add someone they do not know in person to Snapchat.

Select Friends - this setting allows users to look through their friend list and then decide which of their friends they want to be able to view their location. This setting gives users the opportunity to control who can view their location.

Anyone who has concerns about an online experience or is looking for support can contact a number of organisations including the NSPCC, which provides advice and support to parents, carers and other adults and can be contacted on 0808 800 5000 or help@nspcc.org.uk

Wandering School Uniform

A number of parents have again asked about items of school uniform which have gone missing, including white polo / T-shirts with the school logo on. Of particular concern is that a number of the missing items are clearly named. Please can you carefully check to see if other children's tops have been accidentally brought home, especially after PE and games? Thanks.

News from Class 3

July has started in the same way as June finished – busy!

On Monday we were visited by Yesmien for our British Values Day when we learned about her Kashmiri heritage and how she enjoys that heritage as a born and bred Skiptonian. We tried on some traditional clothes and looked at the patterns on them, using what we observed to make designs using traditional woodcut printing blocks. We also had a go at some Bollywood dancing, tried our hands at writing in Arabic and had henna tattoos on our hands.

In Maths we have been learning about tangrams and using them to make different shapes. We started with a square, and cut it up using specific instructions into seven different shapes including triangles and smaller squares. We then had to use all seven of these to make large shapes including a rectangle, isosceles triangle and trapezium. Finally we made our own shapes, including birds and people, and mounted them on coloured paper for display.

In Literacy, we watched a short animated film about a character called Professor Orit, a researcher in mathematical physics, who was desperately searching for the unified theory of the universe. In his search, he considered three numbers from the Fibonacci series, 2, 3 and 5, as a key part of solving the problem. He disappeared to the Arctic in his search, to 23 degrees 5 minutes north, and the story told of how his former student, Charles Babbage, went to the Arctic to search for him some 23 years and 5 months after his disappearance.

We then storyboarded the film and have started writing a newspaper report about an aspect of the story. After writing the introductory paragraph, we discovered to our satisfaction that many of us were using subordinate clauses without even thinking about it! Our understanding of English has come a long way since September!

We have continued to rehearse for our show, *Jack and the Beanstalk* – we hope you've got your tickets already! Miss Crosby has been very busy getting costumes ready and we have had our first rehearsal at the Town Hall. It's going to be a super show!

On Friday morning we were visited by Adam Cox from Skipton Tennis Centre for a taster session. It was good fun and we learned many skills that will help us in all sports, not just tennis. Adam is running holiday tennis clubs through the summer holidays for those that are interested, further information was sent home last Friday.

Finally, we have spent a lot of time preparing our stalls for the summer fair tomorrow afternoon. There are loads of different games and activities to do, so make sure you bring a pocket full of pennies and come along to join in the fun!

Have a great weekend. We're looking forward to more fun and learning next week!

News from Class 2

On Monday the Year 3 and 4 children took part in a Cultural Day where they learnt about henna designs, Bollywood dancing, clothes and foods. All had a great day! Whilst this was happening Year 2 wrote a letter to Year 1 pupils telling them a few things they may need to know ready for their move next year. They then spent time together on Thursday afternoon reading them together.

In Maths Class 2 have been working on their multiplications. We started by doing a two-minute timer challenge so the children will be able to see the progress they have made over the next couple of weeks. We then looked at discovering what multiplication really went through creating our own stories; the children's mathematical vocabulary was fabulous!! Some children's challenge was to learn how to calculate mentally, building their fluency, whilst others practised their formal written methods.

Sports day was fantastic on Wednesday with lots of team spirit and healthy competition helping us along the way. Well done to everyone who participated.

Everyone in Class 2 has some spelling homework to complete for next Friday, based on the work we have been doing in class about plurals. I hope you have a wonderful weekend together.

News from Class 1

In Literacy this week we have been learning about African Animals as part of our work on writing information texts. We have written lists of our favourite animals and then put the lists into alphabetical order. The Year 1 children have been practising spelling out words using the letter names rather the sounds.

In Maths the Reception children have been doing some fantastic work on symmetry, making patterns using the pegs boards, Numicon and natural materials outside. I have been impressed with how the children have taken their mathematical learning into their play and have seen beautiful symmetrical butterflies on the making tables and symmetrical paintings on the easel. Year 1 have begun to learn about dividing; working with their Maths partner to solve problems of dividing different amounts into groups.

In Science this week we have been sorting animals into different criteria, the children decided to how to sort the animals.

Well done to those children who have been completing their weekly homework. I have been very impressed with the standard of some of the work and have put examples of 'work to be proud of' on display.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

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Name of child/ren _____

Name of parent/carer _____

My child will be collected from Church at the end of the service @ 2.45pm

My child will be collected from Grassington School at 3.30pm _____

My child will be travelling home on the school transport bus from Grassington School at 3.30pm _____

I can / I cannot walk to Church from school. (please circle)