

# Be the Light



**Kettlewell Primary School**

Kettlewell, Skipton, BD23 5HX

Co-Head teachers: Mrs C Greenwood & Mr C Parkhouse

Base lead: Miss J Oakes E: [admin@kettlewell.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kettlewell.n-yorks.sch.uk)

T: 01756 760280 W: [www.kettlewell.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.kettlewell.n-yorks.sch.uk)

## Friday Newsletter September 8<sup>th</sup> 2023

### Autumn 1 Dates

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** - KS2 Author Visit

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September** - Cluster Cross Country (Years 3-6) @ Upper Wharfedale School 13:00 - 15:00

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** - Rock Kidz at Federation Friday

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**- First Stay and play session at pre school

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**- Bikability session at Federation working for year 6 pupils (email with details sent)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**- Reverend Matthew Wood's service at St Wilfred's Church 7pm

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**- River Studies trip for Class 2 from all schools

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October** - Craven Cross Country Final (Years 3-6) @ Giggleswick School 13:00 - 15:00

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** - Bikability session at Federation working for year 6 pupils (email with details sent)

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** - Open day for Grassington Pre school

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** Bikability session at Federation working for year 6 pupils (email with details sent)

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** - Open Day for Kettlewell

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October** - Cluster Boys Football (Years 5-6) @ Upper Wharfedale School 13:00 - 15:00



# Be the Light

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Bikability session at Federation working for year 6 pupils (email with details sent)

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October** - Parents' Evening

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October** - Harvest festival at Kettlewell

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October** - Bikability session at Federation working for year 6 pupils (email with details sent)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October** - Pre school stay and play

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Close for half term**

## Autumn 2 Dates

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** - school opens for Autumn 2

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** - North Yorkshire Cross Country Final (Years 3-6) @ Giggleswick School 13:00 - 15:00

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November** - Cluster Girls Football (Years 5-6) @ Upper Wharfedale School 13:00 - 15:00

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** - Federation Carol service at Linton Church 6pm

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** - Craven Boys & Girls Football Finals (Years 5-6) @ TBC

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Grassington Nativity

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**- Grassington, pre school and Kettlewell go to the panto

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** - Carols at Kettlewell

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** - No federation working

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** - Close for Christmas

# Be the Light

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic school year, we hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer. It has been lovely to welcome back the children across the Federation and a delight to see our new reception children and preschool children settling in so well.

We wanted to take this opportunity to revisit our Federation vision and values. We will explore each value during collective worship throughout the year, but they also underpin everything we do as a Federation.

Our vision is to help each child **flourish** into a caring, confident and resilient young person who has a **love of learning**.

'Be the Light'

Our Core values are:

- Love
- Kindness
- Forgiveness
- Thankfulness
- Trust.

This half term, our value is love.



## Dinner supervisor Grassington

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor at Grassington school. This will be one hour a day from 12- 1 and 1.5 hours on a Friday 11.30-1. If you are interested in this role or know someone who might be then please contact Charlotte on [grassingtonadmin@uwpf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:grassingtonadmin@uwpf.n-yorks.sch.uk).

# Be the Light

## Attendance

At the beginning of term, we like to remind parents/carers that in the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation, we believe that attendance at school is very important for all of our children. This enables them to make good progress and reach their full potential. Absence can lead to poor progress and poor attainment, thereby preventing children from achieving their full potential. Parents should inform **the school office** before 9.20am on the first day of a child's absence. If the parents do not make contact with the school by 9.20 am regarding a child's absence, the school will make contact by telephone to establish the child's safety. It is very important that children are punctual and arrive in school on time.

We also request that, whenever possible, every effort should be made to arrange medical and dental appointments outside of the school day. If it is necessary for a child to be out of school for this reason, the child should return to school directly after the appointment. Medical appointments will be recorded as "authorised absence" in the register.

## Parental Requests for Holidays during Term Time

Families taking holidays during term time is a cause of absence, which has been highlighted nationally as a disruptive factor in a child's education. Schools are required to implement government regulations regarding the taking of Leave of Absence in term-time. The law gives no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time. Parents who feel there are exceptional circumstances for their child being absent from school, must obtain the school's permission before making any arrangements for leave, otherwise the absence will be recorded as "unauthorised", details of which can be found on the website. A form (available from the school office or via the school website) requesting leave of absence should be completed by the parent/carer and returned to the school as far in advance as possible and preferably at least 6 weeks before the first date of the period of leave being requested.

Head teachers and governors monitor attendance very closely, e.g. persistent absence, recurring patterns of absence, frequent lateness, on-going attendance which falls below 90%. We hope that you will be supportive of our school policy.

# Be the Light

## Author visit



The Stripecy Badger has arranged for Thomas Taylor to visit Grassington for KS2 pupils across the Federation. On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, our KS2 pupils will join the award winning author as he introduces them to the mysterious world and eccentric characters of the marvellous Eerie-On-Sea. He'll show them just how he conjured his monsters, and with the help of his travelling trunk of trinkets they'll discover all the strange and eerie items he discovered on his local beach which inspired him to create the series.

Thomas' event includes

- The secrets of Eerie-on-Sea and how he created his bestselling adventure series
- Tales of mysterious objects he's found beachcombing
- The chance to help Thomas out as the event's Lost and Founder
- A chance to outwit Thomas as he draws sea monsters from scribbles
- A Q&A section where they can ask all those burning questions about his books

The Books will be on sale at the event and Thomas will be signing books. The Stripecy Badger are pleased to be able to offer schoolchildren 20% discount so each book will only be £6.40, payable at the event.

## Praise for the series

- "Taylor's magical touch makes you believe the impossible." - Catherine Doyle, author
- "a book to be devoured, but is also born for the screen" - The Times
- "Taylor is a supremely elegant writer [...] This is a sumptuously imagined book, which works a powerful spell." - The Telegraph

# Be the Light

## Operation Encompass-

The Federation is part of a project that runs jointly between schools and North Yorkshire Police. Operation Encompass is the reporting of police attended domestic abuse incidents to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, where there are children in the home.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, who is also a safeguarding leader, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have experienced a domestic abuse incident.

The Key adult for the Federation is Claire Greenwood.



Dear Parent/Carer,

The Federation is part of a project that runs jointly between schools and North Yorkshire Police.

Operation Encompass is the reporting of police attended domestic abuse incidents to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, where there are children in the home.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, who is also a safeguarding leader, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have experienced a domestic abuse incident. The Key adult for the federation is Claire Greenwood.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Signed

Executive Co Head Teacher



# Be the Light

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD  
SOLIHULL APPROACH

**NHS**



## WELCOME **BACK TO SCHOOL**

**EXCITED, NERVOUS, ANXIOUS?  
NOT SURE HOW THEY'RE FEELING?**

EMOTIONAL HEALTH CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE  
TO CHILDREN'S PROSPECTS IN SCHOOL AND BEYOND

In North Yorkshire, we believe in supporting children's emotional health development, and that's why we've invested in online courses in understanding your child for parents.

By understanding how your child's brain develops and responds emotionally, you can better support their needs as they navigate the big milestones in school.



- Learn to better read and understand behaviour
- Help them to communicate how they feel
- Gain psychologist-informed ideas to support your child



**GO TO [INOURPLACE.CO.UK](https://www.inourplace.co.uk)**  
AND ENTER THE CODE NYFAMILIES  
FOR FREE ACCESS TO THE ONLINE COURSES

# Be the Light

## Reminders

### KS1 PE - Monday & Tuesday

KS1 children will be travelling to Burnshall once again on a Monday afternoon to join the rest of the federation. Please send your child in their PE kit every Monday.

They will then have a further PE session on a Tuesday afternoon in school with Mrs Paskin. They will need to come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit to change into.

### KS2 PE- Tuesdays

From Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September (Week 2 of our Autumn term) KS2 PE is moving to Upper Wharfedale to utilise their space and equipment. During the afternoon, the children will have 2 PE sessions. This will be timetabled to cover swimming, indoor and outdoor sports and activities and the children will do all three across the course of the year.

### Kit

Years 4, 5 and 6 will swim in the Autumn term so will need swimming kit with them each Tuesday as well as their sports kit. **We will ask all of KS2 to come to school in their PE kit on a Tuesday** and bring their swimming kit. They will need to be in full uniform on a Friday from September as they will not be doing PE.

Group	session 1	session 2
Group 1	OAA (Outdoor Adventure Activity)	Basketball
Group 2	Swimming	Cricket
Group 3	Basketball	Swimming

Owing to a change in numbers we have had to regroup the children slightly for our Tuesday PE sessions.

Children will be grouped as follows :

Group 1 - Year 3

Group 2 - Year 4/5

Group 3 - Year 5 and 6

The year 5 children have been split between group 2 and 3 based on aged with the youngest children in Year 5 working with Year 4 and the oldest children in Year 5 working with Year 6.

# Be the Light

## Dinner money

Dinners are charged at £3.50 per meal. This is a longer term so the total amount due for the whole term will be £136.50. This takes into account the training day at the beginning of this week.

## After school arrangements

Please could you confirm (if you have not already done so) the pick arrangements for your child on the days that they attend table tennis or go swimming. Mrs Addyman needs to update the list in reception so that when the children leave school we know when and where they are going, and who with. Safeguarding our children is priority so any changes to the usual pick up arrangements must be emailed or phoned in either first thing in a morning or at your earliest convenience should plans change last minute. Thank you in advance 😊

Claire Greenwood and Chris Parkhouse

Co Executive Headteachers