

# Be the Light



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## Friday Newsletter September 15<sup>th</sup> 2023



### Autumn 1 Dates

- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September - KS2 Author Visit
- 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.
- **Date change\*** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Cluster Cross Country (Years 3-6) @ Upper Wharfedale School 13:00 - 15:00
- **Date Change \*** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Craven Cross Country Final (Years 3-6) @ Giggleswick School 13:00 - 15:00
- 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
- 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 Primary and 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



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- **Date Change** \*Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Cluster Boys Football (Years 5-6) @ Upper Wharfedale School 13:00 - 15:00
- 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> - 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
- **Date Change** \*Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Cluster Girls Football (Years 5-6) @ Upper Wharfedale School 13:00 - 15:00
- **Date Change** \*Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - North Yorkshire Cross Country Final (Years 3-6) @ Giggleswick 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
- 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**

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We have had another successful week in the Federation and have been so pleased to see all the children settle quickly back into the routines.

## First PE

This week, we had our first Federation PE afternoon at Upper Wharfedale. Our KS2 pupils enjoyed having access to the amazing facilities and the larger spaces. Pupil groups will rotate across the year to cover the full PE curriculum including swimming. Children in KS2 need to come to school in their PE kit on a Tuesday and bring swimming kit with them when they are timetabled to swim. Outdoor PE will be outdoors unless there is extreme weather so, please ensure your child has warm layers for colder days and a hat and suncream for warmer ones. (Is the warm weather option wishful thinking as we approach October!)



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## Cluster sports events

Please note that some of the dates for cluster sports events shared in last week's newsletter have been changed by the organisers. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

## 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).

## Thomas Taylor- award winning author visits Grassington on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

We are hosting our author visit on Wednesday for all of KS2 and after an exciting session with Thomas, his books will be on sale and can be signed. The Stripey Badger are selling the books and can offer school children 20% discount so each book will be £6.40, payable at the event.

If you would like to buy a book from Thomas Taylor's series for your child then please send them with £6.40 in a named envelope on the day.



## Library official opening

At 11.30 on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, Thomas Taylor will also officially open the library at Grassington. If you would like to join us for tea and cake at 11am on that day and see the 'ribbon being cut' please do come.

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## House Points

	Diamond	Sapphire The	Ruby	Emerald
This week	143	165	171	158
Running Total	6,811	6,377	6,014	6,822



### Shine & Values award this week...



**Class 1 - Abbie for showing kindness to everyone and being a great friend!**

**Class 2 - Alfie for showing bucket loads of kindness to everyone!**

**Our Shine Award is based around our 5 core values:  
Thankfulness, Kindness, Love, Trust, and Forgiveness. The aim is for all children to achieve the full suite of 5 awards across the year. Good luck to everyone!**

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, tools and tips for adults.

## Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

### PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into particular games, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

### ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

### AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

### DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.



### FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to the console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

### ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undoubtedly, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

### TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to recognise their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

### BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience so negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

### Meet Our Expert

Frankie Spencer is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and much, he has also written IT guides for kids, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Call of Duty, Roblox and Minecraft, with work published by the likes of PC Gamer, IGN, Pocket Gamer and VG247. He has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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## Open Days

In October, we will be holding open mornings in each school, please do share these events with friends and family that have children interested in joining the Federation in September 2024 or before. We will also be sending home fliers with each child next week and would appreciate you sharing them at playgroups, with neighbours, at clubs and within the local area. Thank you in advance.

Welcome to  
**OUR FEDERATION  
OPEN MORNINGS**

**GRASSINGTON  
CE PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

**UPPER  
WHARFEDALE  
PRE-SCHOOL**

**CRACOE &  
RYLSTONE  
CE PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

**KETTLEWELL  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

**BURNSALL  
VA PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

**SMALL SCHOOLS  
BIGGER OPPORTUNITIES  
GREATER TOGETHER**

**9.30–11.30 Open Mornings  
for prospective parents**

**Mon 16 Oct** Pre-school 01756 752365  
**Mon 16 Oct** Grassington 01756 752365  
**Tues 17 Oct** Cracoe 01756 730259  
**Wed 18 Oct** Kettlewell 01756 760280  
**Thurs 19 Oct** Burnshall 01756 720273

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or call to arrange another time to visit.  
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