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Friday Newsletter September 16th 2022

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to see how happy the children have been this last week on their return to school. They have settled back into school life full of enthusiasm and are responding positively to their learning. The joining together of KS1 and KS2 for federation working, continues to go from strength to strength, with children benefitting from our specialist teachers in PE, Music, French and RE.

Vision and Values

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

'Be the Light'

Matthew 5:14 - **You are the light of the world.**

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

Our Core school values are:

- Love
- Kindness
- Forgiveness
- Thankfulness
- Trust.

Coffee Mornings

Another successful coffee morning this week at Cracoe. Thank you so much to all the parents that came. It was lovely to meet you all. Next week's coffee morning will be held at Burnsall.

Parent Survey results

Thank you to all the parents who completed the parent survey we sent out. We really value your time and feedback and the overwhelmingly positive feedback has been pleasing to see.

Here are just a few of the lovely comments made about the Federation:

"Friendly pupils and staff and all in a lovely environment"

"It's like a big family. The staff are so friendly and personable."

"The size of the schools, the quality of teaching and learning, the differentiation and that wherever possible learning is made practical to make it more understandable"





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“The teachers make the curriculum so interesting for the children that they absolutely love learning and look forward to going to school.”

We have also identified some common threads of areas you would like us to address.

1. Extra-Curricular clubs- more opportunities and variety
2. More regular ways to find out how your child is progressing
3. Improved communication

I will share further results of the survey with you once they have been fully analysed.

Flu Vaccine

Flu vaccinations are booked into our schools in November. You will be sent or may already have a letter with full information on how to book online for your child/children to receive the vaccine. Your letter has a school code on that you will need to use as well as a link to the booking site. Please contact the school office if you have not received yours.

They are visiting:

Grassington C of E Primary School on: 10th November 2022

Attendance

At the beginning of every 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.





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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%. All of our schools actively promote and support children's attendance by:-

- Ensuring a broad and balanced curriculum that provides children with the best possible learning opportunities and experiences;
- Providing a welcoming, safe and caring environment in which each child is valued and supported;
- Building and maintaining effective partnerships between the school and its parents, external support agencies and the wider community.
- Acknowledging good attendance.

We hope that you will be supportive of our school policy.

House points

Diamond	Sapphire	Ruby	Emerald
318	309	326	342



Learning Heroes

Class 1- Flossy for your fantastic independent writing about your summer holidays

Class 2- Ashton Eccles for great effort and settling into Year 3 so well

Class 3 – Finley for the hard work and focus he has shown in his first week in Year 5.





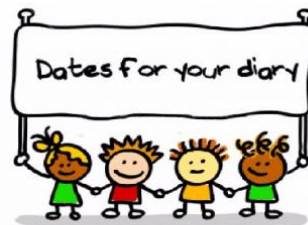
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Bank holiday (School closed Monday 19th September.)

We wish you all a lovely weekend. Monday will be a historic day, a time for us to reflect and also celebrate the amazing reign of Queen Elizabeth II.



Monday 19th September - School closed for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II

Tuesday 20th September – Class 2 swimming

Wednesday 28th September - Phonics/early reading meeting for parents of reception and year 1 pupils at Cracoe Village Hall 6.30pm-7.30pm

Thursday 29th September - Restorative Practice training for pupils in years 5 and 6

Thursday 13th October - Grassington Harvest Festival at St Michael & All Angels Church, Linton 2.30pm

Tuesday 18th October & Wednesday 19th October - Parents Evening

Autumn 2 dates

Week beginning 7th November (TBC) Open mornings for prospective parents (Reception 2023/Preschool 2023)

Claire Greenwood and Chris Parkhouse
Co-Executive Headteachers

