



KETTLEWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kettlewell, Skipton

North Yorkshire

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Autumn 1 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. We hope you enjoyed a well-deserved break and are all ready for the busy and exciting term ahead. There have been lots of sorting out and changes made during the summer break and KS2 now have a brand new classroom and we now have a school "Hall"! Do call in and have a look as everywhere is looking very smart with new carpets thanks to The Friends financial contributions. We welcome our new reception children Olivia and Jacob. We would also like to welcome Mr Hill our KS2 cover teacher. Welcome to our new Headteacher Mrs Julie Morton Lee who you will see at school at various times throughout the week. If you need to speak to her then please contact school to arrange a mutually convenient appointment.

Also welcome to Mrs Pam Windle who has joined the staffing team as a Teaching Assistant whilst Miss Facer is on maternity leave. Finally, thank you to all the people that helped out in any way at the Scarecrow Festival, we await news of the amounts raised.

Dates for diaries

- 6.9.16 School re-opens
- 10.9.16 Ermysteds Selection Test 1
- 15.9.16 Year 6 Endangered Species Day @ UWS
- 17.9.16 Ermysteds Selection Test 2
- 20.9.16 Craven X-Country event
4 – 5pm @ UWS
- 24.9.16 SGHS Selection Tests
- 26.9.16 UWS Open evening 6pm
- Parents Federation Meeting 7pm
- 29.9.16 Yr 5/6 Football @
Sandylands, Skipton 4-5pm
- 6.10.16 X-Country Finals
- 11.10.16 Year 1 Hearing Tests
- 12.10.16 Wharfedale Primary
Schools Harvest Festival
Venue tbc
- 13.10.16 Yr 3/4 Football @
Sandylands 4-5pm
- 6pm Guest speaker Stuart Hyde –
Internet safety for parents.
- 17.10.16 Bags2School arrive
- 21.10.16 School Closes
- 31.10.16 School re-opens

Endangered Species Day at UWS – Thursday 15th September

All Year 6 pupils have been invited to UWS for an endangered species day. The aim of the day is to learn about why certain animals are endangered, learn about different habitats around the world, to develop personal learning and thinking skills and presentation. They will all need to bring a packed lunch and drink. The children will be accompanied by Mrs Simpson for the day and will be back at Kettlewell to go home as normal.

PE & Swimming

KS1 will be doing PE at UWS on Monday afternoons and will travel by bus to and from UWS. Please make sure your child has their PE kits in school from Monday to Friday.

KS2 will continue doing their PE & swimming at UWS on Thursday mornings.

Birthdays

Don't forget that you can come to school in non-uniform on your birthday!

Topics

KS1

- Cross curricular – The Weather & Literacy – Letter writing & postcards.
Traditional tales
- Numeracy – Compare & order numbers
Money & statistics
- Geography – Identifying types of weather
Investigate different climates
- PE – Large ball skills, co-operation,
Leadership and sportsmanship skills

KS2

- Cross curricular – Maya
- Literacy – Poetry
- Numeracy – Problem solving
- Science – Forces: Electricity, friction and
Magnets
- Geography – Location, compare & contrast
- RE – Mayan Gods
- ICT – Programming

Job Opportunity

Cracoe & Rylstone School is in need of a cleaner. 13.5hpw. If interested full details are available on the NYCC website.



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Message from the new Headteacher

Welcome back to school for an exciting and busy new school year. I hope you have all had a restful summer and that the children are all 'raring to go'. As you know this is a great period of change for our schools, just a small part of in a larger changing national picture. I would like to thank all the parents of Grassington and Kettlewell who have personally welcomed me to my new role, it has been much appreciated. All of the staff; 25 of us, had a successful joint training meeting on Monday with lots of very positive and enthusiastic ideas coming forward. I have tried to visit every site for part days more than once this week but will in future be spending more whole days on one site, rather than part days on many.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Consultation Evening on 26th September at 7 pm. This meeting will be at St Margaret Clitherow, Threshfield, the Catholic Church opposite Upper Wharfedale School.

Papers concerning this meeting will be sent home on Friday 16th September. Being an Executive Headteacher working across four sites means that I am often off-site at one of our sister schools. We have therefore established the role at all four schools the post of 'Base-Leader': an experienced member of staff who has a broad and thorough oversight of the workings of the individual school and can therefore make decisions about how to deal with 'day to day' issues, queries, or concerns that are beyond that which your child's class teacher would usually deal with. However, this does not prohibit you accessing me at any of the sites. I am the full time Headteacher of 4 schools. Therefore if you have a concern which you feel I need to be aware of then please leave a message at any of the school's offices and I will contact you asap.

The base-leader also has a few other key duties:

- To de-brief the Headteacher on a daily basis at the end of the day
- To deal with day to day incidents which need immediate intervention
- To lead weekly briefing when the Headteacher is off-site
- To oversee safeguarding issues, including health and safety