

Kettlewell School

Well, Kettlewell is certainly “on the map”. This morning, the national Radio 4 broadcast “*Farming Today*” highlighted our partnership with Upper Wharfedale School as an innovative and creative solution to sustaining and developing rural education (albeit at 5.45am so that only farmers would hear it!)

It has been an exciting, if difficult 3 months, during which I have come to know all the pupils and some of their families: and what a delight they are! I have observed the children at work and at play, and feel very privileged to be leading such a unique and lively school. The children are keen to learn, and I am amazed by their confidence and ability to articulate what they are learning – their own areas of strength and what they would like to improve.

We are introducing new initiatives, but not changing for the sake of it. We are developing what was already there in terms of teaching techniques and alternative methods of evidencing and celebrating achievement. With our first Ofsted monitoring visit over with, we can breathe a sigh of relief that we are certainly on the right track and well on the way to securing a “good” judgement.

It is difficult to believe we will be starting our preparations for Christmas soon, and hope that the community will be able to join us at our Carol Concert in the church at Kettlewell on 18th December at 6pm.

Best Wishes,

Andrew Taylor