

Kettlewell and Grassington Primary Schools open meeting

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone that attended the meeting in 13 June in Kettlewell Village Hall. For those of you who were not able to come, this outlines what the governors of Kettlewell and Grassington Primary Schools shared at the meeting.

All the governors believe we can enhance the educational opportunities of all pupils, whilst maintaining the separate identities and sites of both schools.

Since the review and in anticipation of government school budget cuts in 2014, Kettlewell Governors have carefully reviewed all expenditure and concluded that to create more stability and maintain high quality education for our children we need to start sharing costs with other schools. Our first step is with Grassington Primary School - marrying the curriculum enabling shared trips; group buying specialist teaching services and resources; undertaking joint staff training.

The Upper Wharfedale cluster schools are interested in how this collaboration works and will want to join with our successes, opening more opportunities for the children and greater cost savings. Kettlewell School is a shining gem in the heart of Upper Wharfedale - we intend to keep it that way.

Malcolm Grant, Chair of Governors, Kettlewell Primary School