



WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

We hope that your child has enjoyed their first week of the school year. In our celebration assembly this morning we have praised all pupils for an excellent week; they have made a super start with a great approach to learning. Well done everyone.

LIBRARY PROJECT

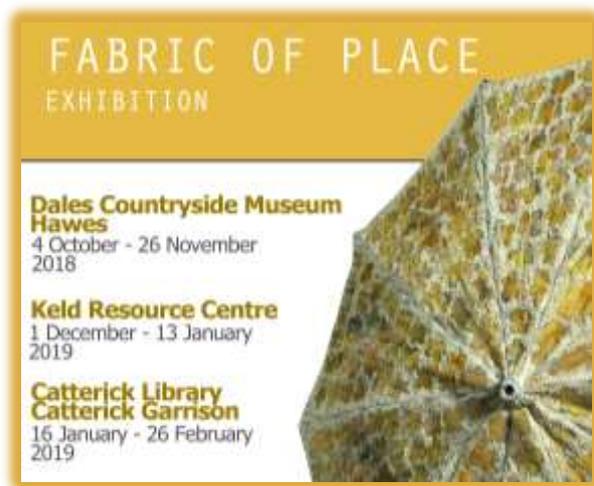
We continue to develop our school libraries, investing in new books for all year groups at the end of the summer term. Our librarian, Mrs Tranter, who will be leading weekly library sessions for all pupils, is adding this new stock to the libraries at both Reeth and Gunnerside. Thank you for your support with fundraising for this development and that of the Friends of the Schools, the Muker Trust and the Thomlinson Trust.

We are keen to raise the profile of reading for pleasure and hope that you can help:

1. Daily reading makes a huge difference to pupils' reading ability and also supports their spelling knowledge and writing progress. Please continue to read with your child on a regular basis, recording this in the purple home school book. We recommend a minimum of four short sessions per week.
2. We are planning a series of assemblies to share books that staff have enjoyed when they were at school and would really appreciate your involvement too. If you have a book in mind that you really enjoyed when you were younger, we know that pupils would be interested to hear all about it. Sharing the book with the children by reading a few pages and explaining why you like it would be really great. If you would like to be involved, please mention it to the school office or a classteacher.

LICHEN PROJECT

Over an eighteen-month period, Year 5 and 6 pupils have been involved in *Fabric of Place*, a community art project representing the landscape of Swaledale. They have completed a series of workshops with resident artist, Joanne B Kaar, while other artists, Serena Partridge, Ed Kluz and Graham Taylor, have worked with other community groups in Swaledale. The project will culminate in an exhibition at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes, which Year 5 and 6 pupils will visit during the school day. There will also be a family-friendly workshop and opening event on Saturday 6th October, 2-4pm that we hope some of you are able to attend. Capsule versions will be exhibited at the Keld Resource Centre and Catterick Library.



RAG RUGS

During the summer term, Year 3 and 4 pupils worked with Kathryn Guy to produce some fantastic rag rugs, as part of a wider project *Returning to our Roots*, organised by The International Guild of Handhooking Rugmakers. The children's work will form part of an exhibition at Grinton Church from Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th October. KS2 pupils will visit the church on Wednesday 10th October. The children's work will also be presented at Reeth Museum from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th October. We hope that you are able to call by to experience the project.

ATTENDANCE, ILLNESS, HOLIDAYS

Staff, governors and school inspectors monitor pupil attendance closely. There is a close relationship between good attendance and good progress. Absence of 10% or more of possible sessions is recorded and monitored closely; these pupils are identified as persistent absentees. In recent years attendance has been very good, although there was a slight dip in the 2017 – 2018 school year. We request that you help us with attendance in several ways:

1. Please do all you can to avoid booking a family holiday in term time. We appreciate that for some families, work commitments make this challenging. Where a holiday must be taken in term time, please continue to use the application form available from the school office and on our website.
2. If your child feels a little unwell, perhaps with a cough or cold, please encourage them to join us in school. We are happy to adapt the school day for them; for example they could stay indoors at playtime if this helps.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL FUNDRAISER RELAY – Saturday 29th September

Following the success of this event last year, we have planned another relay event. It will start in Gunnerside at 2pm and will follow the route of the Swaledale Marathon to Reeth. Working in teams, pupils will compete to transport batons as quickly as possible along the 6-mile route. Sections of different lengths will be available, so that pupils of different ages can join in. Pupils must be accompanied by an adult, responsible for their safety. At the end of the event, all participants will be invited to the finish at Reeth School for soup, bread rolls and prize giving. We hope that it will be an exciting and fun event for everyone involved that will also raise money, through sponsorship, for the Friends of School. If you have any questions or would like to know a bit more, please contact school. To assist with event planning, please register your interest before Friday 14th September using the reply form. Thank you to those families that have already returned a reply form.

HOME-SCHOOL LINK BOOKS



Home school link books have been set up this week for all pupils (Nursery to Y6) and a copy of our Home-School-Child Agreement has been added into the book today. **Please share the content of this agreement with your child and sign it.**

We have also sent home our Home-School Internet User Agreement and some information about use of media in school. **Please return a signed copy.**

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

Our Harvest assembly for Reception to Year 6 pupils will be held on Thursday 11th October in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel at 9:30am. We invite parents and extended family members to join us for this occasion.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Our autumn term parents' evenings for pupils in all year groups will be held on the following dates:

Monday 24th September

4pm until 6pm at Reeth for pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

4pm until 6pm at Gunnerside for pupils in Years 3 to 6

Wednesday 26th September

1.30pm until 3.30pm at Reeth for pupils in Nursery and Reception

4pm until 6pm at Reeth for pupils in Year 1 and Year 2

4pm until 6pm at Gunnerside for pupils in Years 3 to 6

Staff will be available for 10 minute appointments. We are always keen to build a partnership between teachers, pupils and their parents. We have found that meeting with parents and pupils can prove to be a very helpful opportunity to discuss progress, celebrate achievements and set targets. You are welcome to invite your child to the meeting if you feel this will be useful.

Please complete the attached reply slip to indicate your preferred appointment time, and return it to school by Friday 14th September.

SWIMMING

Letters about school swimming sessions have been sent home this week to pupils that will be swimming this half-term. Following the success of the family swim scheme, we are pleased to let you know that this will continue through the new academic year. Your card will be recognised by both Richmond and Catterick swimming pools. If you need a new card, please contact school. Pupils new to school will receive a card next week. We hope that you are able to swim as a family utilising the scheme as it really helps pupils to progress between lessons and is a great way to exercise.

AFTER SCHOOL COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS



The safeguarding of the children in our care is something which we naturally place great importance on and we are keen to help you with your after school collection arrangements.

In the absence of any additional information from parents we would expect children either to be collected by their own parents or travel on the home-school transport route notified to us by County. Please let us know in advance about any home-time arrangements which differ: for example, tell us if your child has permission from you to walk home unaccompanied on certain days, or every day; if your child is going to attend dance or another club straight from school; if your child is going to be collected by someone other than yourself; if your child is not going to travel on home-school transport; if your child is not going to return on the inter-site transport to their home-school. **A reply slip is included at the end of this communiqué for regular arrangement details. We need one returned to the school office by every family as soon as possible so that we are certain of the current arrangements for every pupil.** If you need to let us know about an occasional arrangement please try and let us know no later than 3pm so that staff have adequate time to pass on messages. Thank you.

MEDICAL AND TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOUR CHILD



A sheet of personal information that we currently hold in school for your child has been sent home to you today. **Please check the information, make any necessary amendments on**

the form, and then sign and return it to us by the end of next week. Latest best practice advises that schools hold a minimum of two contact telephone numbers per family. Please remember to update school if there are any changes to your child's medical details or contact information so that we always have the correct information if we need to contact you in an emergency.

COMMUNICATION PREFERENCES FORM

To comply with updated GDPR guidance we are sending home a communication preferences form to obtain your consent about school communications. **Please complete and return the form to school by the end of next week.**

HOUSEKEEPING

In order to maintain a tidy school and to reduce loss of personal belongings we ask that all pupils:

- Leave pencil cases at home (these can be used to store equipment for homework instead).
- Use a small drawstring bag to store their PE kit.
- Avoid bringing a large bag for items such as their reading book – a school book bag or similar small bag is more than adequate.
- Name all items of clothing.

HEALTHY EATING

As a school we are keen to promote healthy eating and lifestyles and we also have a number of pupils and staff members with significant food allergies.

- In order to safeguard against a reaction and to comply with the School Food Standards, we ask that when celebrating birthdays, and at any other time, pupils do not bring in food to share with their class. Thank you for your support with this.
- The school meals provided by the catering service offer nutritionally balanced meals and follow a healthy-eating policy. We request that parents sending packed lunches for their child also try to provide nutritionally balanced meals, **taking particular care to avoid more than one sugary item.** Please note that **we do not allow nuts or nutty snacks to be brought into school** for allergy reasons and for safety reasons we ask that if grapes are being sent into school that they are prepared at home by being cut vertically in half. The Children's Food Trust has practical tips and ideas for healthy and tasty packed lunches.

Visit: <http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/childrens-food-trust/parents/your-childs-food-at-school/packed-lunches/what-to-put-in-a-lunchbox/> or contact the school office for a printed information sheet.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Instrumental lessons, provided through the NYCC Music Service, continue to be available in school for KS2 pupils. Mr Ian Cobb will be teaching these lessons this term. Lessons start week commencing 10th September and will take place on Tuesday mornings. Parents of pupils interested in starting lessons can access information via www.northyorkshireremusicclub.co.uk and apply on-line.

APPLES



We have a great crop of cooking apples in the Early Years orchard area and at Gunnerside. Please do call in if you would like to pick any of these; we can't use them all ourselves and it would be good not to see them go to waste.

MID-MORNING BREAK TIME SNACK

A piece of fruit is provided free to each Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupil each day as part of a National Scheme. This is often enjoyed at afternoon playtimes, but sometimes in the mornings. Pupils in KS2 are encouraged to bring to school a piece of fruit (fresh or dried) from home to enjoy at their morning break each day. Please note that snacks other than fruit must not be brought for break-time.



YEAR 6s – APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

Letters about applying for a place at secondary school for September 2019 have been sent home today. Parents are encouraged to make their applications on-line. The latest date for parents to apply is **31st October 2018**. Should you have any queries, please contact the North Yorkshire Admissions Team on 01609 533679.

Secondary School Open Evenings for prospective Year 7 students are being held as follows:

Richmond School – Thursday 20th September, 7:00pm

St. Francis Xavier School – Thursday 27th September, 7:00pm – 9:00pm (doors open 6:30pm)

The Wensleydale School – Thursday 4th October

COMMUNITY CYCLING CLUB – STAGE 1 CYCLES

Stage 1 Cycles, based in Hawes, are organising a bike club in Wensleydale every Saturday. The sessions are suitable for beginners (balance bikes) upwards. They also run great activities in the

holidays including residential trips. If you would like to be involved, please contact Helen Pollard, Stage 1 Cycles, on 01969 666873.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES, RICHMONDSHIRE – AUTUMN 2018

The Autumn Term Programme from the Children and Families Service is now available to view on our school web-site. The programme lists the wide range of useful courses, group sessions, and workshops available to families in the area. It is well worth reading through to see if there is anything of interest: <http://www.reethandgunnerside.org.uk/useful-links/>

CONTACTING SCHOOL

We very much look forward to working with you in the year ahead. If there is any aspect of school life that you would like more information about or wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact school. We'll do all we can to help.



Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 10 th	9:00am. Start of Year Service with Rev Janet at Gunnerside Methodist Chapel for all Gunnerside enrolled pupils. Parents and extended family members are invited to join us.
Tues 11 th	Swimming lessons (block of 6 weeks) start for all Y1/2 pupils (letter sent home yesterday)
Fri 14 th	Swimming lessons (block of 6 weeks) start for some KS2 pupils (letter sent today to all pupils participating)
Thurs 20 th	Open Evening at Richmond School for Y6 pupils: 7pm
Mon 24 th	Parents Evenings for all pupils - Nursery through to Y6 – see full details in main text of newsletter and on reply slip
Wed 26 th	Parents Evenings for all pupils – Nursery through to Y6 – see full details in main text of newsletter and on reply slip
Thur 27 th	Open Evening at SFX School for Y6 pupils: 7pm to 9pm
Sat 29 th	Friends of the School Fundraising Relay



Oct

Thurs 4 th	KS2 visit to see children's theatre event 'Me and My Bee', at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre
Thurs 4 th	Open Evening at The Wensleydale School for Y6 pupils
Wed 10 th	All KS2 pupils to visit the Rag Rugs Exhibition at St. Andrew's Church, Grinton, 2pm
Thurs 11 th	9:30am. Harvest Assembly at Gunnerside Methodist Chapel for all pupils in Reception through to Year 6. Parents and extended family members are invited to join us.
Fri 12 th	Year 6 diversity day with pupils from other primary schools in the Wensleydale Cluster
Fri 19 th	Cluster sports event – Y5/6 Boys' and Girls' Football
Thurs 25 th	School closes for half-term

Nov

Mon 5 th	School re-opens
Fri 9 th	Remembrance Assembly with Rev Janet
	Cluster sports event – Y5/6 High 5 Netball at Askrigg
Fri 16 th	NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assemblies for Reception through to Y6 pupils
	Individual and family group school photographs with Richard of Impressions (full details later in the term). Families will be invited to bring along younger siblings.
Fri 30 th	Cluster sports event – Y1/2 Skipping at Catterick Leisure Centre

Dec

Tues 4 th	Rev Janet leading Advent assemblies at both schools
Fri 21 st	2pm. Christingle Service at St. Andrew's Church, Grinton for all pupils including Nursery. Parents and extended family members are invited to join us.

More dates will be sent to you as the term progresses.

PTO for reply slips →

Reeth and Gunnerside Federated Primary Schools - Parent Reply slip – All Families

Parents' Evenings – Monday 24th September & Wednesday 26th September 2018

Please complete and **return to school by Friday 14th September**. Thank you.

Where parents have children in more than one year group, staff will liaise and tie in appointment times.

Name of child(ren) _____

I would like to make an appointment as follows: - (please circle preferred appointment times for each teacher)

Name of teacher	Date/Day	Appointment time preferences
Mrs Walker and Mrs Stainsby	Reeth Mon 24 th Sept	1 st Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00
		2 nd Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00
	Reeth Wed 26 th Sept	1 st Choice 1.30 – 2.00 2.00 – 2.30 2.30 – 3.00 3.00 – 3.30
		2 nd Choice 1.30 – 2.00 2.00 – 2.30 2.30 – 3.00 3.00 – 3.30
Miss Fawcett	Reeth Mon 24 th Sept	1 st Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00
		2 nd Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00
	Reeth Wed 26 th Sept	1 st Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00
		2 nd Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00
Mr Stainsby, Mrs Bastow and Miss Dinsdale	Gunnerside Mon 24 th Sept	1 st Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00
		2 nd Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00
	Gunnerside Wed 26 th Sept	1 st Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00
		2 nd Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00

Signature of Parent _____

Date _____

PTO for further reply slips →

PARENT REPLY SLIP – ALL FAMILIES

Regular end of school day collection arrangements – Autumn Term 2018

Name of child(ren) _____

Day	Details of permission for <i>regular</i> arrangement (eg. 'loco-parentis', after-school club, dance, walking home on own): (please give full details)
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

Signature of parent _____

Date _____

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OPTIONAL REPLY SLIPS – Please use as required

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL FUNDRAISER RELAY

Please return to school by Friday 14th September if you are interested in taking part, thank you.

Pupil name(s) _____

Would like to express an interest in taking part in the Friends of School Relay Fundraiser on Saturday 29th September.

Signature of parent _____

Date _____

FAMILY SWIM SCHEME CARDS

Please return to school if you require a replacement card. Cards for families new to school this year are already being prepared and will be sent home next week.

Pupil name(s) _____

Please provide a replacement family swim scheme card.

Signature of parent _____

Date _____