



**WELCOME BACK & HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We hope that you have had a great holiday and that the New Year has begun well for you and your family. Pupils have really enjoyed their first week back and are working hard to move forward with their learning. The spring term is really important for pupils academically and is a chance to build on the foundations set in the autumn term. We know that the best outcomes for pupils are enabled by a strong home school partnership. Learning spellings and times tables for five minutes each day, completing homework tasks and reading together regularly makes a huge difference and we ask that you support and encourage your child(ren) as they complete this daily follow up work at home. We have planned parent meetings in a few weeks time, but as always, if you have any questions, please do phone or pop in to school.

**HIGH BORRANS ADVENTURES**

Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a superb residential experience in the Lake District last week. They completed a range of activities including a full mountain day, canoeing, coastal rock scrambling, and underground exploration, while also extending their class based learning on mountains and national parks. We had wonderful weather while we were away and took some great photographs. To view these as a short film, take a look at our school blog, available on the school website.



**GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES**

Congratulations go to a number of pupils who have achieved good behaviour certificates in recent weeks:

**Bronze**


- Maddie Tweddle
- Conrad Andrew
- Faith Ackroyd
- Monty Rowland-Hill
- Coleby Teague
- Hazel Tranter
- Macie Muir
- Amelia Alderson

**Silver**

- Isabel Bainbridge
- Alice Bowe
- Ruby Hird
- Ellie Hughes
- Edith Livingstone-Owen
- Hunter Howard
- Eden Frankland
- Charlie Tranter
- Harry Allen



**CHRISTINGLE**

 Thank you to all those who joined us and who gave donations to the Children’s Society at our Christingle event. Together with Arkengarthdale School we raised £170.62.

**PARENTS’ EVENINGS**

Our Spring Term parents’ evenings for pupils in all year groups will be held at Reeth School alongside our annual book fair. The dates are:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February

4pm until 6pm for all year groups, Nursery to Year 6.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

4pm until 6pm for all year groups, Nursery to Year 6.

Please complete the attached reply slip to indicate your preferred appointment time.

## TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

There will be a book fair, provided by Travelling Books, at Reeth School, arriving on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. The sales from the fair benefit the school in that a percentage of the sales value is given back to us by the company as books for our school library. There are books for children of all ages, including Nursery, and often some 'bargain' books, so do come and have a look. Pupils will have an opportunity to browse the fair and buy books during the school day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.



**The book fair will be open to parents and family/friends on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February during the parent evenings as detailed above.**

## MATHS SESSION FOR EARLY YEARS AND KS1 PARENTS

We are holding a session for parents to explore calculation strategies and the way we teach these on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 2:30pm. We hope to see you there.

## DYSLEXIA QUALITY MARK

The school is currently working to achieve the Dyslexia Quality Mark, a school award that recognises good practice for pupils with dyslexic tendencies. In the autumn term we carried out a self-evaluation against the quality mark standards by auditing our classrooms and collecting views from pupils. We are now further enhancing provision in preparation for assessment, aiming to achieve the Quality Mark by the end of this academic year.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Richmond Rotary Club has invited us to take part in the Junior Section of its Young Photographers Competition. The competition takes the theme of 'A moment in time' and welcomes photographic entries over a wide range of interpretations. Staff will be working with KS2 pupils in school to develop ideas and produce entries for submission.

## CHRYSALIS ARTS

Later this term we are looking forward to welcoming artist Joanne Kaar to work with the Year 5/6 Class. Joanne will be leading a project linked with our curriculum theme for this term - 'A Sense of Place' - and taking inspiration from the environment. There will be four workshops this term and further workshops are planned for Autumn 2017 and Spring 2018.

## SCHOOL SWIMMING

After half-term our younger children will be attending swimming lessons again at Richmond Pool on a Friday afternoon. Any offers of help to come along to the pool to assist with supervision and changing would be much appreciated. Please telephone the school office to let Mrs Hird or Mrs Bearpark know if you are able to help. We have six sessions and need two volunteers per session for the dates of: March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>.

*G. Stainsby*

Gordon Stainsby  
Headteacher

## DATES for your diary

### Jan

Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School re opens
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Ancient Greeks Day – parents invited for lunch
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Music lessons start with Mr Cobb
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school assembly led by Year 1 & 2 with Rev. Janet Park
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Cluster Schools Year 5 Dance day at Middleham Key Centre – letter to follow
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	Cluster Schools Year 5/6 Hockey at Leyburn Primary School – letter will be sent home nearer time
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	Maths workshop for EY and KS1 parents, 2:30pm, Reeth School



### Feb

Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pupils will have an opportunity in school to browse the book fair and make purchases
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening at Reeth School, all year groups: 4.00 pm - 6.00pm
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening at Reeth School, all year groups: 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Travelling Book fair will be available to view at both parents evenings.

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Rotary Challenge Presentation at Spennithorne, by School Council Members  
 Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Cluster Schools Year 1 Multi-Skills at Bainbridge Primary School  
 Fri 17<sup>th</sup> School closes for half-term  
 Mon 27<sup>th</sup> School re-opens  
 Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Cluster Schools Year 5/6 High 5 Netball at Askrigg Primary School

### **Mar**

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Swimming lessons start for 6 weeks - letter will be sent home nearer the time  
 Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Richmondshire Open Cross Country – Catterick Racecourse – tbc  
 Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Cluster Schools Year 3/4 Tennis at The Wensleydale School  
 Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Cluster Schools Year 3 Gymnastics at Middleham Primary School  
 Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> First of a series of art workshops for Y5/6 with visiting artist from Chrysalis Arts (afternoon)  
 Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Second Y5/6 art workshop with visiting artist from Chrysalis Arts (afternoon)  
 Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Third Y5/6 art workshop with visiting artist from Chrysalis Arts (afternoon)  
 Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Fourth Y5/6 art workshop with visiting artist Chrysalis Arts (afternoon)

### **Apr**

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Reception to Year 6 pupils working with Rev Janet to prepare for the Easter Service.  
 Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Whole School Easter Service for Reception to Year 6 pupils at Gunnerside Methodist Chapel - parents and extended family welcome.  
 Fri 7<sup>th</sup> School closes for Easter holidays

Additional dates may be included on future communiqués, as the term progresses.

### **Apr (cont.)**

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> School re-opens  
 Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Cluster Schools Year 4 Orienteering at Leyburn Shawl

**DON'T FORGET!.....**you can support our school (through Friends of the School) by shopping on-line via:  
[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/reethandgunnerside](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/reethandgunnerside) and/or using the internet search engine of [www.reethandgunnerside.easysearch.org.uk](http://www.reethandgunnerside.easysearch.org.uk). It costs you nothing but raises funds for Friends and makes a huge difference to helping with the cost of activities and resources in the schools. Thank you for your support.



**Reeth and Gunnerside Federated Primary Schools - Parent Reply slip**

Parents' Evenings – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Please complete and **return to school by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January**. 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 (all at Reeth site)	Appointment time preferences			
Mrs Walker	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice 4.00 – 4.30    4.30 – 5.00    5.00 – 5.30    5.30 – 6.00			
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 4.00 – 4.30    4.30 – 5.00    5.00 – 5.30    5.30 – 6.00			
	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice 4.00 – 4.30    4.30 – 5.00    5.00 – 5.30    5.30 – 6.00			
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice 4.00 – 4.30    4.30 – 5.00    5.00 – 5.30    5.30 – 6.00			
Mrs Clark	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice 4.00 – 4.30    4.30 – 5.00    5.00 – 5.30    5.30 – 6.00			
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Mr Stainsby, Mrs Bastow and Miss Dinsdale	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice 4.00 – 4.30    4.30 – 5.00    5.00 – 5.30    5.30 – 6.00			
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Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_