

Reeth Community and Gunnerside Methodist Primary Schools



“COMMUNIQUE”

12th January 2018 No 1. Spring Term

WELCOME BACK & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope that you have had an enjoyable and restful break. We have been super impressed with pupils' approach to the new school term. Teachers' comments in the celebration assembly this morning showed that all pupils have returned to school with an excellent attitude to their learning. We've been exploring resolutions in assemblies this week, looking at the importance of inspiration to keep those plans going. A lot of pupils have chosen resolutions linked to their school work, some focused on health, sport and fitness and a few have decided to tidy their rooms and make beds – let's hope it lasts!

GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

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

Bronze

Brooke Madgwick
Oscar Kendall
Amelia Atkinson
Jamie Meffen
Macie Muir
Isabel Bainbridge

Silver

Violet Livingstone-Owen
Fern Stainsby
Edith Livingstone-Owen

Gold

Poppy Atkinson



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

In school over the next few weeks we will be raising awareness of mental health and wellbeing. Having identified what mental health and wellbeing is, we will focus discussions on the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing', shown below. Please do support your child if they mention any aspect of this learning at home. If you have any questions or would like to know a bit more about this work, please do contact school.



MEETING FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

There will be a meeting for parents of Year 6 pupils to discuss the statutory tests that take place in May. The meeting will be at Reeth School on Wednesday 24th January at 6:00pm.

SPRING TERM 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 29th January

4pm until 6.30pm for all year groups, Nursery to Year 6.

Tuesday 30th January

4pm until 6.30pm for all year groups, Nursery to Year 6.

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

Please note that due to the parents' evenings, after-school clubs will not be running on Tuesday 30th January.

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

There will be a book fair, provided by Travelling Books, at Reeth School, arriving on Thursday 25th January. The sales from the fair benefit the school in that a percentage of the sales value is given

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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 26th January.



The book fair will be open to parents and family/friends on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th January during the parent evenings as detailed above.

SAFEGUARDING

To help ensure the safety of pupils near the main road at Reeth, please remember to close the black gate at the school entrance at all times. We know that it can be busy with quite a few parked cars outside school, particularly at the end of the day, but please avoid parking on the yellow 'SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR' zigzag road marking. Thank you.

YR R and YR 6 HEIGHT AND WEIGHT MEASUREMENTS

Health questionnaire letters from the Harrogate and District NHS Trust were recently sent home to all our Y6 families. We have also received notification that, with the exception of any pupils who have opted out of the scheme, all Reception and Year 6 children will have their height and weight measured in school, on Monday 19th February, by representatives from the NHS Trust.

NYCC CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICE, RICHMONDSHIRE

The Spring Term programme from the Children and Families Service is now available and runs until the end of March. A copy is available via the useful links page of our school website: <http://www.reethandgunnerside.org.uk/useful-links/>

There are opportunities which include:

- First aid for parents sessions
- Chatterbox – a fun play session for 0-5s using songs, stories and other play opportunities to encourage communication
- Family advice and support drop in sessions
- Baby Yoga and Baby Massage sessions

SCHOOL BAGS

To help with classroom and cloakroom organisation we ask that pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 use only purple school book bags to bring classroom items to and from school. If any pupils in these year groups no longer have a school book bag, please contact the school office for one to be provided to you without any charge.

Pupils in Y3 and above are welcome to use rucksacks as an alternative to school book bags, but we ask that these are small and compact.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

 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 £231.55.



Thank you also to those who purchased the biscuits and produce which pupils had baked and decorated for the Christmas performances, as part of the Enterprise Project. The sales raised £225 for us to donate, through Wensleydale Rotary Club, to The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES for your diary

Jan

w/c 15th Jan Music lessons start – day of week for this term is still to be confirmed
Fri 19th Whole school assembly led by Year 1 & 2 with Rev. Janet Park
Wed 24th Meeting for parents of Year 6 pupils to discuss statutory tests - Reeth School, 6pm
Fri 26th Pupils will have an opportunity in school to browse the book fair and make purchases
Mon 29th Parents evening at Reeth School, all year groups: 4:00 pm – 6:30pm
Tues 30th Parents evening at Reeth School, all year groups: 4:00 pm – 6:30pm
Travelling Book fair will be available to view at both parents' evenings.



Feb

Fri 2 nd	Cluster sports Year 3/4 dance morning at West Burton Village Hall (details nearer the time)
Mon 5 th	Rotary Challenge Presentation at West Burton, by School Council Members
Fri 9 th	Swimming lessons start for 6 weeks - letter will be sent home nearer the time
Fri 9 th	School closes for half-term
Mon 19 th	School re-opens
Wed 28 th	Lent service with Rev Janet at Gunnerside Methodist Chapel for KS2 and Gunnerside enrolled pupils

Mar

Thur 1 st	World Book Day
Thurs 8 th	Richmondshire Open Cross Country – Richmond School - tbc
Fri 9 th	Cluster sports Yr 5/6 Hockey at The Wensleydale School (am)
Weds 21 st	Art workshop 1 of 2 for Y5/6 with visiting artist from Chrysalis Arts
Thurs 22 nd	Art workshop 2 of 2 for Y5/6 with visiting artist from Chrysalis Arts
w/c 26 th March	No music lessons this week
Thurs 29 th	Easter event (am) with Rev Janet in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel – time tbc
Thurs 29 th	School closes for Easter holidays

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

Apr

Mon 16 th	Staff training day
Tues 17 th	School re-opens

Reminder - dates for 2017/18 Statutory Tests

Each year the Department for Education set dates for statutory testing and all pupils in certain year groups must be in school to complete these on specific dates. Please find these dates outlined below:

Year group	Test	Dates/Details
Year 6	KS2 tests	Test dates are 14 th , 15 th , 16 th and 17 th May 2018
Year 2	KS1 tests	May 2018
Year 1 / 2	Phonics test	Pupils will be tested between 11 th and 15 th June 2018

DON'T FORGET!.....you can support our school (through Friends of the School) by shopping on-line via:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/reethandgunnerside and/or using the internet search engine of 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 29th and Tuesday 30th January 2018

Please complete and **return to school by Friday 19th 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 and Mrs Stainsby	Mon 29 th Jan	1 st Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00 6.00 – 6.30
		2 nd Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00 6.00 – 6.30
	Tues 30 th Jan	1 st Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00 6.00 – 6.30
		2 nd Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00 6.00 – 6.30
Miss Fawcett	Mon 29 th Jan	1 st Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00 6.00 – 6.30
		2 nd Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00 6.00 – 6.30
	Tues 30 th Jan	1 st Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00 6.00 – 6.30
		2 nd Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00 6.00 – 6.30
Mr Stainsby, Mrs Bastow and Miss Dinsdale	Mon 29 th Jan	1 st Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00 6.00 – 6.30
		2 nd Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00 6.00 – 6.30
	Tues 30 th Jan	1 st Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00 6.00 – 6.30
		2 nd Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00 6.00 – 6.30

Signature of Parent _____

Date _____