



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. We are continuing our ‘Learning to Learn’ project and over the next few weeks plan to explore the value and importance of Perseverance, Resilience, Determination, Communication, Organisation and Initiative. As always, your support with your child’s learning is much valued and appreciated. We have planned parent meetings in a few weeks, but as always, if you have any questions, please do phone or pop in to school.

GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

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

Silver

Poppy Atkinson
Harry Pybus
Mathilda Townend

Gold

Brooke Longden
Faith Ackroyd
Ellie Dixon
Ryan Reynoldson



HIGH BORRANS RESIDENTIAL

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. The class had a superb approach to the challenges and learning experiences. They also impressed staff, from both the centre and our school, with their support for others, listening skills and excellent manners. We had very good weather while we were away and took lots of photographs, available to view on the school website in the next few days.



SPRING TERM PARENTS’ MEETINGS

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

Monday 28th January

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

Wednesday 30th January

1.30pm until 3.30pm for Nursery and Reception.

4pm until 6pm for Year 1 to Year 6.

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

FRIDAY TEACHING ARRANGEMENTS

We look forward to welcoming pupils and staff from Arkengarthdale School on Fridays over the spring and summer terms. Your child's class teacher will continue to lead learning in their classroom.

BOOK FAIR

There will be a Scholastic book fair at Reeth School arriving on Friday 25th January. All pupils will have an opportunity to browse the fair when it arrives and it will be possible to purchase books up to Thursday 31st January. This year, the book fair has been offered to us on a 100% reward basis, which gives our school libraries a matching value in books for every book purchased by families. There are books for children of all ages, including Nursery, so do come and have a look. A book fair leaflet is being sent home with this newsletter. Book Fair vouchers, giving you an extra 20% of value (eg. a £6 voucher can be bought for £5), can be purchased on-line and used at the fair in school: visit www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers.



The book fair will be open to parents and family/friends on Monday 28th and Wednesday 30th January during the parent evenings as detailed above. Payments will be possible by cash, by cheque, by Scholastic gift voucher and also by debit/credit card (by phoning the Scholastic payment line from school at the point of purchase).

YR R and YR 6 HEIGHT AND WEIGHT MEASUREMENTS

We have 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 11th 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 Friday 12th April. 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:

- Baby Yoga and Baby Massage sessions
- Soft Play sessions
- 'Chatterbox' and 'Let's Discover Story and Rhyme' – both fun play sessions for 0-5s using songs, stories and other creative opportunities to encourage communication and imagination.
- Family advice and support drop in sessions

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 £226.

Thank you also to those who purchased the Christmas cards which pupils from all classes had hand-decorated as part of this year's Enterprise Project. The sales raised £135 for us to donate, through Wensleydale Rotary Club, to Cancer Research.



G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES for your diary



Jan

- Mon 14th Cluster skipping event (am) for Y1/2 pupils (letter already sent home)
Tues 15th Music lessons with Mr Cobb commence for this term
Wed 16th Meeting for parents of Year 6 pupils to discuss statutory tests - Reeth School, 6pm
Fri 18th Whole school assembly led by Year 1 & 2 with Rev. Janet Park
Fri 25th Pupils will have an opportunity in school to browse the book fair and make purchases
Mon 28th Parents' evening at Reeth School, all year groups: 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Wed 30th Parents' afternoon at Reeth School for Nursery and Reception: 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Wed 30th Parents' evening at Reeth School, for Years 1 to 6: 4:00pm – 6:00pm
The book fair will be open during all parents' meeting appointments.

Feb

- Tues 5th Rachel Pinkney, Families Worker for the Methodist Church, delivering assemblies at both schools
Fri 8th Y3/4 cluster dance event (am) at West Burton Village Hall (details will be sent home)
Mon 11th Height and Weight measurements for pupils in Reception and Year 6
Fri 22nd School closes for half-term

Mar

- Mon 4th School re-opens
Tues 5th Swimming lessons start for 6 weeks for all Year 1 and 2 pupils (letters will be sent home)
Wed 6th Ash Wednesday Service with Rev Janet at Gunnerside Methodist Chapel for KS2 and all Gunnerside enrolled pupils, 9:30am.
Thur 7th World Book Day
Fri 8th Y5/6 cluster hockey event (am) at The Wensleydale School (details will be sent home)
Fri 8th Swimming lessons start for 6 weeks for most KS2 pupils (letters will be sent home)
Thurs 14th Rachel Pinkney, Families Worker for the Methodist Church, delivering assemblies at both schools.

Apr

- Thurs 11th Easter Service at Gunnerside Methodist Church – 2pm – parents and extended family members are welcome to join us.
Fri 12th School closes for Easter

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

Reminder - dates for 2018/19 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 13 th , 14 th , 15 th and 16 th May 2019
Year 2	KS1 tests	May 2019
Year 1 / 2	Phonics test	Pupils will be tested between 10 th and 14 th June 2019

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 28th and Wednesday 30th January 2019

Please complete and **return to school by Monday 21st January**. Your appointment will be confirmed to you via your child's purple home-school book by Thursday 24th January.

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 28 th Jan	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
	Wed 30 th Jan	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	Mon 28 th Jan	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
	Weds 30 th Jan	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 Southward	Mon 28 th Jan	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
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		2 nd Choice 4.00 – 4.30 4.30 – 5.00 5.00 – 5.30 5.30 – 6.00

Signature of Parent _____

Date _____