

Reeth Community and Gunnerside Methodist Primary Schools



“COMMUNIQUE”
10th January 2020 No 1. Spring Term

WELCOME BACK & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope that you have had an enjoyable and restful holiday. The children have made a great start to the new term, showing commitment to their school work and setting themselves targets for the year ahead as part of this week's assembly theme on resolutions. The spring term is really important for pupils academically and is a chance to build on the foundations set in the autumn term; please encourage your child(ren) to really go for it! 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.

GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

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

Bronze

Monty Rowland-Hill
Coleby Teague
Rowan Wilkinson
Sophie Rukin
Daniel Calvert
Leo Atkinson-Iesini
Ellie-May Teague
Amber Williams
Thomas Wilkinson
Rhys Price

Silver

Matthew Lea
Faith Ackroyd

Gold

Poppy Atkinson
William Bowe
Ryan Reynoldson
Jake Frankland
Oswyn Lewis
Tyler Doughty-Coates



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Knowledge of times tables is really important for success in maths. Instant recall of these facts makes tricky calculations easier and also benefits children's understanding of other aspects of the maths curriculum, such as fractions.

By the end of Year 2 pupils are expected to know the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. In Year 3 this extends to include the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. By the end of Year 4, pupils need to know all times tables up to 12 x 12.

Today we have introduced a new computer based approach to learning times tables. Pupils in Year 2 to Year 6 now have a login to Times Tables Rock Stars. The details are on the back of your child's purple home school book. When they log in, they will have the opportunity to choose a rock star name and can then proceed to practise their tables. They can work on the times tables that they are studying at the moment or answer questions on any times table up to 12 x 12.

We hope that your child enjoys learning in this way and that it is helpful in developing their instant recall of the number facts. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school.

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:

Wednesday 29th January

1.30pm until 3.30pm for Nursery and Reception.

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

Thursday 30th January

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

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

BOOK FAIR

There will be a Scholastic book fair at Reeth School arriving on Friday 24th 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 30th 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. 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 <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>.

The book fair will be open to parents and family/friends on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 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).

NYCC CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICE, RICHMONDSHIRE

The Spring Term programme from the Children and Families Service is now available and runs until Friday 3rd April. A copy is available via the useful links page of our school website: <http://www.reethandgunnerside.org.uk/useful-links/> and is well worth a look.

The programme has a wide range of really great opportunities which include:

- 'Chatterbox', 'Story and Rhyme' and 'Play Together' – all fun play sessions for 0-5s using songs, stories and other creative opportunities to encourage communication and imagination.
- Baby Yoga and Baby Massage sessions
- Soft Play sessions
- Youthability – a social opportunity to meet new friends, learn new things and have fun, for young people over 7 years with special educational needs and disabilities
- Monthly drop in speech and language sessions
- Family advice and support

CHARITABLE DONATIONS



Thank you to all those who joined us and who gave donations to the Children's Society at our Christingle event. We raised £260.

HALF-TERM CHILDRENS' CRAFT WORKSHOPS AT THE STATION, RICHMOND

In partnership with 'The Creation Station', The Station in Richmond is holding a couple of events in February half-term which may be of interest.

Slime workshops – Wed 19th February and Craft workshops – Thurs 20th February.

Both workshops have 2 morning sessions and 2 afternoon sessions available each day.

Cost for each workshop is £7.00 per child.

Tickets available from the shop or go to: www.thestation.co.uk or call: 01748 828263 for more details.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES for your diary



Jan

Tues 14th Music lessons with Mr Cobb commence for this term
Fri 17th Rev Melanie Reed delivering whole-school assembly with KS1
Fri 24th Pupils will have an opportunity in school to browse the book fair and make purchases
Tues 28th Richmondshire regional netball finals event for Year 5/6 team, Richmond School Sports Hall (letter will be sent home)
Wed 29th Parents' afternoon at Reeth School for Nursery and Reception: 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Wed 29th Parents' evening at Reeth School for Years 1 to 6: 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Thur 30th Parents' evening at Reeth School, for Nursery through to Year 6: 4.00pm to 6.00pm
The book fair will be open during all parents' meeting appointments.

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

Feb

Tues 4th Richmondshire open event – Key steps gymnastics for Years 1/2 at Le Cateau Primary School, (details will be sent home)
Fri 7th Wensleydale cluster dance event (am) for Year 3/4s at West Burton Village Hall (details will be sent home)
Mon 10th Wensleydale Cluster Skipping Festival for Year 1/2s at Catterick Leisure Centre (details will be sent home)
Fri 14th School closes for half-term
Mon 24th School re-opens

Tues 25th Swimming lessons start for 6 weeks for all Year 1 and 2 pupils (letters will be sent home)
 Wed 26th Ash Wednesday Service with Rev Melanie Reed at Gunnerside Methodist Chapel for KS2 and all Gunnerside enrolled pupils, 9.15am.
 Fri 28th Swimming lessons start for 6 weeks for most KS2 pupils (letters will be sent home)

Mar

Mon 2nd Friends of School meeting at Reeth School, 2.00pm. Everyone welcome.
 Thur 5th World Book Day
 Fri 6th Wensleydale cluster hockey event (am) for Year 5/6s at The Wensleydale School (details will be sent home)
 Fri 27th Wensleydale cluster tennis event (am) for KS2 pupils at The Wensleydale School (details will be sent home)

Apr

Thurs 2nd Easter Service at Gunnerside Methodist Church – 2.00pm – parents and extended family members are welcome to join us.
 Fri 3rd School closes for Easter
 Fri 10th Friends of School cake stall on Reeth market
 Mon 20th Staff training day
 Tues 21st School re-opens

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

Reminder - dates for 2019/20 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 11 th , 12 th , 13 th and 14 th May 2020
Year 4	Multiplication Tables check	A 3-week period from Monday 8 th June 2020
Year 2	KS1 tests	May 2020
Year 1 / 2	Phonics test	Pupils will be tested between 8 th and 12 th June 2020

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 – Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th January 2020

Please complete and **return to school by Friday 17th January**. Your appointment will be confirmed to you via your child's purple home-school book by Thursday 23rd 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	Wed 29 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
	Thur 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
Mrs Allison	Wed 29 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
	Thur 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, Mrs Guy, and Miss Dinsdale	Wed 29 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
	Thur 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

Signature of Parent _____

Date _____