

Reeth Community Primary School and Two Dales Nursery Gunnerside Methodist Primary School



“COMMUNIQUE”

9th January 2015 No. 1 Spring Term

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had an enjoyable holiday. The children have made an excellent start to the new term and have returned to school with enthusiasm and commitment to their learning. Well done everyone.

This term we have organised the curriculum in our schools around a central theme of journeys, inspired by explorers including Captain Scott, Captain Cook and Neil Armstrong. Today your child has brought home an overview of learning detailing the projects in their class this term. We hope you find it useful. In many ways life in school is a journey, with pupils making progress, learning and challenging themselves and we hope our 'Going for Goals' PSHCE project will give children a sense of this.

As detailed below, we have scheduled parent meetings at the beginning of February. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Gordon Stainsby

CHRISTMAS and CHRISTINGLE

Thank you to everyone who gave donations for the Christingle Service. Together with Arkengarthdale school £146.40 was raised for the Children's Society.

Thank you also to everyone who supported our Christmas Performances and the raffles which the Friends of the School organised; Friends were delighted with the proceeds which will be used to help fund additional activities/resources.

OUR GOLDEN RULES

On our first day back we discussed our 'Golden Rules' that, together with our behaviour reward scheme, form part of our updated school behaviour policy. The pupils made a great contribution to our review of expectations here at school. Our Golden Rules are:

- ✓ Be polite, friendly and considerate to others.
- ✓ Be sensible and hardworking in class. Try your best and let others get on also.
- ✓ Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
- ✓ Take increasing responsibility for your own behaviour.
- ✓ Look after the school buildings and equipment and be respectful of other people's property.

SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS

We are able to offer a range of clubs this term, either during the school day at lunchtime or after school. If you would like your child to join in with after school activities with Mrs Postlethwaite, please complete the attached slip and return to school early next week. All sessions start week beginning Monday 12th January.

Key Stage 1

Playtime games with Mrs Postlethwaite – Tuesdays, 12:30 – 13:00

Ball games with Mrs Postlethwaite – Tuesdays, 15:15 – 16:15

Art/Craft with Mrs Levell – 12:30 – 13:00 (Various days)

Key Stage 2

Playtime games with Mrs Postlethwaite – Thursdays, 12:30 – 13:00

Netball & Basketball with Mrs Postlethwaite – Thursdays, 15:15 – 16:15

Table Tennis with Mrs Bastow – Wednesdays, 12:30 – 13:00

Mathletics with Mr Stainsby – Monday to Thursday 12:30 – 13:00

Ukulele group with Mr Stainsby and Mrs Allison – Fridays 12:30 – 13:00

In addition to the above, our library sessions, run kindly by our parent and grandparent volunteers continue each week at lunchtimes – Mondays and Wednesdays at Reeth and Tuesdays at Gunnerside.

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

There will be a book fair, provided by Travelling Books, at Reeth School, arriving on Thursday 29th January. The sales from the fair benefit the school in that a % of the sales value is given back to 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. The main school children will have an opportunity to browse the books during the school day on Friday 30th January.

The book fair will be open to parents and family/friends on Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th February during the parent evenings/afternoon as detailed below.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

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

Monday 2nd February

4pm until 6pm for Reception/KS1 and KS2

Wednesday 4th February

1pm until 3pm for Nursery and Reception/KS1, and

4pm until 6pm for KS2

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

END OF SCHOOL COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

A reminder that it is important for us to know exactly what the end of school collection/transport arrangements are for your children. If arrangements at the end of the day are going to regularly differ from those you informed us about last term, please complete the reply slip included at the end of this communiqué to let us know the arrangements you would like us to follow. Wherever possible, please let us know by 3pm each day if you need us follow different collection/end of school arrangements.

Thank you for helping us to keep your child safe!

PE KIT

Please remember that children need a PE hoodie (or warm top) and a pair of jogging bottoms in their PE kit in addition to the other items:

- ✓ Black PE shorts
- ✓ Uniform PE T-shirt
- ✓ Plimsolls and trainers



Full PE kit is required in school at all times. Long hair tied (boys and girls) must be tied back so that they can see clearly and avoid accidents, so ensure they have hair bobbles in their kit bag too.

MILK AT MORNING BREAK TIME

In line with the Jan 2015 revised Food Standards for Schools, we would like to confirm that milk is available as a choice drink to all pupils at morning play time. From Jan 2015 there will be no charge for milk for pupils under 5 years of age, including Nursery pupils, or pupils (KS1 or KS2) entitled to a free school meal based on economic circumstances. The daily cost of milk for all other children remains as 25p, payable to the kitchen staff at break time. Please feel free to contact the school office should you have any queries about this.

PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS

Mr Cobb will be teaching guitar and woodwind again on Wednesdays this term – 11.30 until 1.15 at Gunnerside. Lessons start next week, Wednesday 14th January.

ABSENCES DURING TERM TIME

Other than for medical/sickness reasons should you require your child to be absent from school during the term time, contact needs to be made with us regarding the circumstances at least 7 days in advance of any required absence. Under the latest attendance regulations headteachers no longer have the discretion to grant leave of absence (eg. for family holidays) during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. Full guidance about this, and application forms to make a request for leave are available on our school web-site www.reethandgunnerside.org.uk, or can be obtained from the school office.

SCHOOL SWIMMING

Later this term our younger children will be attending swimming lessons again 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 Christine or Juliet know if you would like to help. We have six sessions and need two volunteers per session for the dates of: Feb 6th, 13th, 27th and Mar 6th, 13th and 20th.

DATES for your diary

January

Wed 14th

Fri 16th

Tues 20th

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Fri 23rd

Music lessons at Gunnerside start with Mr Cobb

Whole School assembly with David Levell at Reeth

KS1 Assembly with Rev Janet Park at Reeth

KS2 Assembly with Rev Janet Park at Gunnerside

Year 5 Haka/STOMP workshop at West Burton Village Hall, letter already sent home



Thurs 29th Travelling Book Fair arrives at Reeth School. Books available until 6pm Wednesday 4th Feb.

February

Mon 2nd

Wed 4th

Parents' evening for main school children - Reeth School, 4pm until 6pm

Parents' afternoon for KS1 children - Reeth School, 1pm until 3pm

Parents' afternoon for Nursery children - in Nursery, 1pm until 3pm

Parents' evening for KS2 children - Reeth School, 4pm until 6pm

Fri 6th

6 week block of swimming lessons starts for Y1 and Y2 children and some KS2 children. A separate letter will be sent home to relevant children.

Fri 13th

School closes for half-term

Mon 23rd

School re-opens

Wed 25th

Ash Wednesday Service in Gunnerside Chapel – Gunnerside children, 9am

Whole School assembly at Reeth, 9am

Morning inter-site transport will run at a slightly later time.

Children who usually register initially at Reeth school each day are welcome to attend with parents.

March

Fri 27th

World book day will be celebrated in early March – further details to follow

School closes for Easter holidays

April

Mon 13th

Staff Training Day

Tues 14th

School re-opens

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. Thanks for your support.



PARENT REPLY SLIPS

REPLY SLIP for regular end of school day collection arrangements (if different from the Autumn term)

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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PARENT REPLY SLIP Sports Club at Reeth School – First half spring term 2015

FS/KS1 Ball games with Mrs Postlethwaite – Tuesdays, 15:15 – 16:15, Reeth

Name of child(ren) _____

Please state who will be collecting your child:

Parent's name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

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PARENT REPLY SLIP Sports Club at Gunnerside School – First half spring term 2015

KS2 Netball /Basketball with Mrs Postlethwaite – Thursdays, 15:15 – 16:15, Gunnerside

Name of child(ren) _____

Please state who will be collecting your child:

Parent's name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

PARENT REPLY SLIP Parent Consultation Meetings (main school children)

Please complete and **return to school by Monday 19th January**. Thank you.

If you have a Nursery child there is no need to return this slip for Mrs Stainsby – we will display a list of available appointment slots in Nursery for you. Where parents have children in the main school as well as Nursery staff will liaise and tie in appointment times.

Name of child(ren) _____

I would like to make an appointment as follows: –

(please circle your preferred appointment times for each teacher)

Name of teacher	Date/Day <i>(all at Reeth site)</i>	Appointment time preferences				
<i>Mrs Walker</i>	<i>Mon 2nd Feb</i>	<i>1st Choice</i>	<i>4.00 – 4.30</i>	<i>4.30 – 5.00</i>	<i>5.00 – 5.30</i>	<i>5.30 – 6.00</i>
		<i>2nd Choice</i>	<i>4.00 – 4.30</i>	<i>4.30 – 5.00</i>	<i>5.00 – 5.30</i>	<i>5.30 – 6.00</i>
	<i>Wed 4th Feb</i>	<i>1st Choice</i>	<i>1.00 – 1.30</i>	<i>1.30 – 2.00</i>	<i>2.00 – 2.30</i>	<i>2.30 – 3.00</i>
		<i>2nd Choice</i>	<i>1.00 – 1.30</i>	<i>1.30 – 2.00</i>	<i>2.00 – 2.30</i>	<i>2.30 – 3.00</i>
<i>Mr Stainsby and Mrs Bastow</i>	<i>Mon 2nd Feb</i>	<i>1st Choice</i>	<i>4.00 – 4.30</i>	<i>4.30 – 5.00</i>	<i>5.00 – 5.30</i>	<i>5.30 – 6.00</i>
		<i>2nd Choice</i>	<i>4.00 – 4.30</i>	<i>4.30 – 5.00</i>	<i>5.00 – 5.30</i>	<i>5.30 – 6.00</i>
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Signature of Parent _____

Date _____