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

"COMMUNIQUÉ"

8th January 2016 No 1 Spring Term

WELCOME BACK & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope that you have had an enjoyable holiday and that the new year has begun well for you and your family. 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 a number of pupils who achieved good behaviour certificates before Christmas. Emily Meffen achieved her Bronze Certificate and Thomas Bainbridge, Macie Muir, Amelia Alderson and Alfred Atkin achieved Silver. Freddie Lundberg, Ruby Hird, Livi Ross and Georgia Price received their Gold Certificates. Well done!

EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR SCHOOL

We aim to keep our learning environment as streamlined as possible, with a minimum of clutter, to enable pupils to focus and make best use of time. We provide all stationery equipment and request that pupils do not bring their own pencil cases. A pencil case with some simple stationery items (pencil, ruler, rubber) is useful to keep at home for homework tasks. Thank you.

Please remember that pupils need their full PE kit in school every day.
This needs to include a PE hoodie (or warm top) and a pair of jogging bottoms in addition to:

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

KS1 ADVENTURE AT MARRICK PRIORY

Our infant pupils enjoyed three brilliant sessions at Marrick Priory at the end of the autumn term. They completed a range of activities and challenges including the low ropes course and orienteering. On their final session they used their new found skills to locate pieces of a jigsaw that together formed a map. Working on Grinton Moor, pupils used the new map to find Christmas decorations that were used to decorate a Christmas tree in the smelt mill for the owl that lives there! It was a challenging day weather-wise, yet pupils coped admirably and had a great time. Well done to all involved. For photos of the day please visit our school blog.

CHRISTINGLE

What a lovely way to start the celebration of Christmas with the tradition of candles and Christingles in such a beautiful setting! Thank you to all those who joined us and who gave donations to the Children's Society through our Christingle event. Together with Arkengarthdale School we raised £177.88.

THANK YOU

Visitors to Reeth School this week will have noticed that the school gate has been redesigned and repaired. Special thanks to Dave Atkinson for making such a great job of this.

BABY POSTLETHWAITE!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Postlethwaite on the birth of their baby daughter, Lucy, just before Christmas. We wish them well.

SCHOOL SPORT

This week Mr Windwood, who provided tennis coaching for Early Years and KS1 last summer, has taken over from Mrs Postlethwaite. He is working in school on Tuesdays and Fridays, providing both lunchtime and after school sport sessions as well as specialist teaching of PE on these afternoons.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS

Along with pupils enjoying sports in the school hall, the Elmer room at Reeth has been buzzing with enjoyment and learning each day after school this week with pupils engaging in German, Cooking, Art, and Mathletics. The sessions have been very successful for both pupils and staff and we hope that your children have shared their positive experiences at home with you.

YR R and YR 6 HEIGHT AND WEIGHT MEASUREMENTS

A reminder that with the exception of those who have opted out of the scheme, all Reception and Year 6 children will have their height and weight measured in school on Wednesday 20th January by representatives from the NHS Foundation Trust.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

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

Monday 1st February
4pm until 6pm for Reception/KS1 and KS2
Tuesday 2nd February
1.15pm until 3.15pm for Nursery and Reception/KS1, and
4pm until 6pm for KS2

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 28th 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. Pupils will have an opportunity to browse the fair and buy books during the school day on Friday 29th January.

The book fair will be open to parents and family/friends on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd February during the parent evenings/afternoon as detailed above.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL – BAGS 2 SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who collected for our Bags 2 School in November, the Friends of School have received a cheque for £92.00.

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 Mrs Hird or Mrs Bearpark know if you would like to help. We have six sessions and need two volunteers per session for the dates of: Feb 5th, 12th, 26th and Mar 4th, 11th and 18th.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES for your diary

Jan

Mon 11th	Pupil assemblies at both schools with Rev. Janet Park
Wed 13th	Music lessons start with Mr Cobb
Wed 20th	Yr R & Yr 6 Height and weight measurements (am)

Feb

Mon 1st	Parents evening at Reeth School, all year groups: 4.00 pm - 6.00pm
Tues 2nd	Parents afternoon at Reeth School, Nursery, Yr R, Y1 and Yr 2: 1.15pm – 3.15pm
Tues 2nd	Parents evening at Reeth School, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6: 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Travelling Book fair available to view at all parents evenings/afternoon

Fri 5th	Swimming lessons start for 6 weeks; separate letter to follow
Tues 9th	Provisional date for Yr 5/6 hockey at Leyburn CP School
Wed 10th	Ash Wednesday service at Gunnerside Chapel, 9.30am, with Rev. Janet Park. All KS2 and Gunnerside enrolled pupils will attend. Parents and extended family members are welcome to join us.
Thurs 11th	Degree students from Cumbria University working with KS2 pupils
Fri 12th	School closes for half-term
Mon 22nd	School re-opens
Tues 23rd	Provisional date for KS1 Multi-skills at Bainbridge Primary School

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Tues 8th	Provisional date for Yr 5/6 High 5 Netball at Askrigg School
Fri 18th	Easter assembly at Reeth Methodist Chapel (am). More details nearer the time. Parents and extended family members are welcome to join us.
Tues 22nd	Provisional date for Whole School gymnastics at The Wensleydale School
Thur 24th	School closes for Easter holidays

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Mon 11th	Staff training day – school closed
Tues 12th	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. Thank you for your support.

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PARENT REPLY SLIP Parent Consultation Meetings

Please complete and **return to school by Monday 18th 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 Reception or above 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** (all at Reeth site)	**Appointment time preferences**			
Mrs Walker	Mon 1st Feb	1st Choice			
		4.00 – 4.30	4.30 – 5.00	5.00 – 5.30	5.30 – 6.00
		2nd Choice			
		4.00 – 4.30	4.30 – 5.00	5.00 – 5.30	5.30 – 6.00
	Tues 2nd Feb	1st Choice			
		1.15 – 1.45	1.45 – 2.15	2.15 – 2.45	2.45 – 3.15
		2nd Choice			
		1.15 – 1.45	1.45 – 2.15	2.15 – 2.45	2.45 – 3.15
Mr Stainsby, Mrs Bastow and Miss Dinsdale	Mon 1st Feb	1st Choice			
		4.00 – 4.30	4.30 – 5.00	5.00 – 5.30	5.30 – 6.00
		2nd Choice			
		4.00 – 4.30	4.30 – 5.00	5.00 – 5.30	5.30 – 6.00
	Tues 2nd Feb	1st Choice			
		4.00 – 4.30	4.30 – 5.00	5.00 – 5.30	5.30 – 6.00
		2nd Choice			
		4.00 – 4.30	4.30 – 5.00	5.00 – 5.30	5.30 – 6.00

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____