



WELCOME BACK

We hope you have all had an enjoyable Easter holiday. Here at school we are looking forward to an action packed summer term, with a good combination of academic challenge, enjoyable learning projects and special events. Today you will receive a welcome letter from your child’s class teacher detailing the planned learning experiences that we hope you find useful. If you have any questions about your child’s learning, please do not hesitate to contact school.

GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to Hazel Tranter who received her silver good behaviour certificate and to Harry Busby and Brooke Madgwick who received their gold good behaviour certificates before the Easter break. Well done!



CHURCH SCHOOL INSPECTION

Before the Easter break, Gunnerside School was inspected as a church school. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the school’s distinctiveness and effectiveness as a Methodist primary school. We all really enjoyed the visit as a chance to share what we do. Pupils at both schools were very articulate, explaining our approach to school life, our values and opportunities for spiritual development. The school was last inspected in 2010 and was graded ‘good’ at the time. Our recent inspection grade is ‘outstanding.’ We are delighted with the outcome that reflects the hard work of the staff team, the input of Reverend Janet and of course the fantastic approach that pupils have to school life. Well done everyone! Please find attached to this week’s newsletter a copy of the inspection report.

FISCHY MUSIC DAY

Before Easter we teamed up with Middleham Primary School for a brilliant day of music. We have been learning a range of songs that focus on personal, social and emotional development that are really fun and easy to learn, with actions and dance too. Pupils responded brilliantly with some great feedback from them at the end of the day:

“Today was amazing. I love Fischy Music.”

“The emotion song inspired me to share my feelings.”

“I really enjoyed learning and performing the Creativity song. It was fun making up our own dances.”

WEATHER STATION

We are really pleased with our new weather station, installed at Gunnerside School just before Easter. The unit records a huge amount of data that is then transferred directly to the internet, enabling the information to be viewed on any computer. We are looking forward to using the data to support learning in geography, science and maths. There is a link to our weather page on the school website. A note of thanks goes to mylocalweather.org.uk for hosting our data. Data from other weather stations can also be viewed at mylocalweather.org.uk, giving us a great sense of ‘real-time’ weather across the dales. We would like to thank the Friends of the Schools for a very generous donation towards the cost of the station; thank you all for your support.

SUN PROTECTION



The summer term will hopefully bring some good weather and we are keen for the children to enjoy the outdoors as often as possible. We do of course need to be mindful of sunburn and associated risks to health. Please send your child with a hat and apply sunscreen before coming to school during the summer term. As the weather is sometimes rather unpredictable, you may wish to send in a suitable sunscreen (clearly labelled with your child’s name) to apply during the day either themselves, if they are able to do so, or by an adult if they are a younger pupil. Please complete the reply slip with regard to these arrangements.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

Fri 15th KS2 Cross Country at Askrigg School
Fri 22nd Assembly with Rev. David Levell
Tues 26th Y4 Orienteering at Leyburn Shawl, details to follow
Fri 29th After-school mountain biking club starts for Y5/6s who have signed up



May

Mon 2nd School closed for May Day
Tues 3rd School re-opens
9th -13th SATs week
Mon 16th Pupil assemblies at both schools with Rev. Janet Park
Fri 27th School closes for Half term

June

Mon 6th School re-opens

Further dates will be added as the term progresses.

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.



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SUN SCREEN PROTECTION FOR MY CHILD

Name of child _____

I confirm that I have read the information about sunscreen application for the summer term.

I will provide sunscreen clearly named in my child's school bag for use if the weather changes unexpectedly and give permission for school employees to apply this if necessary.

Signed..... (parent or carer)