



**GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES**

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

**Bronze**

George Reynoldson  
Monty Rowland-Hill  
Ellie Dixon

**Silver**

Alex Shepherd  
Amber Williams  
Thomas Wilkinson  
Rhys Price

**Gold**

Violet Livingstone-Owen  
Harry Pybus  
Harry Busby  
Alice Botting  
Milly Gale  
Mathilda Townend  
Amber Williams  
Eva Tweddle



**OFSTED INSPECTION OF GUNNERSIDE SCHOOL**

Gunnerside Methodist Primary School was inspected before the half term break. We are very pleased with the outcome confirming that the school continues to be good.

The inspector recognised the strengths of the school. The warm, welcoming atmosphere and pupils' excellent attitudes and behaviours in both lessons and informal time were observed, along with pupils' strong work ethic and high levels of independence and cooperation. Our positive culture, determination for excellence and ambition for all pupils were recognised. The inspector identified improvements in the quality of teaching, learning and assessment that are accelerating the rates of progress of current pupils across the school and the strength of our varied curriculum was also noted.

The effective, positive and enabling relationships between all members of the school community are a great asset that will sustain us as we continue our journey. The inspector found that, 'Pupils are delightfully proud of their school;' let's join them as we celebrate our shared success.

Please find enclosed with this newsletter a copy of the letter received from the inspector. Although the inspection focused on our work with pupils on roll at Gunnerside School, time was spent at both schools. As we work very closely, we have included a copy of the letter for families of pupils on roll at Reeth too.

**WORLD BOOK DAY**

The date of National World Book Day is Thursday 1st March. Here at school we are celebrating books and reading with a number of activities:

- A World Book Day Token has been sent home with each pupil today.
- With this newsletter, each child has a 'Reach for the stars reading challenge'. This gives children ideas to enjoy reading at home in many different ways. Please encourage your child to take part in the challenge, tick off all the stars, then sign their completed sheet and return it to their class teacher by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March to receive a reward.
- An additional activity for pupils to do at home is a 'design a bookmark' competition; pupils have been given a template sheet and designs are to be returned to school by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.
- To promote a lifelong enjoyment of reading, staff will be sharing their favourite stories with pupils during school assemblies next week.
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

All pupils are invited to wear pyjamas in school on this day and bring their favourite bedtime book suitable for sharing with pupils in different key stages. During the morning pupils will spend time together in mixed aged groups, enjoying the books they have brought in. There will be hot chocolate and biscuits provided too!

Pupils who are swimming in the afternoon need to bring uniform items to change into at the lunchtime break.

**TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR**

Thank you for supporting our book fair that was held on our parents' evenings in January. Sales totalled almost £232, earning us around £50 to spend on books for the libraries.

## EASTERTINGLE – RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 PUPILS

We are looking forward to sharing our Eastertingle service with you on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The service will be held in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel. Parents and extended family members are welcome to join us at 2.00pm.

Parents will be able to take their children home directly from Gunnerside Chapel at the end of the service. Please complete and return the reply slip attached to this newsletter to let us know your arrangements. Usual end of day collection/transport times will apply to children not going home directly from Gunnerside Chapel with parents.

## FREE FAMILY SWIMMING

It's great to see that quite a number of our families have already enjoyed using their 'family swimming cards', accessing free family swimming sessions at Richmond or Catterick Pools. With the continued use of our Sport Premium Grant we have been able to extend the scheme up the end of the 2018 summer holidays.

*G. Stainsby*

Gordon Stainsby  
Headteacher

## DATES for your diary

### Feb

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Lent service with Rev Janet at Gunnerside Methodist Chapel for KS2 and Gunnerside enrolled pupils

### Mar

Thur 1<sup>st</sup> National World Book Day  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Activities in school to celebrate World Book Day  
Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Skip2bfit workshop – KS1 in the morning, KS2 in the afternoon (at Reeth)  
Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Richmondshire Open Cross Country – Richmond School – separate letter has been sent home  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Cluster sports Yr 5/6 Hockey at The Wensleydale School (am) – letter will be sent home  
Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Art workshop 1 of 2 for Y5/6 with visiting artist from Chrysalis Arts  
Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Art workshop 2 of 2 for Y5/6 with visiting artist from Chrysalis Arts  
w/c 26<sup>th</sup> March No music lessons this week  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Eastertingle with Rev Janet in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel, 2.00pm.  
Parents and extended family members are welcome to join us.  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Last swimming lesson this term  
Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> School closes for Easter holidays



### Apr

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Staff training day  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> School re-opens

## Reminder - dates for 2017/18 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 14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Year 2	KS1 tests	May 2018
Year 1 / 2	Phonics test	Pupils will be tested between 11 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2018

**DON'T FORGET!**.....you can support our school (through Friends of the School) by shopping on-line via:

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/reethandgunnerside](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/reethandgunnerside) and/or using the internet search engine of [www.reethandgunnerside.easysearch.org.uk](http://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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**Reeth and Gunnerside Schools – Reply Slip**

*Please return to school by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, thank you.*

**Eastertingle (Years R to 6) – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**End of day arrangements required:**

Name of child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

- \* My child(ren) will travel home with me from Gunnerside Chapel after the Eastertingle.
- \* My child(ren) will travel back from Gunnerside Chapel with \* \_\_\_\_\_ (other named person if not parent).
- \* My child(ren) will require transport (arranged by the school) back to Reeth School for 3.40pm.

Signature of Parent/Carer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(\*please complete/delete as appropriate)