

# Reeth Community and Gunnerside Methodist Primary Schools



## “COMMUNIQUE”

14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 No 2. Spring Term

### GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

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

#### Bronze

Ellie Dixon  
Olivia Lea  
Arlo Johnson  
Luke Williams  
Alexa Stoddart  
Harper Asher  
Daniel Pearson  
Keane Patrick  
James Dawes

Dexter Nathan-Thomas  
Lenny Haigh  
Josh Coates  
Emily Meffen  
Hazel Tranter  
Daisy Richardson  
Annabelle Hird  
Jamie Meffen  
William Bowe

Charlie Tranter  
Thomas Bainbridge  
Poppy Atkinson  
Barney Walton  
Sophia Guy  
Morgan Price  
Ben Guy  
Barney Lewis



#### Silver

Harry Pybus  
Kane Longden  
Fern Stainsby  
Jessica Rukin  
Sophie Tarran  
Sidney Livingstone-Owen  
Coleby Teague  
Amelia Alderson  
Monty Rowland-Hill  
Ellie-May Teague  
Amber Williams  
Barney Walton  
Arlo Johnson



#### Gold

Eva Tweddle  
Mathilda Townend  
Amelia Atkinson  
Jessica Dawes  
Matthew Lea  
Brooke Longden  
Fern Stainsby  
Ellie-May Teague  
Monty Rowland-Hill  
Amber Williams



### READING & WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book Day, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020, celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To encourage pupils on their reading journey, every child receives a £1 World Book Day Book Token that can either be exchanged for one of ten special £1 World Book Day books or used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. The tokens are being sent home with this newsletter. You can find out more about the books at <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>. Alternatively, The Old Temperance Bookshop in Reeth has a selection of Christian books which the tokens can be exchanged for.

Here at school on World Book Day we are celebrating books and reading by inviting all pupils to come in dressed as a character from their favourite book. During the day pupils will have the opportunity to share their book, talk about the story and write a book review to be displayed in school. We also have plans for a group of pupils to visit local libraries, reporting back to the rest of the school on this valuable resource.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Still on the subject of books and reading, thank you for supporting our book fair that was held at our parents' evenings in January. This year, the book fair was again offered to us on a 100% reward basis, and through the purchases made by families our school libraries received £300 worth of books.

### MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY 2020

Please note that this year the early May bank holiday will move from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. School will close on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May for the bank holiday weekend and will re-open on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

## NETBALL

5 pupils from KS2 – George, Kiran, Ruby, Milly and Annabelle – played so well in an autumn term cluster netball event that they qualified for the next level of competition, the Level 2 Richmondshire Area Final. For this second round, they were joined by Alex and Alice, who made a great contribution to the team. They didn't win but did play very well and were a credit to the school.



## KEY STEPS GYMNASTICS

10 children from KS1 had a fantastic time at the Key Steps Gymnastics competition last week.

"I liked watching other children because we got ideas from them."

"I liked doing the teddy bear roll and the front support."

"It was very fun because I did lots of jumps."

"It was good fun taking part and it made me feel good to be part of a team."



## SKIPPING

KS1 children enjoyed the cluster skipping event at Catterick Leisure Centre this week. It was a fun event which encouraged the children to keep going and always try their best.



## HEALTHY CHILD TEAM – RECEPTION EYESIGHT TESTS

Eyesight tests for reception aged pupils were completed in January by the Healthy Child Team. If you have not heard from them by now, please assume that your child has passed the assessment.

It is recommended that your child has annual eye checks. Please register them at your local optician and arrange for a review in 12 months' time. Eye checks are free of charge up to the age of 16 years.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Some pupils have mislaid their school sweatshirts. Please check the name in your child's uniform to ensure that it belongs to them. Many thanks.

## MEDICAL AND TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOUR CHILD



A sheet for personal information that we currently hold in school for your child has been sent home to you today. **Please check the information, make any necessary amendments on the form, and then sign and return it to us after half-term.** Latest best practice advises that schools hold a minimum of two contact telephone numbers per family. Please note that it is your responsibility to inform these contacts that you are sharing their information with us. We have recently changed over to a new management information system for pupil information and this system requires us to record 'Permission to take home' against each contact. Unless we have been informed otherwise by yourselves, we have currently set 'Permission to take home' for all contacts to 'Yes'. Please edit the form if you would like us to change the permissions for any of your contacts.

*Please remember to update school during the school year if there are any changes to your child's medical details or contact information so that we always have the correct information if we need to contact you in an emergency.*

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are pleased to continue to offer a range of after school activity clubs next half term. Pupils are welcome to sign up for as many of these as they wish. With the exception of gymnastics, which starts on the first week back and finishes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, all sessions start on the second week back and run through to the end of the term. A 4:30pm finish time applies to all sessions.

Please use the attached reply slip to let us know which clubs your child would like to attend. Clubs for the second half of the spring term will be:

Day	School	Year Groups	Club
Monday	Gunnerside	Years 3 to 6	Board Games with Mrs Guy
Tuesday	Reeth	Years 2 to 6	Homework, Times Tables Rock Stars and Mathletics with Mrs Walker
Friday	Reeth	Years 3 to 6	Gymnastics with Mr Windwood
	Reeth	Years 1 to 6	German with Mrs Seymour

With best wishes for an enjoyable half term break.

*G. Stainsby*

Gordon Stainsby  
Headteacher

## DATES for your diary

### Feb

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> School closes for half-term  
 Mon 24<sup>th</sup> School re-opens  
 Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Swimming lessons start for 6 weeks for all Year 1 and 2 pupils  
 Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday Service with Rev Melanie Reed at Gunnerside Methodist Chapel for KS2 and all Gunnerside enrolled pupils, 9.15am.  
 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Swimming lessons start for 6 weeks for KS2 pupils working towards National Curriculum standards



### Mar

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Friends of School meeting at Reeth School, 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.  
 Thur 5<sup>th</sup> World Book Day and a celebration of books and reading in school  
 Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Diversity Day for Y6s – a day shared with other Y6 pupils in the Wensleydale cluster of schools (details will be sent home)

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Wensleydale cluster hockey event (am) for Year 5/6s at The Wensleydale School (details will be sent home)

**Apr**

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Service at Gunnerside Methodist Church – 2.00pm – parents and extended family members are welcome to join us.  
 Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> School closes for Easter  
 Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Friends of School cake stall on Reeth market  
 Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Staff training day  
 Tues 21<sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Year 4	Multiplication Tables check	A 3-week period from Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
Year 2	KS1 tests	May 2020
Year 1 / 2	Phonics test	Pupils will be tested between 8 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> 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](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**

**PARENT REPLY SLIP**

**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS – SPRING TERM 2020**

Please return this slip to school by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

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

I would like my child to take part in the following after school clubs during the first half of the spring term (please circle):

Day	School	Year Groups	Club	Collection arrangements
Monday	Gunnerside	Years 3 to 6	Board Games	
Tuesday	Reeth	Years 2 to 6	Homework	
Friday	Reeth	Years 3 to 6	Gymnastics	
	Reeth	Years 1 to 6	German	

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_