



“COMMUNIQUE”

5th July 2017 No 2. Summer Term

GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

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

Bronze

Harry Busby
Ruby Hird
Edith Livingstone-Owen
Charlie Tranter
Harry Allen
Mathilda Townend

Silver

Harriet Rowland-Hill
Sidney Haigh
Ossy Lewis
Barney Lewis

Gold

Alex Shepherd
Jessica Dawes
Brooke Madgwick
Conrad Andrew
Jennifer Howarth
Isabel Bainbridge



STAFFING FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

In recent weeks we have completed a very successful recruitment process, shaping our staff team for the year ahead.

In the Early Years class, Mrs Walker will teach lessons on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday morning and Thursday each week. Mrs Stainsby will take the class on Wednesday afternoon and Friday each week. Mr Reed has been appointed as the teaching assistant working in this class.

Miss Fawcett will teach KS1 pupils, supported by Mrs Atkinson, Miss Bell, Mrs Botting and Mrs Tranter.

KS2 pupils will continue to be taught by literacy and numeracy specialists each morning. Mrs Bastow will deliver literacy for Y5/6 pupils before morning break, and for Y3/4 pupils after break. Miss Dinsdale and I will teach numeracy for Y3/4 pupils before morning break and Y5/6 pupils after break.

Mrs Bastow will teach Y3/4 pupils each afternoon, apart from Wednesdays when Mrs Allison will take over, teaching RE and Music.

Miss Dinsdale, Mr Sharp and Mrs Allison will teach Y5/6 pupils in the afternoon. Miss Dinsdale will teach PE, ICT, Art, Design Technology and French. Mr Sharp will teach Science, Geography and History. Mrs Allison will teach RE and Music.

We feel that this offers a very strong staff team, with continuity of teaching and learning matched with specialist teaching where appropriate, and increasingly as pupils move through KS2 in preparation for secondary education. If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact school.

STEPPING-UP DAYS and TRANSITION MEETINGS

We are keen to ensure that transition arrangements, which enable pupils to prepare for the next year of their schooling, are as effective as possible. This year we have arranged two days, Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th July. Some of our current Year 6 pupils are undertaking their transition activities at secondary school on these days, and pupils in our other year groups will step-up to the class that they will be in next (school) year.

Current Nursery aged pupils moving into Reception in September will spend the two days in the EYFS class at Reeth and will join older pupils for the daily assembly after lunch. **Parents of these pupils are invited to Reeth School on Tuesday 11th July at 2:30pm for refreshments, followed by a meeting to discuss transition to school.** Information packs for parents of Reception starters will be given out at this meeting.

Current Reception pupils will spend both days in the Y1/2 class at Reeth.

Pupils who will be in Years 3 to 6 will be based at Gunnerside. Mr Windwood will deliver a PE lesson on the Tuesday afternoon, so all pupils will need their PE kit at Gunnerside. **Parents of pupils who will be in Year 3 in September are invited to Gunnerside School at 12.45pm on Tuesday 11th July** to see pupils enjoying the end of their lunchtime session, meet with Mr Stainsby to discuss transition into Key Stage 2 and join pupils for part of their PE lesson.

WEDNESDAY 12th and THURSDAY 13th JULY

While our Y3/4 pupils are away at East Barnby all other pupils will be taught at Reeth School. Link transport will run as it does on Fridays when we are all at Reeth.

Please note that KS2 after-school sports club will not be running on Wednesday 12th July.

CLASS PHOTOS

Class photos will be taken before the end term. A separate flyer showing proof-style images and providing details of how to order photos will be sent home shortly after that.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Ruth Charlton from the library service is visiting both school sites on Monday 17th July to talk about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Pupils aged 5 to 11 can participate in the scheme at any of the local libraries - Richmond, Leyburn, Hawes, Catterick or Colburn, and also through the community library facility at Hudson House in Reeth. Children who have taken part in previous years have enjoyed completing the challenge and have had their certificates presented to them in a school assembly. Further information is available via: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk.



LEAVERS' CONCERT



Our leavers' concert this year is Roald Dahl's, "Jack and the Beanstalk". It is being held at **6pm on Tuesday 18th July**, in Reeth Memorial Hall. All our KS2 pupils are involved in the performance. Pupils need to arrive at the hall by 5.50pm, already in costume. We expect the concert to last approximately 1 hour. As usual, the concert performance is open to everyone – family, friends and the wider community. We hope you can join us.

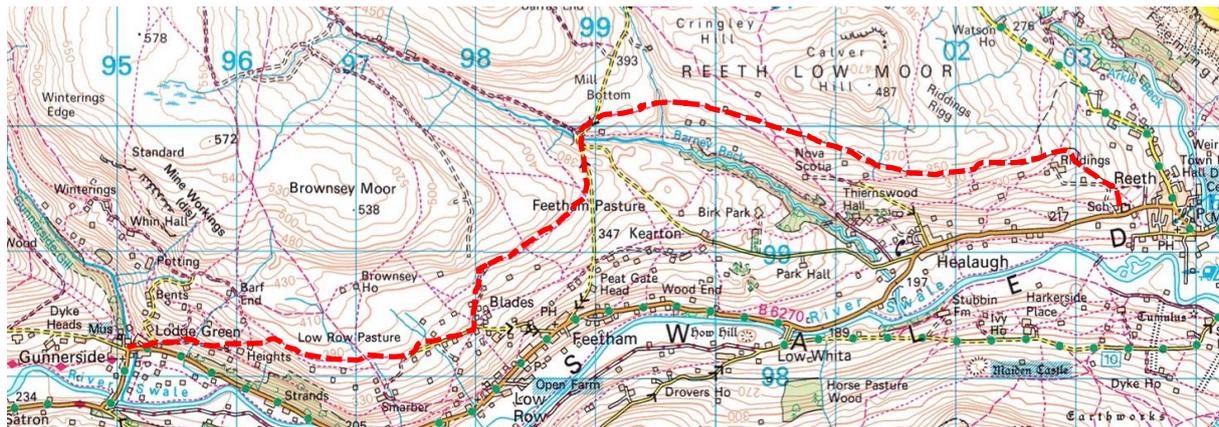
Friends will be serving refreshments at the event and will also be raffling a food hamper. Donations of items for the hamper will be gratefully received – please send items into school by Friday 14th July.

LEAVERS' CELEBRATION – 21st JULY

Our final whole school assembly of the year will celebrate all that our Year 6s have contributed to our school and wish them every success as they move up to secondary school. Parents and family of our leavers, along with parents of younger pupils who would like to join us in saying goodbye to the Year 6s are most welcome to join us. The assembly will take place at 9.30am, in Reeth School Hall, on Friday 21st July 2017.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL FUNDRAISER RELAY – 30th SEPTEMBER 2017

We have planned a relay event for September and thought it may be a good idea to let you know before the summer holiday so that you can begin to make plans. The event will start in Gunnerside at 2pm and will follow the route of the Swaledale Marathon to Reeth.



After the holiday, pupils will be able to sign up to complete a section of the route. Operating as teams, they will compete to transport batons as quickly as possible to Reeth. Sections of different lengths will be available, so that pupils of different ages can join in. Pupils must be accompanied by an adult, responsible for their safety. At the end of the event, all participants will be invited to the finish at Reeth School for soup, bread rolls and prize giving. We hope that it will be an exciting and fun event for everyone involved that will also raise money, through sponsorship, for the Friends of School. If you have any questions or would like to know a bit more, please contact school. To assist with event planning, please **register your interest before the holiday using the reply form**. We hope you can join us.

PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL MEALS

We are pleased to continue to offer dinners for the next academic year at the current price of £2.10 per meal (£10.50 per week) for Key Stage 2 pupils, and £1.60 per meal for nursery aged pupils. Meals for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to be provided free, under the national universal infant free school meal initiative. Our electronic payment system, ParentPay, is our preferred method of payment. Pupils moving up to Year 3 will receive a ParentPay login and instructions for setting up their account before the end of this term. It is North Yorkshire County Council policy that payments for dinner should be made by parents in advance of meals being taken – your cooperation in ensuring we comply with this guidance is much appreciated. Please note that the ParentPay system does not issue automatic reminders to parents to top up their account. Please contact Mrs Hird if you have any queries.

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 to assist you when making your own plans for the year ahead.

Year group	Test	Dates/Details
Year 6	KS2 tests	Test dates are 14 th , 15 th , 16 th and 17 th May 2018
Year 2	KS1 tests	May 2018
Year 1 / 2	Phonics test	Pupils will be tested between 11 th and 15 th June 2018

LUNCHTIME LIBRARY SESSIONS

If you are interested in helping us with our lunchtime library sessions next year and have not yet let us know, then please do get in touch with us before the end of term. We very much value the support from our parent volunteers.



SCHOOL CLUBS

Details of the school clubs that we will be running in the autumn term will be sent to you prior to the end of this term. All clubs will start week commencing 11th September, the second week we are back in school.

SWIMMING LESSONS



In the coming school year we will again be swimming for 6 weeks in the first half of the autumn term, and then for 6 weeks in the second half of the spring term 2018. The lessons will work towards pupils in Year 1 and above achieving a swimming distance of 25 metres, along with acquiring other safety and water skills. We expect to have a group of about 30 pupils swimming in the autumn term and letters to these pupils will be sent home when we return after the summer break. Lessons will start on Friday 15th September 2017. Pupils will receive approximately 45 minutes of tuition in the pool. We will once again be using Richmond Swimming Pool for the lessons.

MUKER AND REETH SHOW ENTRIES

The school is pleased to be sending in entries from the children for our local shows again this year. Work has been entered in the handwriting and collage classes for both shows. **Please do not take any exhibits entered through school away from Reeth Show as all work is needed later that week for Muker Show!** We have arranged for the work to be collected and taken to Muker. Work from both shows will be returned to your child via school in September.

END OF SUMMER TERM FINISH TIME

Both schools will close at 2.30pm on Friday 21st July, the last day of term. Home-school transport will depart from both sites at this earlier time. We ask that parents who collect children note this earlier collection time for pupils of all classes, including those travelling down from Gunnerside.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES for your diary



July

Fri 7 th	Science day based at Gunnerside for all Year 1 to Year 6 pupils
Fri 7 th	Pupil reports home to parents
Fri 7 th (revised)	Friends of School walk, 5.30pm
Mon 10 th and Tues 11 th	Reeth and Gunnerside 'Stepping-up' days. KS2 pupils based in their September 17 classes, with year 2 pupils joining them at Gunnerside.
Mon 10 th and Tues 11 th	EYFS taster sessions for nursery aged September starters, with Reception pupils spending time in the KS1 class.
Wed 12 th	Year 3/4s depart for 3 day residential visit to East Barnby
Wed 12 th	KS2 after-school sports club not running
Wed 12 th and Thur 13 th	All classes will be based at Reeth School on both days
Thur 13 th	Year 5/6 visit to Killhope Mining Museum, Weardale (see separate letter)
Fri 14 th (revised)	EYFS (Reception and Nursery) Sports Afternoon – 1.30pm – Reeth School Field. We invite parents to come along and join in with helping pupils enjoy the afternoon.
Fri 14 th	KS2 Cluster Sports, The Wensleydale School, 1-3pm
Fri 14 th	Last mountain biking session this term
Mon 17 th	Leavers' Service and Lord Wharton recitals, Gunnerside Methodist Chapel, 9.30am. All KS2 pupils. Parents and family are welcome to join us.
Tues 18 th	Afternoon rehearsal in Reeth Memorial Hall for KS2 evening performance. The Year 1/2 class will walk to and from the Hall watch the rehearsal.
Tues 18 th	Rec/KS1 after-school sports club not running
Tues 18 th	Leavers' performance in Reeth Memorial hall, 6pm
Wed 19 th	KS1 and Reception educational visit to Saltburn (details to follow)
Fri 21 st	Leavers' Celebration with Quaker quests, in Reeth School hall at 9.30am, followed by tea and cake for parents of leavers.
Fri 21 st	School closes for summer holidays, 2.30pm

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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REPLY SLIP FOR FRIENDS OF SCHOOL FUNDRAISER RELAY

Please return to school by Thursday 20th July, thank you.

Pupil name(s) _____

Would like to express an interest in taking part in the Friends of School Relay Fundraiser on Saturday 30th September.

Signature of parent _____

Date _____