

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



“COMMUNIQUE”

9th October 2014 No 2 Autumn Term

Dear Parents,

It's been a busy start to the year here at school. A few weeks ago nursery pupils enjoyed a great morning session at Bowes museum learning about toys from Victorian Britain, and last week the Year 5 and 6 pupils spent the week at East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre. The class responded brilliantly to the challenges, working together well to solve problems and support each other. This week the children have reviewed their experience, and comments from the pupils include:

“The best part of the week was the cycling because I got to learn something I didn't know I could do.”

“I loved seeing the steam train go by while we were canoeing down the River Esk to Whitby harbour.”

“When we went canoeing I was a bit scared at first but when I found out what it was like I was fine.”

It really was a super week, blessed with great weather. If you would like to find out more, the November edition of the Reeth Gazette has a review of the week, written by Amelia in Year 5, detailing all of the activities. Well done and thank you Amelia.

We are all looking forward to the harvest services next week. They will be held on Wednesday 15th October: 11.00am in Gunnarside Chapel for children based at Gunnarside on Wednesdays and 1.15pm in Reeth School Hall for our Nursery children and main school children based at Reeth site on Wednesdays. We extend a warm welcome to all parents, extended family and friends; we hope you will join us.



The Friends of the Nursery will be selling Harvest produce in the Elmer room from 12.30pm until 2pm. Do pop in and see what they have on offer.

Gordon Stainsby

YEAR 6s – APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

A reminder to all parents of current Year 6 children that letters about applying for a place at secondary school in September 2015 were sent home at the end of the Summer Term and I know that many of you have recently attended open evenings with your children. Applications must be completed on-line no later than 31st October 2014. It is really important that this deadline is met as any applications received after that date will be treated as late applications, which will only be dealt with after all the 'on-time' applications have been allocated. This can affect the school allocated, even if the first preference school would be the child's 'usual, in area' school. Should you have any queries, please contact the North Yorkshire Admissions Team on: 0845 034 9420

A CHRISTMAS RETIREMENT

Mrs Helen Strong, who has been a valued part of our schools for many years, teaching firstly at Gunnarside School and then at Reeth School as part of the Federation, will be retiring at Christmas from her lifetime career in teaching. I am sure that many of you will want to join with us in saying goodbye to her and wishing her an extremely enjoyable retirement; we will arrange for there to be an opportunity for this later in the term.



RISING 4 Year Olds – APPLICATIONS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

The application process for parents of children due to start school in September 2015 is now open, and applications need to be made on line by 15th January 2015. A letter with full details has been sent home to all our Nursery children. If you know of anyone else in our community who has a child due to start school next September please do ask them to get in touch with us, or visit <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/23539/School-admissions>. We welcome visits from prospective parents; please contact the school office, on 884308, if you would like to make an appointment. We will also be holding an open afternoon after school in November, when parents will be invited to visit with their children to view the classroom used to teach our Reeth and Gunnarside Reception children and to talk to our teaching staff. Further details will be sent to you nearer the time.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW COOK



We have welcomed Mrs Nadine Stubbs this week as our new cook at Reeth School site. Nadine has previous experience of working in kitchens at educational establishments. We wish her the very best in her new role and am sure that she will enjoy working with our children.

UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS

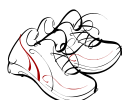
By way of clarification, if you have a child currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, from September 2014 they have been entitled to receive a school meal at no cost to the parent. It is lovely to see all of our children taking up this offer. Unfortunately this Government offer does not include Nursery children but they are able to request a school cooked lunch on Tuesdays at a cost of £1.60 per meal.

LIBRARY SESSIONS

Thank you to everyone who has been able to offer help run library sessions at the two sites, it is fantastic that we have so much support from our parents and extended family members. We are currently finalising the last few details and library sessions will start again in the week commencing Monday 20th October. Our volunteer librarians will be running sessions each week on Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes at Reeth School, and on Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes at Gunnerside School.



PE KIT



If your child takes their PE kit home for any reason, please ensure that they bring it back to school with them the following day. We do have a few spares in school, but not enough to kit out a whole class!

PANTOMIME – FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER

We have booked to take all main school children to the Georgian Theatre to see one of the pantomime matinees of “Puss in Boots” on Friday 12th December. Further details will be sent home soon. We will be asking for a voluntary contribution per child and offering parents the opportunity to pay in instalments.



DATES for your diary

Oct

Fri 10th

Whole school assembly with Rev David Levell

Wed 15th

Harvest Assemblies with Rev Janet Park, Gunnerside Chapel, 11am, Reeth School Hall, 1.15pm. Parents welcome. Nursery children invited with their parents.

Harvest Lunch at both sites – Already pre-booked

Wed 15th

Apple activities in the Nursery from 11am, Nursery parents invited

Wed 15th

Friends of Two Dales Nursery selling harvest produce in Elmer room

Tues 21st

Parents’ Evenings 4pm to 6pm – KS1 at Reeth site and KS2 at Gunnerside site.

Wed 22nd

Parents’ Afternoon for Nursery children, 1.15 - 3.15pm.

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Wed 22nd

Parents’ Evening – KS2 at Gunnerside site. 4pm to 6pm.

Full details about all parents’ evenings/afternoons have been sent home in a separate letter

Fri 24th

KS2 Outdoor Sessions start at Marrick Priory for 4 weeks. Details to follow

Fri 24th

School closes for Half-term

Nov

Mon 3rd

School re-opens

Fri 28th

Whole School swim at Richmond Leisure Pool – afternoon.

Dec

Mon 8th

Christmas presentation at Gunnerside Chapel, for Gunnerside enrolled children with Rev Janet Park

Fri 12th

Pantomime trip to Georgian Theatre, to see “Puss in Boots”. All main school children, separate letter to follow

Fri 19th

School closes for Christmas holidays.



More dates and details of events will be sent to you 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. Thank you for your support.

