

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



“COMMUNIQUE”

13th February 2015 No.2 Spring Term

Dear Parents,

GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

As you know we introduced a new behaviour reward scheme in the autumn term. The children have responded really well and have appreciated recognition for their manners, kindness, approach to learning, respect for others and willingness to help around school. Today we have awarded the first bronze certificates to Macie Muir, Joe Tranter, Reuben Livingstone Owen, Matthew Brown, Livi Ross, Sadie Russell and Taryn Hodgson. Congratulations!



SCHOOL BLOG

Over the last few months we have been updating our school website and have introduced a school blog. There is a range of material to view, including photos and short films; we hope that you enjoy browsing through it and that it provides an insight into the life of our schools.

MATHS TARGET SHEETS

All pupils from Reception to Year 6 have received a new set of maths targets, recorded in the home school logbooks. A tick next to a target indicates that your child is secure with an objective, while a step symbol indicates an area for further work. We will be working on the targets at school and will provide regular opportunities for the children to complete an assessment and ‘sign off’ a target. We would really appreciate your help at home too; a few minutes practice each day can make a massive difference. If you have any questions about the targets, please contact school.

MATHLETICS

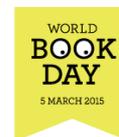
In school we are using a web-based learning platform called Mathletics. Pupils can log in to complete maths based activities to consolidate and extend their learning in class. There is also a facility to enable pupils to compete against other pupils around the world and homework can be set by your child’s classteacher. Login details are in the home school logbooks, providing access on a computer or a tablet. To use Mathletics on a tablet the Mathletics app will need to be downloaded. There is a link to the Mathletics site on our school website.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

School staff supervise the playgrounds at both sites from 8.45am prior to the start of the school day. Please note that there is no supervision before this time. If you do arrive early, please wait with your child. Arrangements for nursery pupils are different to other classes; pupils attending nursery should arrive at 9:00am and go directly to the nursery to meet a member of staff there. Thank you.

WORLD BOOK DAY

National World Book Day is on Thursday 4th March. Class activities linked to this event will be held on Thursday 4th March for our Nursery children and on Friday 5th March for our main school children, with activities in the main school being shared across the year groups. World Book day vouchers are being given out to the main school children on Friday 27th February.



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

As the spring term is quite short this year, arrangements for after school clubs continue after the half term break until the Easter holiday. There is no need to complete an additional reply form. Please advise the school office if your child will not be attending a session with Mrs Postlethwaite.

FRIDAYS IN THE SUMMER TERM

As a school federation we are always keen to utilise our facilities to best advantage. On some of the Fridays in the summer term infant and junior classes will be taught at Gunnerside School where we will be able to enjoy lessons and activities that this site is ideal for. We will provide more information about our ‘Gunnerside Fridays’ next half term, including the dates that we will be based there.

MEETING FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

There will be a meeting for parents of pupils in Year 6 to discuss the statutory tests that take place in May. The meeting will be at Reeth School on Wednesday 25th February at 4pm.

MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT VACANCY at Reeth School - CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for someone who enjoys being with children to help with lunchtimes at Reeth School. The role involves helping to serve the lunch and then supervising the children both during lunch and then outside during the lunchtime play. It can be a very rewarding role. If you are able to help, please do contact school for more information and an application form. Likewise, if you know of anyone who might be interested, please do let them know and ask them to get in touch.



G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

Fri 13th School closes for half-term
Mon 23rd School re-opens
Wed 25th Ash Wednesday Service in Gunnerside Chapel – Gunnerside enrolled children, 9am.
Whole School assembly at Reeth, 9am.
Children who usually register initially at Reeth school each day are welcome to attend the Ash Wednesday service with parents. Please can you let us know in advance of the date if you will be attending with your child.
Morning inter-site transport will run at a slightly later time from both schools.
Wed 25th Year 6 Parent Meeting – statutory tests – 4pm at Reeth School
Thur 26th Y5/6 Cluster football tournament at Reeth MUGA with other primary schools after school – joint Reeth/Gunnerside/Arkengarthdale team – separate details have been sent home today.



March

Thurs 5th / Fri 6th World book day celebrations in school
Fri 13th Red Nose Day
Wed 25th Eastertingle with Rev Janet. Gunnerside Chapel 11.00am; Reeth School Hall, 2.00pm.
Parents are invited to join us for this event, and there will be opportunity for parents to join us for an Easter Lunch at either school site at 12 noon. Details about the lunch will be sent home after the half-term break – please return your reply about the lunch no later than Friday 6th March if you would like to join us.
Fri 20th Last session of school swimming lessons
Fri 27th School closes for Easter holidays

Block of six rugby sessions for KS2 children running with Mr McBride, part funded by the Rugby Football Union, Friday 30th January through to Friday 13th March.

Advance dates for Summer Term 2015

April

Mon 13th Staff Training Day
Tues 14th School re-opens

May

Mon 4th School closed May Day
11th -15th SATs week for Y6 children

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.

