



GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to Harry Hammond, Emily Meffen and Harry Teale who have received silver good behaviour certificates and Theo Webster, Macie Muir, Amelia Alderson, Oscar Kendall, Nicholas Howarth and Matthew Brown who have been awarded with gold certificates. Summer Jones has received her second bronze certificate today and is our first pupil to begin collecting her second set of awards. Well done everyone!



MATHLETICS

Macie Muir has received her gold Mathletics certificate today. Macie said, “I’ve been working towards this for over nine weeks and feel really pleased. It has helped me to learn and it was good fun too.”

END OF KEY STAGE ASSESSMENTS

Pupils in Year 2 and 6 have taken part in statutory tests this week. Everyone has tried really hard, working carefully and applying all they have learned. The results will be available in July and will be included in end of year reports. Well done to everyone involved.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL MEETING

Our Friends extend a warm welcome to all parents, including those of our nursery aged cohort, to join them at their next meeting on **Tuesday 17th May, 7.30pm at The Punch Bowl, Low Row.**

The Friends contribute to many extras for the children, which the school budget cannot always stretch to, including play equipment items for both indoors and outdoors, school trips, workshops to enhance curriculum themes, role play and specialist furniture items, and much more. They also help with providing refreshments at our school events.

The group has achieved a huge amount over the years and are hoping to recruit some new members to ensure that this is sustained. A number of parents have pupils in the older classes and it would be great to welcome some new parents of younger pupils.

Parents unable to make it to meetings but who would like to help out occasionally with school events and fundraisers are invited to register their interest either with the Friends’ Secretary, Ros Brown on 01748 886356 / e-mail gebrownson@fs2.com, or through the school office.

The Friends also have a Facebook page which parents can use to keep up to date with news and events. One way in which everyone can help raise funds for the Friends, without it involving any extra time or money, is by using Easyfundraising and Easysearch when shopping on line. Full details are listed at the end of this newsletter.

EARLY YEARS DEVELOPMENT

As a school we are keen to evaluate, progress and develop provision to meet the needs of learners and offer the highest standard of education. Examples of such progress in recent years include classroom renovations, investment in computing equipment and separate classes for lower and upper Key Stage 2 pupils. Our next project will involve creating two full time classrooms, one for Early Years pupils (nursery and reception) and the other for Key Stage 1 pupils (Year 1 and 2). In the second half of the summer we have scheduled a building development that will significantly increase the teaching and learning space in one of our classrooms, extend the outdoor learning environment and increase storage facilities. Benefits will include reduced age range within classes, flexibility for parents accessing 15 hours of nursery education and the option for these parents to secure additional hours. We will also be ready to implement 30 hours of nursery education for working families in 2017. We are really excited about the project and all that it will offer and look forward to September when the new facilities will open.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

The first few weeks of our new Key Stage 2 mountain biking club have been a real success. We have used Sport Premium Funding to purchase a fleet of bikes, enabling us to offer sessions as part of our programme of after school sport. Having honed our skills on the school field, we headed out for our first journey in Gunnerside Gill last week. We have lots more adventures planned and will update the school blog with photos.



PARENT VIEW

As mentioned above, we always seek to evaluate our work and welcome feedback from parents. At the end of the school year there will be an opportunity, as usual, to reflect on the year and provide feedback through our questionnaire to parents. In the meantime, we would like to draw your attention to Parent View, which is part of the Ofsted website. It enables parents to share what they think about their child's school. The survey can be completed at any time and it would be really helpful to have some up to date feedback on the site. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN AID

In assembly today, Year 5 and 6 pupils shared their plans to sell cakes at Reeth Market next week (Friday 20th May) to raise money for Christian Aid. Pupils told powerful stories of the impact of the charity and shared recipes with younger pupils at break time. If you would like to bake anything at home for us to include on the stall this would be very much appreciated. Please send items into school on the Friday morning, or drop them off at the Christian Aid stall. Additionally, if anyone is able to help Miss Dinsdale accompany pupils to and from Reeth Market on the day and help with them at the stall, please let the school office know by Wednesday 18th May. Thank you for your support.

RE-USE and RECYCLE – BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION



Friends of the school have organised another collection of clothes, bags and shoes for recycling on **Thursday 26th May, 9am from both school sites**. Collection bags have been sent home and more are available from school should you need them. This is an ideal opportunity for a good clear out; please do tell family, friends and neighbours. Filled bags can be left at either school either the day before or on the morning of the collection date.

GUNNERSIDE FRIDAYS

Our 'Gunnerside Fridays', when all pupils will be based at Gunnerside School for the day, enjoying lessons and activities that the site is ideal for, have been arranged for the following dates:

Friday 17th June

Friday 24th June

Friday 1st July

Whole School Walk

Cultural Day

Sports Day

Additionally, due to the temporary re-organisation of classroom space at Reeth School due to the building works, our Key Stage 2 pupils will be taught at Gunnerside on all the other Fridays throughout the second half of the summer term, starting from Friday 10th June.

Thank you for your support.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



May

Mon 16 th	Pupil assemblies at both schools with Rev. Janet Park
Tues 17 th	Friends of School meeting, Punch Bowl, Low Row - 7.30pm, everyone welcome.
Fri 20 th	Cake stall for Christian Aid on Reeth market (am). Year 5/6s helping on the stall.
Mon 23 rd	Yr 3/4s visit to Fountains Abbey (letter was sent home this week)
Tues 24 th	Class and leavers' photographs at both sites
Wed 25 th	Bikeability (cycling proficiency) for Y6s with Dean McQue (all day)
Thur 26 th	Bags2School collection at both sites, 9.00am
Fri 27 th	School closes for half-term

June

Mon 7 th	School re-opens
Tues 14 th	KS2 rounders at Askrigg School (tbc)
Fri 17 th	Whole School walk, based from Gunnerside School (details will be sent nearer the time)
Tues 21 st	Yr R Multi-skills sports event at Hawes Primary School (tbc)
Tues 21 st	Science transition session at Richmond School (AM) for all Y6s
Fri 24 th	Whole School cultural day at Gunnerside School (details will be sent nearer the time)
Fri 24 th	Whole school assembly led by KS2 with Rev Janet
Fri 30 th	Hand in date for leavers' Sinclair Essays

July

Fri 1 st	Whole School Sports Day at Gunnerside School (details will be sent nearer the time)
Tues 5 th and Weds 6 th	'Meet the tutor group' evenings at Richmond School for Y6 children/parents – separate letter will be sent home nearer the time and will detail which evening it will be for your child
Thur 7 th	Nursery pupil reports home to parents
Fri 8 th	Rec to Y6 pupil reports home to parents
Fri 8 th	KS2 cluster sports afternoon (tbc)
Tues 12 th	Yr 6 transition activities day at Richmond School for children moving onto there in September
Wed 13 th	Yr 6 Induction day (and evening disco) at Richmond School
Wed 13 th	Yr 6 Induction day at SFX
Wed 13 th	'Stepping up' day at Reeth and Gunnerside (details nearer the time)
Thur 14 th	Dress rehearsal for Leavers' Concert in Reeth Memorial Hall (afternoon) Rec, Y1 and Y2 pupils will watch this rehearsal.
Thur 14 th	Leavers' Concert in Reeth Memorial Hall, 6pm – everyone welcome. This will involve pupils in years 3, 4, 5 and 6.
Mon 18 th	Leavers' Service with Rev. Janet Park at Gunnerside Chapel at 9.30am. All KS2 will attend. Gunnerside enrolled Rec, Y1 and Y2 pupils will also attend and travel down to Reeth directly after the service. Parents are welcome to join us at the Chapel.
Thurs 21 st	Leavers' celebration at Low Row Institute – afternoon – more details nearer the time. Parents and extended family welcome.
Fri 22 nd	School closes for Summer holidays.

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.

