



REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY



This morning Key Stage 2 pupils led our Armistice Day service. Having worked with Reverend Janet earlier in the week, they shared artwork, poetry and prayers with the rest of school. Older pupils spoke with confidence and showed great respect, along with younger pupils who listened really carefully. We held two minutes silence together. Afterwards adults and pupils commented on how powerful the service was.

“It reminded me to have respect for what other people have done to help me.”

“It made me feel really grateful for everything that we have today.”

GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to Finn Jones, Lucie Stephenson, Joe Tranter, Tom Grigg, Cody Ackroyd, Harry Busby, Mathilda Townend, Oliver Hird, Amelia Atkinson, Freddie Lundberg, Theo Webster and Jennifer Howarth who have all received their bronze certificates in recent weeks.



Poppy Atkinson and Georgia Price have received their silver certificates. Emily Meffen, Harry Hammond and Harry Teale have each collected 60 good behaviour stamps, earning their gold certificates and a book. Well done to everyone.

SUPPORT WITH SAFEGUARDING IN SCHOOL

We continually review procedures in school to ensure we do all we can to keep pupils safe, and appreciate your support with this.

- Please note that staff are in the playground at Reeth from 8:45pm each day to supervise the children before school.
- Pupils are informed that they should not use the silver coloured door release button at Reeth site. Please help to reinforce this message, with the button used by adults only.
- There is a signing in and out record in each school reception area for pupils arriving at, or departing from, school outside usual start and end of day times. We ask that parents of Early Years pupils call at the main reception/office to complete this record when bringing or collecting pupils at times other than their child's usual session times.

ENTERPRISE PROJECT

Wensleydale Rotary Club has invited us to take part in their entrepreneurial challenge again this year. The project provides each school with a small start up fund and encourages pupils to develop their own ideas to raise money to donate to a nominated charity. The Yorkshire Air Ambulance is the charity which has been chosen this year. Other schools in the Wensleydale area take part in the event and the Rotary Club awards a trophy to the school which they consider had the most enterprising idea. All pupils will be busy in school between now and Christmas bringing this project to life. Items that they produce will be for sale at our Christmas events and at one of the Friday markets in Reeth before Christmas.

PARENTS MEETING FOR HIGH BORRANS RESIDENTIAL VISIT – YEAR 5/6

We are holding a meeting for parents of Year 5 and 6 pupils taking part in the High Borrans residential on Wednesday 30th November at 4:30pm. Pupils attending the residential are very welcome to join us too.

CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER

We are supporting Children in Need as our chosen charity for this term. KS2 pupils have been obtaining sponsors for their involvement in their outdoor learning days which are taking place soon. KS1 pupils will be baking items to sell to other pupils in school on Friday 18th November. Pupils are encouraged to bring a small amount of money, up to £1, to school on this day to support the KS1 baking sales. There will be opportunity for our Early Years pupils to purchase items too.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOLS

£74.00 was raised for Friends through the recent textiles recycling collection. Thank you for supporting this initiative. The next Friends of the School fundraiser is a Christmas Shopping Evening. It is on

Friday 25th November, 6pm until 9pm, at Reeth Memorial Hall. It is set to be a great night with lots of stalls from local businesses, craft stalls, cakes, with mulled wine and mince pies and of course a raffle, with some fantastic prizes this year! To give the fundraiser a head start, we will be sending raffle tickets home next week in book bags. It would be really appreciated if you could sell some tickets for us - but of course it is completely optional. It would be great to see lots of you there on the evening getting in the festive spirit! If anyone is free to help on the evening, please contact Fiona on fionabowe@hotmail.co.uk. Many thanks.

ADVERSE WEATHER PROCEDURES



In preparation for the possibility of adverse weather conditions, we have taken the precaution of ensuring that our procedures have been checked, updated and made available on our website. The key points to be aware of are:

- Our first line of communication about school closure and school transport in adverse weather is our text messaging service and our website, www.reethandgunnerside.org.uk. The website will be updated by 07:45 each day when conditions are poor. If you don't have internet access or a mobile signal for the text-message service, please let us know. Also, do update the office if you have made any changes to your contact numbers.
- If a school needs to close during the day, we will contact you by telephone.

The most important priority of all is your child's safety. We are not always best placed in school to know what weather conditions are like where you live. If you decide that the roads are unsafe please keep your child at home and inform us by telephone.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES



This year's Christmas party for our **Y1 to Y6 pupils** will be held on the afternoon of **Friday 9th December** in Reeth School Hall. There will be a party lunch, and party games. Children are welcome to bring party clothes to change into for the afternoon. Please send them into school in a bag marked clearly with their name.

Pupils in our Early Years' Class will be having their Christmas Party on the morning of **Tuesday 6th December**. Reception pupils can come to school in party clothes on this day, and do not need to bring any uniform items.

Lunch for both parties will be provided by County Caterers – sandwiches, vegetable sticks, crisps, cocktail sausages, sweet buns/biscuits and fruit pieces.

CAROL SERVICE

All KS2 children are leading a Christmas Carol service on Wednesday 7th December in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel at 6.00pm. Parents and pupils of all ages are welcome to join us and enjoy singing in the spirit of Christmas. Song sheets will be provided and refreshments will be available. **Please complete the attached reply slip to confirm arrangements for your KS2 child.**

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Pupils throughout our schools have started working together to prepare their Christmas play, 'Hey Ewe!' Pupils in our Early Years and Key Stage 1 classes will lead the acting and stage appearance, with KS2 pupils singing. All Nursery aged children will be involved in the afternoon performance, alongside Reception, Year 1 and Year pupils, as part of their class arrangements for the day. Additionally, any Nursery aged pupils wishing to come along and join in again with the evening event will be most welcome. **Please complete the attached reply slip to indicate your preferences.**



Please join us at these performances - **Tuesday 13th December, 1.45pm**, and **Wednesday 14th December, 6pm**. Both events will be held in Reeth Memorial Hall.

Most costumes will be provided by school, but a note detailing any additional help needed with costumes will be sent home if required. Parents attending the afternoon performance are invited to take their children home directly from the Memorial Hall at the end of the performance. **Please complete the attached reply slip to let us know the arrangements for your child.**



Friends will be serving refreshments at the performance and there will be a raffle (proceeds to the Friends of the School); donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received – please send prizes to school by Friday 9th December.

COOKING AND ART CLUB

Please note, due to Christmas events, that after school cooking/art club will not be running for any pupils on Wednesday 7th or Wednesday 14th December. If your child does not travel home by school transport please collect them from school at the end of the teaching day – 3.30pm (Reeth enrolled Reception and KS1 pupils) and 3.40pm (KS2 and Gunnerside enrolled pupils). Thank you for your support with these arrangements.

ADDITIONAL PUPIL DATA NEEDED PLEASE

Schools are required to submit data to the Department for Education each term. Two new pupil data items have been requested for this academic year – Country of Birth and Pupil Nationality. **Please complete the attached reply slip to provide us with the information**, which will be added to our pupil database. Please note that this information is required separately for each child. An additional reply slip has been provided for families with more than one child currently enrolled with us.

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Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Nov

- Thurs 10th Year 3 and 4 outdoor learning day in Gunnerside Gill – details sent home but visit postponed – we will arrange a new date soon
- Fri 11th Whole School Assembly led by KS2 pupils, with Rev Janet Park
- Mon 14th Year 5 and 6 walk up Calver Hill - details already sent home
- Fri 18th NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assembly for all Year 1 to Year 6 pupils
- Fri 18th Small items baked by KS1 pupils will be available for pupils to buy in school for Children in Need
- Fri 18th Flu Immunisations for Year 1, 2 and 3 - letters already sent home
- Fri 25th NSCPP 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' follow up workshop for Year 5/6s
- Fri 25th "Richard of Impressions" to take individual photographs at Reeth (am). More details have been sent home today.
- Fri 25th Friends of the School Christmas Shopping Fundraiser, 6pm to 9pm, Reeth Memorial Hall
- Wed 30th High Borrans meeting, Year 5/6 pupils and parents, Reeth School, 4:30pm

Dec

- Thurs 1st Advent assembly in each school with Rev Janet Park for all Rec to Year 6 pupils.
- Mon 5th Morning pantomime trip to the Georgian Theatre for Year 1 and Year 2 pupils, to see "Snow White" and enhance class work on Traditional Tales - more details will be sent home soon.
- Tues 6th Early Years Class Christmas Party – morning
- Wed 7th Afterschool cooking/art club cancelled for all pupils (due to Christmas events)
- Wed 7th Carol Service led by KS2 – Gunnerside Methodist Chapel – 6pm. Everyone welcome.
- Fri 9th Morning rehearsal for Christmas Performance – all pupils, Nursery aged through to Y6, in Reeth Memorial Hall, 9.30am to 11.30am. Nursery aged pupils who don't usually attend on a Friday morning are welcome to join us on this date from 9am until 11.45am to take part in the rehearsal.
- Fri 9th Christmas Party lunch for Years 1 to 6, followed by games and a visit from Santa, at Reeth School.
- Tues 13th Afternoon Christmas Performance - 1.45pm – all pupils (Nursery to Y6) – Reeth Memorial Hall.
- Wed 14th Afterschool cooking/art club cancelled for all pupils (due to Christmas events)
- Wed 14th Evening Christmas Performance - 6pm – all Reception to Y6 pupils - Reeth Memorial Hall. Nursery aged pupils are welcome to join us if they wish.
- Thurs 15th Pupil Christmas Dinner at both sites. Pupils are welcome to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or Christmas coloured top on this day.
- Fri 16th Christingle service at St Andrew's Church, Grinton, 1.30pm.
- Fri 16th School closes for Christmas directly after the Christingle Service.

Jan

- Tues 3rd School re-opens
- Tues 3rd Year 5/6 pupils leave for High Borrans Residential Visit.

REPLY SLIPS – REETH AND GUNNERSIDE SCHOOLS

ALL PUPILS – NURSERY to YEAR 6

Pupil Country of Birth and Nationality Data

Name of child _____

My child’s **Country of Birth** (as stated on their birth certificate or passport) is _____

My child’s **Nationality** (as stated on their passport or EEA identity card is _____

For pupils with multiple nationality (dual nationality) more than one nationality may be recorded; please state any other nationality that you would like us to record _____

Signature of parent _____ Date _____

Please complete the additional reply slip(s) provided if you have more than one child enrolled with us.

Afternoon Christmas Performance – Tuesday 13th Dec, 1.45pm

Name of child(ren) _____

At the end of the afternoon Christmas Performance my child will:

* Go home from Reeth Memorial Hall with _____ (myself / name of other adult)

Signature of parent _____ Date _____

(* please complete/delete as appropriate)

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NURSERY AGED PUPILS (ONLY)

Name of child(ren) _____

Christmas Performance Rehearsal – Friday 9th Dec - morning

For pupils who do not usually attend on a Friday, please confirm:

My child will* / will not* attend from 9.00am until 11.45am to take part in the rehearsal.

Evening Christmas Performance – Wednesday 14th Dec, 6.00pm

I anticipate that my child:

*will / *will not take part in the evening event

Signature of parent _____ Date _____

(* please complete/delete as appropriate)

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KS2 PUPILS (ONLY)

Christmas Carol Service – Wednesday 7th Dec - 6.00pm

Parents of younger pupils are most welcome to attend this event with an adult or family member – there is no need to let us know about attendance in advance of the event.

Name of KS2 child(ren) _____

I confirm that my KS2 child(ren) will be attending the Carol Service Gunnerside Methodist Chapel.

At the end of the Carol Service my child(ren) will:

Go home from Gunnerside chapel with _____ * (myself / name of other adult)

Signature of parent _____ Date _____

(* please complete/delete as appropriate)