



GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

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



Bronze

Alfred Atkin
Brooke Madgwick
Oscar Kendall
Alex Shepherd
Freddie Lundberg
Dexter Nathan-Thomas

Silver

Harry Hammond
Mathilda Townend
Cody Ackroyd
Charlie Tranter
Violet Livingstone-Owen
Milly Gale
Alice Botting
Harry Busby
Eden Frankland
Ruby Hird
Millie Darbyshire
Lucie Stephenson
Sidney Livingstone-Owen
Eva Tweddle

Gold

Maddie Tweddle
Amelia Alderson
Sidney Haigh
Kiran Doughty-Coates
Faith Ackroyd
Ellie-May Teague

OFSTED INSPECTION OF REETH SCHOOL

Reeth Community Primary School was inspected earlier this month. We are delighted with the outcome that confirms that the school continues to be good and is making good progress on its journey to being outstanding in all areas.

The letter celebrates the success of our schools, identifying strength in teaching and learning that ensures pupils excel not only academically but also holistically through the wide range of activities and experiences that we offer. Our work to ensure that the schools are a happy place to learn, with an ethos of care and support, has been recognised, along with pupils' excellent attitudes to learning. They are praised for being polite and extremely well mannered.

The close work of our school community, including governors, the staff team, pupils and parents has been identified. Thank you all and well done for making a much valued contribution to this success. We look forward to our continued work together; please do not hesitate to contact school if there is anything we can do to further support your child's learning.

Please find enclosed with this newsletter a copy of the letter received from the inspector. Although the inspection focused on our work with pupils on roll at Reeth School, time was spent at both schools. As we work very closely, we have included a copy of the letter for families of pupils on roll at Gunnerside too.

FREE FAMILY SWIMMING

We are excited to be launching a new initiative, enabling every family to access free swimming. A 'family swimming card' has been sent home with each pupil today. These cards can be used at both Richmond Swimming Pool and Catterick Swimming Pool. The card entitles families to enjoy free swim sessions during the public swimming times offered by the pools, providing that the child pictured on the family swim card is taking part in the swim session. The cards can be used up to the end of the Easter Break, initially, when we will review the scheme.

We have worked with the swimming pools to make use of the cards as straightforward and as accessible as possible.

- Family members taking children swimming show the school 'family swimming card' for their child(ren) at the reception desk of the pool. Reception staff will ask parents to sign for admission but will not ask for any payment.
- Older and younger siblings (not on roll at our schools) are welcome to be included in the free swim session
- Grandparents (or other family members) are welcome to accompany children in their family using the card, although the number of adults accompanying any pupil is limited at two.

Swimming timetables can be viewed at:

Richmond Pool - <http://www.rltrust.org.uk/centres/richmond/timetablepool.html>

Catterick Pool - <http://catterickleisurecentre.com/swimming/>

Please note that these timetables change periodically. Both pools offer fun sessions at the weekends, and the swim cards can be used in the same way to access these sessions free of charge also.

Our schools, utilising sport premium funding, fund the initiative. All schools receive this grant that has been significantly increased this year. Each school can choose how they spend the money. It must be used to enhance sports provision. For further information on how we use the funding, please visit our website. We would like to thank Richmond and Catterick Pools for working with us to make the scheme possible.

HEALTHY CHOICES PROGRAMME

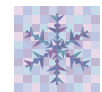
We are sending home with this newsletter an information leaflet about Healthy Choices, a free and confidential programme to support children and young people achieve and maintain a healthy weight. The leader for this area, Joanne Weaver, visited school recently to talk through the course and we were very impressed by the way that she works alongside families in a supportive, fun and engaging way. Please do get in touch with us at school, or directly with one of the team, if it is of interest to you.

POPPY APPEAL

The British Legion have thanked us for raising £95.66 through your donations for the Poppy Appeal items which were available in school. Thank you for your support.

ADVERSE WEATHER PROCEDURES

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



- Our first lines of communication about school closure and school transport in adverse weather are 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. In school we are not always best placed to know what weather conditions are like where you live. If you decide that the roads are unsafe please inform us by telephone.

BAG 2 SCHOOL COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who collected for our Bag 2 School in November. The collection raised £118.00 for the Friends of School.



APPLICATIONS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Letters were sent home last half term to families with children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014, providing information about applying for a primary school place for children to start in Reception in September 2018.

Applications can be made on line via: www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

The deadline for applications to be submitted is 15th January 2018. Please contact the school admissions office on 01609 533679 should you have any queries.

TERM DATES 2018/19

A list of dates for the next academic year, 2018/19, is being sent home to you with this communiqué. A copy will also be available on our website for future reference.

CAROL SERVICE

Following the success of this event last year, all KS2 children are leading a Christmas Carol service on Thursday 14th 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 performance, 'Born in a Barn!' 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 2 pupils, as part of their class arrangements for the day. Nursery aged pupils who do not usually attend Nursery on a Tuesday afternoon are welcome to join us at Nursery at 1pm for us to include them in the performance. 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 19th December, 1.45pm**, and **Wednesday 20th December, 6pm**. Both events will be held in Reeth Memorial Hall.

School will provide most costumes and 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).

CHRISTMAS PARTIES



This year's Christmas party for our **Y1 to Y6 pupils** will be held on the afternoon of **Thursday 21st 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. All pupils will be based at Reeth School for the full day on this date.

Pupils in our Early Years' Class will be having their Christmas party on the morning of **Wednesday 13th December**. Reception pupils can come to school in party clothes on this day, and do not need to bring any uniform items. Pupils who do not usually attend nursery on this day are welcome to join us for the morning and the party lunch, with collection at 1pm. Please let the EYFS staff know if your child would like to do this.

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

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Our annual Christingle Service is being held on **Friday 22nd December at St. Andrew's Church, Grinton, starting at 1.30pm**. This will be a shared event with Arkengarthdale School. Parents, friends and relatives are very welcome to join us for the service. We expect the service to finish by 2pm. **Parents are asked to take their child(ren) home directly after the service and make the most of an early start to the Christmas holiday!** We are hoping that everyone will be able to meet this request, or that you will be able to ask a friend or relative to collect your child for you. Please let us know on the attached reply slip if this is not the case. Transport to the church for pupils will be arranged by the school. Please complete and return the attached reply slip giving permission for child(ren) to attend the service and indicating travel/collection arrangements afterwards.

We would like to ask for a £1 donation per child to cover the cost of making the Christingle oranges. Please send this to school using the reply slip, or feel free to pop into the office. Any remaining funds will be sent as a donation to the Children's Society. Envelopes to collect donations from family or friends for the Children's Society will be sent home with pupils nearer the time. Please return these envelopes to school by Wednesday 20th December. There will also be a collection plate in aid of the Children's Society at the service.

To encourage safety around lit candles, all pupils with long hair should come to school with their hair tied back. Our younger pupils will be using glow sticks in their Christingle oranges. At the end of the service all pupils will return to their seats, for staff to supervise a safe handover from the pews to parents.

Nursery aged pupils

Pupils will make Christingle oranges on the morning of the Christingle service. A pack of items will be provided to pupils who don't attend on Friday mornings so that they can make their Christingle at home. Nursery aged pupils are welcome to join us at the Church along with their accompanying adult(s).

We look forward to seeing you at the events over the next few weeks.

G. Skainsby

Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dec

Fri 1st

Folk Music Group Fourum working with KS2 pupils to celebrate completion of the Year 5/6s 'Lead Mining in Swaledale' book project from Summer 2017.

Tues 5th

Rev Janet leading advent assembly in both schools

Wed 13th

Christmas Party for Early Years Class (morning), with party lunch at 12 noon.

Thur 14th

Last music lesson with Mr Rhodes before Christmas

Thur 14th

Rehearsal for Christmas Performance in Reeth Memorial Hall, 1.15 to 3.15pm

Thur 14th

KS2 Carol Service in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel, 6.00pm.

Tues 19th

Afternoon Christmas Performance in Reeth Memorial Hall – start time tbc

Wed 20th

Christmas Lunch at both schools. Governors invited.

Wed 20th

Christmas Performance in Reeth Memorial Hall, 6.00pm

Thur 21st

Afternoon Christmas Party for Years 1 to 6 – all pupils to be at Reeth site all day

Fri 22nd

Christingle Service at St Andrew's Church, Grinton, 1.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Fri 22nd

School closes for Christmas holiday after the Christingle Service.

Jan 2018

Tues 9th

School re-opens

REPLY SLIPS – REETH AND GUNNERSIDE SCHOOLS

NURSERY AGED PUPILS (ONLY)

Name of child(ren) _____

Christmas Performance Rehearsal – Thursday 14th Dec - afternoon

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

My child will* / will not* attend nursery from 1.00pm until 3.30pm to take part in the rehearsal.

Afternoon Christmas Performance – Tuesday 19th Dec – 1:45pm

For pupils who do not usually attend nursery on a Tuesday afternoon, please confirm:

My child will* / will not* attend nursery from 1.00pm to take part in the performance.

Evening Christmas Performance – Wednesday 20th Dec - 6:00pm

I anticipate that my child:

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

Signature of parent _____
(* please complete/delete as appropriate)

Date _____

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ALL PUPILS - RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 PUPILS and NURSERY

Afternoon Christmas Performance – Tuesday 19th 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)

* Return to Reeth School for usual end of day collection arrangements.

Signature of parent _____
(* please complete/delete as appropriate)

Date _____

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KS2 PUPILS (ONLY)

Christmas Carol Service – Thursday 14th 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 at 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 _____
(* please complete/delete as appropriate)

Date _____

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ALL PUPILS - RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 PUPILS and NURSERY

Christingle Oranges

Name of child(ren) _____

I enclose a donation of £1 per child towards the cost of my child’s Christingle orange.

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ALL RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 PUPILS

Christingle Service – Friday 22nd Dec 1:30pm

Name of child(ren) _____

I give permission for my child(ren) to go to the Christingle Service.

The school is closing for the Christmas break directly after the Christingle Service. We expect the service to finish by 2pm. Please confirm below arrangements for your child after the service.

*** I will be attending Grinton Church and will take my child home directly after the service.**

*** I will not be at Grinton Church but give permission for _____ (name of other adult) to collect my child directly after the service.**

If neither of the above arrangements apply, please let us know below of any difficulties or alternative arrangements that you would like help with.

Signature of parent _____

Date _____