



GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

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



Bronze

Hazel Tranter
Charlie Tranter
Thomas Bainbridge
Rowan Wilkinson
Poppy Atkinson
Jessica Rukin
Fern Stainsby
Thomas Wilkinson

Silver

Violet Livingstone-Owen
Sidney Haigh
Milly Gale
Amelia Atkinson
Cody Ackroyd
Alice Botting
Amelia Alderson
Emily Meffen
Eva Tweddle
Ellie-May Teague
Tyler Doughty-Coates

Gold

Dexter Nathan-Thomas
Coleby Teague
James Dawes
Sophia Guy

BABY WILLOW

Congratulations to Miss Dinsdale and family who are enjoying life with baby Willow, born on 31st October.

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.
- We aim to update the school website by 07:45 each day when conditions are poor. If there is no message on the website, please presume that school is open.
- 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 it is unsafe for your child to travel, please inform us by telephone.
- If you don't have internet access or a mobile signal for the text-message service, please let us know.
- If a school needs to close during the day, we will contact you by telephone.

APPLICATIONS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Letters have recently been sent home to families with children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, providing information about applying for a primary school place for children to start in Reception in September 2019.

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

The deadline for applications to be submitted is 15th January 2019. Please contact the school admissions office on 01609 533679 should you have any queries.

POPPY APPEAL

The British Legion has thanked us for raising £95 through your donations. Thank you for your support.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who supported the 'Silly Socks Day' in aid of Children in Need. We raised £61.50 for the appeal.



FRIENDS OF SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friends would like to thank everyone who supported their Christmas Fair held towards the end of November. The event raised a fantastic £775.

SCHOOL MEALS

The NYCC catering service has always endeavoured to ensure that school meals are nutritionally balanced and meet the government's national school meals standards. The team have been exploring ways to ensure that meals are as healthy as possible. Our cooks have been reducing sugar content in

puddings for some time, finding ways to do this while ensuring that they are still tasty and enjoyable. By January 2019 the sugar content in home-cooked desserts will have been reduced by at least 10%.

Additionally, caterers are encouraging a reduction in the number of days that home-cooked desserts are offered, with fruit and yoghurt being suggested as the only dessert option offered on some days. However, in our schools, we have chosen to continue to offer home-cooked desserts 5 days a week, as we know that many of our children have active lifestyles and we would like to retain a choice for families. The option for yoghurt and fruit will continue to be available as an alternative to the home-cooked dessert each day. Please use the reply slip to let us know your preferences about the choice of dessert for your child(ren).

A copy of the menu for the Spring Term 2019 is being sent home with this newsletter.

CYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

Supported by the Big Lottery Fund, Stage 1 Cycles from Hawes are offering the following cycling tuition sessions:

- Saturdays 12th Jan to 9th Feb 2019 at Richmond School - a block of 5 indoor lessons for £10:
1.15pm to 2.00pm 'Balance and Starters' or
2.15pm to 3.00pm for under 10s improvers
 - Wednesdays in May and June 2019 - a block of 6 sessions for all abilities - £20:
4.15pm until 5.15pm at Richmond School.
- Places are limited – so early booking is advised. The closing date for bookings for these summer term sessions is 8th March 2019.

For more information, or to book, contact Helen Pollard: helen@stage1cycles.co.uk or 01969 666873.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – FIRST HALF OF SPRING TERM

We are pleased to continue to offer a range of after school activity clubs next term. Pupils are welcome to sign up for as many of these as they wish. All sessions will start on the second week back (week commencing 14th January) and will continue until the half-term break. A 4:30pm finish time applies to all sessions.

Please use the reply slip to let us know which clubs your child would like to attend. Clubs for the first half of the spring term will be:

Day	Club	School
Tuesday	Homework club with Mrs Walker for Y1 to 6	Reeth
	Skipping and Boxing with Miss Fawcett for Y1, 2 and 3	Reeth
Thursday	Construction with Mr Reed for Y1 and 2	Reeth
	Lego with Mrs Bastow for Y3 to 6	Gunnerside
Friday	Gymnastics with Mr Windwood for Y1 to 6	Reeth

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Pupils throughout our schools have started working together to prepare their Christmas Nativity performance. 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 have the opportunity to be involved in the performances too.

Please join us at these performances - **Tuesday 18th December, 1.45pm, at Gunnerside Methodist Chapel** and **Wednesday 19th December, 6pm, at Reeth Memorial Hall.**

KS2 pupils need to wear school trousers/skirt and shoes and a festive coloured top or Christmas themed jumper. For Early Years and KS1 pupils, 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 Gunnerside Chapel 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 performances and there will be a raffle (proceeds to the Friends of the School).

ENTERPRISE PROJECT

As in previous years, we are taking part in the Enterprise Project arranged by the Wensleydale Rotary Club. Today, pupils of all ages have been busy making hand-decorated Christmas cards and their finished items will be for sale at our Christmas Performances. This year's nominated charity is Cancer Research.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES



This year's Christmas party for our **Y1 to Y6 pupils** will be held on the afternoon of **Friday 14th 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 **Wednesday 12th 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 also joining us for the morning and the party lunch, with collection at 1pm.

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

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Governors are joining pupils at each site on Wednesday 19th December to enjoy Christmas Dinner with them. All pupils are welcome to dress in a festive coloured top / Christmas themed jumper for the day.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Our annual Christingle Service is being held on **Friday 21st December at St. Andrew's Church, Grinton, starting at 1.30pm**. This will be a joint 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 for pupils in Reception to Year 6. 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 19th 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). Collection for Nursery pupils who usually attend on a Friday can be at either 12 noon or 1pm – please let staff know the arrangements for your child.

We look forward to seeing you at the events over the next few weeks. On behalf of the staff and pupils of Reeth and Gunnerside Schools, best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

Reply slips →

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dec

Mon 11 th	Methodist Church Families Worker, Rachel Pinkney, delivering assemblies at both schools
Wed 12 th	Christmas Party for EYFS pupils – Nursery and Reception
Thurs 13 th	Visit to the Georgian Theatre for R/Y1/Y2 pupils to see Sleeping Beauty Pantomime
Fri 14 th	Rehearsal for Christmas Performance in Reeth Memorial Hall (morning)
Fri 14 th	Christmas Party for Years 1 to 6 (pm)
Mon 17 th	Afternoon rehearsal at Gunnerside Methodist Chapel for R/Y1/Y2 pupils
Tues 18 th	Afternoon Christmas Performance in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel – parents, relatives and friends all are welcome.
Tues 18 th	Last music lesson with Mr Cobb this term
Wed 19 th	Christmas Lunch at both schools. Governors invited. Children are invited to wear Christmas Jumpers on this day.
Wed 19 th	Christmas Performance in Reeth Memorial Hall, 6.00pm – parents, relatives and friends all are welcome.
Fri 21 st	Christingle Service at St Andrew's Church, Grinton, 1.30pm
Fri 21 st	School closes for Christmas holiday

Jan 2019

Tues 8 th	School re-opens
Tues 8 th	Year 5/6 depart for their residential visit to High Borrans

Feb 2019

Fri 22 nd	School closes for half-term
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March 2019

Tues 5 th	Swimming lessons start (block of 6 weeks) for all Y1/2s (letters will be sent)
Fri 8 th	Swimming lessons start (block of 6 weeks) for most KS2 (letters will be sent)

Please remember to complete the reply slips →

REPLY SLIPS – REETH AND GUNNERSIDE SCHOOLS

**ALL RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 PUPILS
(Nursery pupils are taking part but do not need to return this slip)**

Afternoon Christmas Performance – Tuesday 18th Dec - 1:45pm

Name of child(ren) _____

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

- * Go home from Gunnerside Methodist Chapel with _____ (myself / name of other adult)
- * Return to Reeth School for usual end of day collection arrangements.
- * Travel on home-school transport from Gunnerside School

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 21st 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 _____

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ALL PUPILS - RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 and NURSERY - WHO HAVE SCHOOL MEALS

Please let us know your dessert preference for your child(ren)

Name of child(ren) _____

- * I am happy for my child to choose their own dessert each day.
- * I would like my child to be given the yoghurt and fruit option as follows:
 - Everyday
 - Twice a week - every Wednesday and Friday

Signature of parent _____
(* (tick/delete as appropriate)

Date _____

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS – SPRING TERM 2019

Please return this slip to school by Friday 14th December.

Name of child(ren) _____

I would like my child to take part in the following after school clubs during the first half of the spring term (please circle):

Day	Clubs	Collection arrangements
Tuesday	Homework – Y1 to Y6 at Reeth	
	Skipping and Boxing – Y1/2/3 at Reeth	
Thursday	Construction – Y1 and Y2 at Reeth	
	Lego – Y3/4/5/6 at Gunnerside	
Friday	Gymnastics – Y1 to Y6 at Reeth	

Signature of Parent _____

Date _____