



GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations go to a number of pupils who have achieved good behaviour certificates since our return to school after the half-term break:

Bronze

Harry Pybus
Fern Stainsby
Abigail Sunter
Jessica Dawes
Millie Darbyshire

Silver

Tyler Doughty-Coates
Amelia Atkinson

Gold

James Dawes
Ben Guy
Alexa Stoddart
Alex Shepherd
Arlo Johnson
Cody Ackroyd



YORK

KS2 pupils really enjoyed our two-day visit to York earlier this week. For Year 3 and 4, it was the finale to their Viking project. They visited Jorvik, built Viking longships and made Viking bread. Year 5 and 6 pupils visited York Minster as part of their study of the Romans. They ventured beneath the floor of the cathedral to see the remains of the Roman Principia. On their return to school this class will go on to design their own city and, as a starting point for this project, climbed to the top of the Minster to see York beneath them. They also interviewed visitors in the city centre as part of their fieldwork and research. On the second day we visited York Mosque. The Imam welcomed us, explaining his role and the way that the Mosque is used. It was great to see the new building, having seen the plans for the development when we visited four years ago.



‘I saw real history.’

‘I liked making Viking bread.’

‘I enjoyed the whole learning experience.’

‘The youth hostel and the activities were great.’

‘I liked the mosque because it was a bit different.’

‘The view from the top of the Minster was fantastic.’

‘I really benefitted from the chance to be reflective on my own in the Minster.’

‘At first I was a bit nervous about interviewing people, but I grew in confidence and really enjoyed it.’

To view more photos, please visit our school blog.

POPPY APPEAL and REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY

Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal. This morning Key Stage 2 pupils led our Remembrance Service. Having worked with Mrs Pinkney before half term and with staff this week, they explained remembrance to the younger pupils, led singing and shared letters that they had written about life in the war. We were impressed by their insight and respect. We held one minute of silence together, while Key Stage 1 pupils decorated poppies to create a memorial cross.



CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 15th November we are raising money for Children in Need by having a 'Silly Socks Day'. Pupils need to wear school uniform as usual but are invited to bring in a donation (£1 suggested) and wear unusual socks – odd, bright, funny or patterned – whatever appeals! Thank you for your support.



CHRISTMAS DATES

The dates for our Christmas events have been included in the 'Dates for your diary' section at the end of this newsletter.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL FUNDRAISER – PRINTED TEA TOWELS

In collaboration with the Friends of School, we are making a school tea towel for sale in time for Christmas. The design will include our school logo and name and a small self-portrait, along with the first name, of each pupil that would like to be involved. We think they will make a great gift.

The tea towels will cost £5 each, or you can buy two for £9, three for £13.00, four for £17.00 or five for £20. Any additional orders (more than five) will cost £4 each (e.g. six for £24).

Please complete the reply form at the end of the newsletter by Wednesday 13th November.



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 2015 and 31 August 2016, providing information about applying for a primary school place for children to start in Reception in September 2020. Applications can be made on line via:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooladmissions. **The deadline for applications to be submitted is 15th January 2020.** Please contact the school admissions office on 01609 533679 should you have any queries.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Nov

- Thurs 13th Community volunteer librarian visiting KS2 assembly
- Fri 15th Individual Photographs will be taken by Richard of Impressions Photography
- Thurs 28th Rachel Pinkney leading Advent assembly for KS2 pupils
- Thurs 28th Year 1 and 2 'Making Christmas' activity with Rachel Pinkney
- Fri 29th Wensleydale Cluster Sports Skipping Event at Catterick Leisure Centre for Y1/Y2
- Fri 29th Bags2School collection from Reeth site – please drop off any bags before 9am

Dec

- Tues 10th Last music lesson this term with Mr Cobb
- Thurs 12th Morning visit for R, Y1 and Y2 pupils to the Georgian Theatre to see Aladdin pantomime. Details will be sent home nearer the time.
- Thurs 12th 'Flu Vaccinations Years R-6 at both schools (Gunnerside AM and Reeth PM)
- Thurs 12th KS2 Carol Service in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel – 6pm. Parents and extended family members are invited to join us.
- Tues 17th Afternoon rehearsal in Reeth Memorial Hall for Christmas Performance.
- Weds 18th Afternoon Christmas Performance in Reeth Memorial Hall – time tbc. Parents and extended family members are invited to join us.
- Thurs 19th Evening Christmas Performance in Reeth Memorial Hall – 6pm. Parents and extended family members are invited to join us.
- Fri 20th Christingle Service at St. Andrew's Church, 1.30pm Grinton, for all pupils. Arrangements for Nursery pupils will be provided nearer the time. Parents and extended family members are invited to join us.
- Fri 20th School closes for Christmas after the Christingle Service.

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PARENT REPLY SLIP – REETH AND GUNNERSIDE SCHOOLS

PRINTED TEA TOWELS

Name of child(ren) _____

* I am happy for a small self portrait of my child(ren) and their first name(s) to be passed onto the printing company and included in the tea towel design.

* I would like to place an order:

Number of tea towels	Total cost	Please tick to place order
1	£5	
2	£9	
3	£13	
4	£17	
5	£20	
More than 5	£4 per tea towel	
Please specify: ____	Total cost: £ ____	

Signature of parent _____

Date _____

* (tick/delete as appropriate)

Please note that there is no need to send payment with your order at this stage.