



SPORTS AWARD FOR INNOVATION



We're pleased to let you know that having won a North Yorkshire Sport Premium Award, we have also won the regional final for *Innovation!*

We try to make the most of opportunities for outdoor education in our local area. We made an application based on this work and particularly that to support our Y6 cohort in the summer term this year. James Kirton, a former Olympic swimmer, announced the winners earlier this week. You can watch the presentation on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqoBKPje4kY>

STORY OF SCHOOLS PROJECT AND VICTORIAN GAMES

Yesterday, Year 5 & 6 pupils were involved in the Story of Schools project, working with an actor in role as a headteacher of old. Creating a contrast between old and new, 'Mr Iveson' worked with pupils to recreate a Victorian playground experience. Pupils were taught school yard games, including hop scotch, blind man's buff, skipping and ring-a-ring-a-roses. These were filmed for use in the *Story of Schools* exhibition at the Dales Countryside Museum.

Pupils were exceptionally well behaved, and you'll be pleased to hear that the cane wasn't needed!



NEW DATES FOR HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Our harvest celebrations had to be postponed a few weeks ago. Next week on Tuesday, each class will take part in an active outdoor harvest celebration. Rachel Pinkney, Methodist Schools and Families Worker, will be leading the activities that will involve practical work, opportunity for reflection, thanksgiving and prayer. We look forward to sharing photos of the day with you on the school blog.

POPPY APPEAL

After the half-term break there will be poppy themed items available at both school sites. If pupils would like anything, please send a small donation – suggested amount £1 – into school in a sealed envelope and pupils will be able to choose an item. Due to covid-19 control measures around the handling of cash, all money must be in an envelope and no change will be provided.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Richard from Impressions Photography is visiting Reeth School on Friday 20th November 2020 to take individual and / or school aged sibling group photographs. A letter providing more details and asking you to let us know whether you would like photos will be sent home after half-term.

DARK SKIES

The Yorkshire Dales National Park and the North York Moors, in partnership with Go Star Gazing, are offering a FREE virtual Dark Skies Festival this year to raise awareness of the Dark Skies. In our area there are some amazing Dark Skies which provide a good opportunity to learn a bit more about what is out there and the importance of the Dark Skies.

So, if you are fascinated by the night sky, or if you'd like to improve your astronomy knowledge or learn more about what goes on in the star-filled skies above our heads find out about the Virtual Dark Skies week this October half term: www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/whats-on/virtual-dark-skies-week

All the presentations and the opportunity to join them can be seen via: <https://gostargazing.co.uk/2020/10/14/national-parks-virtual-dark-skies-week-2020/>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SECOND HALF OF AUTUMN TERM

We are pleased to be able to offer one after school club to each class bubble in KS1 and KS2 next half term. All sessions will start the second week back (week commencing 9th November) and will run for 5 weeks. A 4:30pm finish time applies to all sessions.

Please email or telephone the school office to let us know which clubs your child(ren) would like to attend. Clubs for the second half of this term will be:

| Day | School | Staff | Year Groups | Club |
|----------|------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Tuesday | Reeth | Mr Mattison | Year 1 & 2 | Multisports |
| Thursday | Gunnerside | Miss Dinsdale | Year 3 & 4 | Board games |
| Tuesday | Gunnerside | Mrs Bastow and Mrs Tranter | Year 5 & 6 | Craft |

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.

CONTACTING SCHOOL

If there is any aspect of school life that you would like more information about or wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact school. We'll do all we can to help.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Oct
Fri 23rd Staff training day

Nov
Mon 2nd School re-opens
Fri 13th 'Flu immunisation in school for Years R to Y6 by Healthy Child Team
Fri 20th Individual photographs at both school sites with Richard of Impressions

Dec
Tue 1st Advent assemblies with Rachel Pinkney, Methodist Church Families Officer



More dates will be sent to you as the term progresses.