

Reeth Community Primary School and Two Dales Nursery Gunnerside Methodist Primary School



COMMUNIQUÉ

14th November 2014

No 3 autumn term

Dear Parents,

The last few weeks have seen a number of successes and developments. Firstly, our school has been awarded Artsmark status. The award is Arts Council England's flagship programme to enable schools and other organisations to evaluate, strengthen and celebrate their arts and cultural provision. Our schools were visited by a member of the Artsmark team, who considered the work completed by pupils over the last two years, spoke to a group of children and also to members of the Governing Body. Well done and thank you to all pupils, staff and especially Mrs Walker who coordinates art for our schools.

Over the half term holiday one of our classrooms at Gunnerside School was refurbished. It was great to see the children's faces as they saw the improved layout, space and decoration.

After the half term break we introduced a new behaviour reward scheme, for all classes including nursery. Each pupil has a booklet to record good behaviour stamps. When they have collected 20 they will receive a bronze certificate in assembly. After collecting a further 20, a silver certificate will be awarded and finally, after collecting 60 stamps in total, pupils will receive a gold certificate and a book of their choice. We are already impressed by the children's response to the scheme and look forward to the first bronze certificate!

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

YEAR 5 and 6 FOOTBALL MATCH



Well done to Year 5 and 6 pupils who played football last night against Arkengarthdale Primary School. Jack Stephenson scored, although the Arkengarthdale team managed to win 3:1.

BAGS TO SCHOOL – THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER

The Friends of the Schools are arranging another textiles recycling collection – clothes, bags, shoes – to raise money for the schools. **Please note that the company no longer accept bedding, towels or curtains.** Collection bags were sent home last week and the collection date will be Thursday 4th December, 9am from both schools. This is an ideal opportunity for a sort out before Christmas; do tell family, friends and neighbours, and let's see if we can make it another successful fundraiser! Additional bags are available from school if required.



FREE MILK FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS

A reminder that your child is entitled to a free drink of milk every morning until they are 5 years old. Nursery children receive their milk in the class setting. Milk for reception children is served by the school kitchen at morning break-time.

NURSERY APPLE PRODUCE SALE

Thank you to everyone who supported the Friends of Nursery Apple Produce Sale on Wednesday 15th October. It was lovely to welcome parents to enjoy coffee after the Harvest Lunch and the event raised £100. This has funded some Kids K'nex which is being really enjoyed by the children.



TERM DATES 2015/16

An updated list of holiday dates was sent home to all parents last week, showing dates for the 2015/16 academic year. This information is also available on our website.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas is fast approaching and we are starting to prepare for our Christmas events, which we always enjoy sharing with you and the wider community:



The meaning of Christmas – Rev Janet will lead a reflective Christmas presentation with the Gunnerside enrolled children at 9am on Monday 8th December. This will be held in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel. Parents, extended family and members of the community are most welcome. Transport to Reeth that morning for the children will be at the later time of 9.50am. Any Reeth enrolled children wishing to attend are welcome with their parents; for registration reasons please notify the school office in advance if you will be attending with your child(ren).

Christmas Performances – All our children will be involved in our Christmas Performances being held at Reeth Memorial Hall on the evenings of Tuesday 16th December and Thursday 18th December. Both performances will commence at 6pm. Our Nursery children will have the opportunity to take part in these performances along with the main school children and the Nursery staff will discuss this with parents. Further details will also be sent to all parents nearer the time.



As usual, Friends will be serving refreshments at the event 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 Monday 8th December.

Christingle Service – St Andrew’s Grinton – Our annual Christingle Service will be held on Friday 19th December at St. Andrew’s Church, Grinton. Times and further details will be sent to you nearer the time.

Christmas Parties - This year’s Christmas party for the **main school** children will be held on the afternoon of Friday 12th December in Reeth School Hall. This follows our morning trip to the Pantomime. There will be a party lunch provided by County Caterers – sandwiches, crisps, cocktail sausages, sweet buns/biscuits and fruit pieces, followed by party games. Children who usually have a packed lunch are welcome to pay for a school party lunch on that day.



If your packed lunch child would like to join us for a school party lunch please return the reply slip below to school by Monday 24th November.

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.

The **Nursery children** will be having a Christmas Tea Party on the afternoon of Tuesday 9th December. Further details will be posted up on the Nursery board nearer the time.

Thanks are expressed to the Friends of Reeth School Trust and the Friends of the Schools for the help they provide with all our Christmas celebrations.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Nov

Tues 18th

Yr 5/6 visit to Crucial Crew at RAF Leeming

Tues 25th

Yr 5/6 Sportshall Athletics event at Richmond School – Richmondshire area schools. Separate letter has been sent home this week.



Dec

Thur 4th

Bags to School collection at both Schools, 9am

Fri 5th

Whole School swim at Richmond Leisure Pool – afternoon. Separate letter will be sent.

Mon 8th

“The meaning of Christmas”, led by Rev Janet Park in Gunnerside Chapel, for Gunnerside enrolled children. Reeth enrolled children welcome to attend with their parents. Family and members of the community are most welcome.

Thurs 11th

Rehearsal for Christmas Performance – all main school children – Reeth Memorial Hall – 1.30pm to 3pm.

Fri 12th

Pantomime trip to Georgian Theatre, to see “Puss in Boots”. All main school children, separate letter was sent home last week.

Fri 12th

Christmas Party lunch followed by games & a visit from Santa, Reeth School Hall.

Tues 16th Christmas Performance – all main school children and Nursery – Reeth Memorial Hall – 6pm.
Everyone welcome.
Thurs 18th Christmas Performance – all main school children and Nursery – Reeth Memorial Hall – 6pm.
Everyone welcome.
Fri 19th Christingle Service at St. Andrew's Grinton, time tbc. Everyone welcome.
Fri 19th School closes for Christmas directly after the Christingle.

The dates of our Christmas dinner for pupils and Governors are still being finalised and will be notified to you soon.

Jan
Tue 6th School re-opens for pupils

Don't forget you can support our school (through Friends of the School) by shopping online through www.easyfundraising.org.uk/reethandgunnerside and using the internet search engine www.reethandgunnerside.easysearch.org.uk. It costs you nothing but raises funds for Friends and makes a huge difference to helping with the cost of activities and resources in the schools. Thank you for your support.



REPLY SLIP – PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL BY MON 24th NOV

Christmas party arrangements for KS2 children who usually have a packed lunch

*I would like my child _____ to have a school party lunch on Friday 12th December and enclose a payment of £_____ for this (£2.10 per child).

*My child will bring their own packed lunch as usual on party day.

Signature of parent/carer _____ Date _____

*(please delete as appropriate)
