

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



“COMMUNIQUE”

23rd October 2015 No 3 Autumn Term

VIKING LONGSHIP COMPLETED!

Well done to Year 3 and 4 who have completed their Viking longship this week. Working with Forest Schools practitioner, Mr Pellatt, the pupils have learned to use tools and natural materials found within the school grounds to create a fantastic replica, complete with mast, sail, rigging, dragon's head prow and shields. For more photos, please visit our school blog.



Pupil comments include:

“It was very exciting.”

“It felt like we were making a real one and we were going to sail it.”

“It was hard work and a challenge, but really fun. I liked using new materials. I've worked with wood before but not in that way.”



BBC RADIO

Last week junior pupils and particularly Year 5 and 6 enjoyed the chance to work with David Almond, author of Skellig, as part of a BBC programme about Crackpot Hall and a young girl who lived there in the 1930s. Keen to find out more about Upper Swaledale and children's perception of this landscape today, David led a discussion with KS2 pupils followed by a recording session in preparation for broadcast on Saturday 7th November at 9:30pm. The children provided some real insights and were able to comment on the landscape around Keld, both from their experiences out of school and after the whole school walk in the summer term that passed just below the old farm. Pupils loved the experience, commenting on how it had boosted their confidence.



Left: Crackpot Hall in the 1930s

Right: Recording thoughts and views on life in Swaledale, with BBC producer, Beaty Rubens, and David Almond



GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES



Congratulations to Harry Teale who has received his bronze certificate today and Theo Webster, Daniel Webster, Callum Bellwood, Nicholas Howarth, Bailey Dunne, Tom Grigg and Alex Shepherd who have received their silver certificates for good behaviour either today or in recent weeks.

MATHLETICS

Well done to Toby Ackroyd, Cody Ackroyd, Freddie Lundberg, Theo Webster and Charlie Tranter who have all achieved their silver certificates this half term.

HARVEST COLLECTION for the REFUGEE CRISIS

We enjoyed the chance earlier this month to say thank you for the harvest and also to think more broadly about all that we appreciate and value. We considered the needs of others who are in difficulty at this time and raised over £70 to help Syrian refugees. Thank you for your support.

PARENT LUNCHEES and OPEN SESSIONS

As a school we are keen to offer opportunities for parents to experience day to day life in our classes and have prepared a series of parent lunches and open sessions:

Year 3/4 Viking Day – Tuesday 17th November

Parents of Year 3/4 pupils are invited to join us from 11:50am for a 'Viking Style' lunch followed by afternoon activities.

Menu:

- ❖ Chunky chicken stew, with potatoes and vegetables
- ❖ Hunks of brown bread
- ❖ Honey glazed bread and butter pudding served with cream

Year R/1/2 – Thursday 19th November

Parents of Reception and KS1 pupils are invited to join us from 10:00am for an open morning followed by lunch.

Menu:

- ❖ Minced beef hotpot
- ❖ Mashed carrot and swede, green beans
- ❖ Crusty white bread
- ❖ Arctic roll and peaches

Year 5/6 – Thursday 10th December

Parents of Year 5/6 pupils are invited to join us from 11:50am for lunch followed by an early afternoon sharing assembly.

Menu:

- ❖ Chicken pie in gravy
- ❖ Sweetcorn, savoy cabbage, new potatoes
- ❖ Freshly baked bread
- ❖ Forest fruit flapjack

Please complete the reply form attached to book a meal on these occasions. Vegetarian and other dietary requirements can be catered for on request. Please include details on your reply slip.

FOOTBALL

Well done to Year 5 and 6 boys who played football on Tuesday against other schools in the Wensleydale cluster. The boys managed to win one of their matches and enjoyed the chance to wear our new football kit, funded by the Friends of the Schools.



FASHION SHOW – TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER

The Friends are planning to put on a Fashion Show, run by Little Darlings, based in Wensleydale, that would give the opportunity to buy ex-chain store new children's clothes at a fraction of the high street price. The event will be based at Reeth School, starting at 6pm. Tickets are £5 and include a glass of wine and nibbles. The event does require a certain amount of involvement to make it worthwhile; please contact Nikki Webster (01748 884850) to express interest.

BAGS TO SCHOOL – TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER

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 will be sent home after half-term and the collection date will be Tuesday 24th November, 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 will be available from school if required.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Mrs Postlethwaite will be taking maternity leave from Friday 20th November. After school sports sessions will stop on this day until they resume in the New Year with Mr Windwood, PE specialist teacher, who will take over from Mrs Postlethwaite.

Please note that cooking club finished this week.

RISING 4 Year Olds – APPLICATIONS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

The application process for parents of children due to start school in September 2016 is now open. Applications need to be made on line by 15th January 2016, via <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/23539/School-admissions>. We welcome visits from prospective parents; please contact the school office, on 884308, if you would like to make an appointment.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES for your diary



Oct

Tues 20th Yr 5/6 Boys football at Leyburn School (am)
Fri 23rd School closes for Half-term

Nov

Mon 2nd School re-opens
Mon 2nd Flu vaccinations at Reeth School for Y1s and Y2s for whom we have received consent
Mon 2nd KS2 Rugby coaching sessions with Julian McBride start for a block of 6 weeks
Wed 4th No music lesson with Mr Cobb this week
Thur 12/13th KS2 York residential trip (2 days)
Tues 17th Viking Day for Year 3/4s. Parents of these pupils are invited into school from 11.50am to enjoy lunch with us and join in with the afternoon activities.
Thur 19th Open morning for parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils at Reeth School. Parents are invited into school from 10am and to stay to enjoy lunch with us.
Tues 24th Bags 2 School collection at both Schools, 9am

Dec

Wed 9th Last music lessons with Mr Cobb for this term
Thur 10th Sharing assembly for Year 5/6s. Parents of these pupils are invited into school from 12 noon until 1.30pm to enjoy lunch with us, see the assembly and look at the work the pupils have been doing in Geography, focusing on cities. Further details will be sent home.
Thur 10th Pantomime trip to the Georgian Theatre for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils, to see "Jack and the beanstalk" and enhance class work on Traditional Tales. More details nearer the time.
Fri 11th SEAL morning – Rec to Y6 - with the theme of 'Festive Fun'.
Mon 14th Christmas Party lunch followed by games & a visit from Santa, Reeth School Hall.
Afternoon rehearsal for Christmas Performance – all main school children
Reeth Memorial Hall – 1.15pm to 3.15pm.
Tues 15th Afternoon Christmas Performance – all main school children and Nursery – Reeth Memorial Hall. Time tbc.
Wed 16th Evening Christmas Performance – all main school children and Nursery – Reeth Memorial Hall. Start time of 6pm.
Thurs 17th Pupil Christmas Dinner at both sites
Fri 18th Christingle service at St Andrew's Church, Grinton, 1.30pm.

More dates and details of other events will be sent to you as the term progresses.

DON'T FORGET!.....you can support our school (through Friends of the School) by shopping on-line via:
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/reethandgunnerside and/or using the internet search engine of 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.



REETH AND GUNNERSIDE SCHOOLS - REPLY SLIP

PARENT LUNCHESES and OPEN SESSIONS

Pupils who usually have a hot dinner do not need to be added to this reply.

Pupils who usually have a packed lunch are welcome to book a school lunch.

Parents and grandparents are welcome to order a lunch and join us.

Please complete and return to school by Friday 6th November.

Name of parent/adult _____

I would like to book the following additional lunches:

Date	Number of lunches required	
	Ad It meals	Child meals
Y3/4 Viking Day Tuesday 17 th November		
Year R/1/2 Thursday 19 th November		
Year 5/6 Thursday 10 th December		

(the cost of a meal is £2.76 for adults, £2.10 for pupils (Y3 and above), £1.60 for nursery/pre-school children)

I enclose a payment of: £_____.

Other details (if required):