

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



“COMMUNIQUE”
24th March 2015 No.3 Spring Term

Dear Parents,

SOLAR ECLIPSE

On Friday morning we were very lucky to see the solar eclipse. At quarter past nine we thought we were out of luck, with clouds covering the sky. By half past nine a small window appeared in the cloud and we were able to see the moon in front of the sun. We used pinhole viewers to observe this special occasion. If you would like to see more photographs, take a look at our blog, available on the school website.



RED NOSE DAY

Thank you for supporting our Red Nose Day on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th March. Our assembly saw everyone dressed with a red theme, and your donations raised £58.50 for Comic Relief.

EXTREME READING PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION

It was great to have so many entries from all ages of children (and staff!) for our photograph competition of extreme, but safe, reading. There were lots of very creative entries which we shared in our Friday assembly. The photographs are on display in the school hall at Reeth, and there is a selection of shots on the website. Well done to everyone who took part and keep on reading!

GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following children who have received their bronze certificates for good behaviour: Amelia Alderson, Ruby Hird, Isabel Bainbridge, Summer Jones, Miles Livingstone Owen, Tom Grigg, Sam Grigg, Tristen Brown, Cleo Baker, Lauryn Alderson, Amelia Brown, Georgia Price and Edith Livingstone Owen. Well done to you all!



SPORTS EVENTS

As many of you will be aware, lots of pupils have enjoyed participating in collaborative sporting events with cluster primary schools this term – football, rugby, multi-skills and cross-country.

Mrs Bastow spoke very positively about the achievements of all the KS2 children at the cross-country event, and congratulations go especially to Taryn Hodgson who qualified as one of the runners to represent the Richmondshire Area in the North Yorkshire finals this week.



Yesterday afternoon, our KS2 rugby team performed particularly well in a Tag Festival, competing against other primary schools from the local area; the children managed to win all 5 matches that they played! The match scores were: 7-3, 10-3, 11-4, 8-6, 15-13. Well done to Reuben Livingstone-Owen, Sadie Russell, Taryn Hodgson, Tristen Brown, Theo Webster, Bailey Dunne, Sam Grigg and George Baker.

GUNNERSIDE FRIDAYS IN THE SUMMER TERM

Our 'Gunnerside Fridays', when all the children will be based at Gunnerside School for the day, enjoying lessons and activities that the site is ideal for, have been arranged for the following dates:

Friday 15th May

At the end of next half term we are contributing to an art exhibition at Tennants, Leyburn, sponsored by the Swaledale Festival and the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust. All of the art work will explore rivers of the Dales and we intend to head out into the landscape for artistic inspiration on Friday 15th May.

Friday 12th June

Spiritual Development Day

Friday 19th June

Samba Experience as part of National 'Dress up and Dance Day' in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Friday 26th June

Sports Day (full day of sports with Nursery children and all parents invited in the afternoon)

For each of these dates, all children will need to arrive at their usual school base at the usual time. Supervised transport will be provided by the school on a large coach from Reeth to Gunnerside. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who are usually collected by parents from Reeth School will be available for collection at the slightly later time of 3.40pm. End of day collection times and home-school transport times for all other children will be at the usual times.

SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS

We are able to offer a range of clubs next half term, either during the school day at lunchtime or after school. If you would like your child to join in with after school activities, please complete the attached slip and return to school by the end of this week. All sessions start week beginning Tuesday 14th April.

Key Stage 1

Lunchtime games with Mrs Postlethwaite – Tuesdays, 12:30 – 13:00
After-school sport with Mrs Postlethwaite – Tuesdays, 15:15 – 16:15
Cookery club with Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Billingham – Wednesdays, 15:30 – 16:30
Art/craft with Mrs Levell – Thursdays, 12:30 – 13:00

Key Stage 2

Lunchtime games with Mrs Postlethwaite – Thursdays, 12:30 – 13:00
After-school sport with Mrs Postlethwaite – Thursdays, 15:15 – 16:15
Golf with Mrs Bastow – Tuesdays, 12:30 – 13:00
Table Tennis with Mrs Bastow – Wednesdays, 12:30 – 13:00
Mathletics with Mr Stainsby – Monday to Thursday 12:30 – 13:00
Ukulele group with Mr Stainsby and Mrs Allison – Fridays 12:30 – 13:00

In addition to the above, our library sessions, run kindly by our parent and grandparent volunteers continue each week at lunchtimes – Mondays and Wednesdays at Reeth and Tuesdays at Gunnerside.

COOK'S POST AT GUNNERSIDE SCHOOL

North Yorkshire County Catering are inviting applications for the post of cook at Gunnerside School. The post will be available from September 2015, and the closing date for applying is 22nd May. Full details are available via the job vacancies section of www.northyorks.gov.uk.

EASTERTINGLE and EASTER LUNCH

We look forward to seeing you at these events on Wednesday and wish you all an enjoyable Easter break.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

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| Fri 20 th | Last session of school swimming lessons |
| Fri 20 th | Football tournament at Askrigg School (pm), letter already sent to those involved |
| Mon 23 rd | Rugby Event at Wensleydale Rugby Club (pm), letter already sent to those involved |
| Wed 25 th | Yr 1 & Yr 2 Multi Skills event at Bainbridge School (am) |
| Wed 25 th | Last Music Lesson with Mr Cobb for this term |
| Wed 25 th | Eastertingle led by Rev Janet: Gunnerside Chapel 11.00am; Reeth School Hall 2.00pm. Parents are invited to join us for this event. |
| Wed 25 th | Easter Lunch at both schools, parents invited, 12.00pm at Gunnerside, slightly later time of 12.15pm at Reeth School due to the multi-skills sports event. |
| Fri 27 th | School closes for Easter holidays |



Summer Term Dates

(further dates will be added in future communiques)

April

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| Mon 13 th | Staff training day |
| Tues 14 th | School re-opens |
| Thur 30 th | Junior Maths Challenge at Richmond School for some Y6 pupils |

May

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| Mon 4 th | School closed May Day |
| Fri 8 th May | Motivational assembly and fitness challenge by Sports4Champions |

11th -14th
Fri 15th
Tues 19th

SATs week for Y6 children
Gunnerside Friday for all children – Rivers Trust Art Project
Class/Leavers photographs at both schools

June

Fri 12th Gunnerside Friday for all children – Spiritual Development Day
Fri 19th Gunnerside Friday for all children – Samba Experience
Fri 26th Gunnerside Friday for all children – Sports Day

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. Thanks for your support.



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PARENT REPLY SLIP After-school sports at Reeth School – First half summer term 2015

FS/KS1 After-school sports with Mrs Postlethwaite – Tuesdays, 15:15 – 16:15, Reeth

Name of child(ren) _____

Please state who will be collecting your child:

Parent's name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

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PARENT REPLY SLIP Cookery club at Reeth School – First half summer term 2015

FS/KS1 Cooking with Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Billingham – Wednesdays, 15:30 – 16:30, Reeth – please collect children from the Nursery building at 16:30.

Name of child(ren) _____

Please state who will be collecting your child:

Parent's name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

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PARENT REPLY SLIP After-school sports at Gunnerside School – First half summer term 2015

KS2 After-school sports with Mrs Postlethwaite – Thursdays, 15:15 – 16:15, Gunnerside

Name of child(ren) _____

Please state who will be collecting your child:

Parent's name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

All after-school activities will start week commencing Tuesday 14th April

PLEASE RETURN YOUR SLIPS TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 27th MARCH, THANK YOU