



GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to Thomas Bainbridge, Monty Rowland-Hill, Jessica Dawes, Oscar Kendall and Toby Ackroyd who have all received their bronze certificates in recent weeks. Well done to Rowan Wilkinson and Eva Tweddle who have received their silver certificates today.



POPPY APPEAL

The British Legion have thanked us for raising £101.60 through your donations for The Poppy Appeal items which were available in school at the start of this half-term. Thank you for your support.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING

A big thank you is extended to Friends for hosting the Christmas Shopping Evening last Friday. Children wrote letters to Santa whilst adults enjoyed refreshments, a raffle and browsing the wide selection of products for sale. The event was a huge success and raised £805. The Friends of the Schools were delighted with the community response to the evening and would like to thank all those who helped and supported the fundraiser. They are planning to invest some of the money in computer equipment that will enable pupils to design, build, programme and control electrical devices.

STAFF TEAM

Following a successful recruitment process, I'm pleased to let you know that we have appointed an additional teaching assistant, Miss Bell. She will be working in both our Early Years and Key Stage 1 classes, further increasing the staff to pupil ratios and supporting learning. Having worked with us since September 2015, Mrs Ives will be moving on just before Christmas. We would like to thank her for her contribution to the schools and wish her well for the future.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We are looking forward to sharing our forthcoming Christmas events with you all:

Carol Service, led by KS2 pupils, in Gunnerside Chapel, 6:00pm Wednesday 7th December

'Hey Ewe!', our Christmas Performance in Reeth Memorial Hall, 1:45pm Tuesday 13th December and 6:00pm Wednesday 14th December. Full details were provided in the last communiqué.

Friends will be serving refreshments at the performances and there will be a raffle to support the Friends of the School funds. Donations of small food and drink items to make up raffle hampers will be gratefully received – **please send items to school by Friday 9th December.**

Please remember that after school cooking and art club is not running on Wednesday 7th or Wednesday 14th December due to our Christmas events. In addition, please note that **KS1 Sports Club will not be running on Tuesday 13th December.**

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Our annual Christingle Service is being held on **Friday 16th December at St. Andrew's Church, Grinton, starting at 1.30pm.** This will be a shared event with Arkengarthdale School. Parents, friends and relatives are very welcome to join us for the service. We expect the service to finish by 2pm. **Parents are asked to take their child(ren) home directly after the service and make the most of an early start to the Christmas holiday!** We are hoping that everyone will be able to meet this request, or that you will be able to ask a friend or relative to collect your child for you. Please let us know on the attached reply slip if this is not the case. Transport to the church for pupils from both sites will be arranged by the school. Please complete and return the attached reply slip giving permission for child(ren) to attend the service and indicating travel/collection arrangements afterwards.

We would like to ask for a £1 donation per child to cover the cost of making the Christingle oranges. Please send this to school using the reply slip, or feel free to pop into the office. Any remaining funds will be sent as a donation to the Children's Society. Envelopes to collect donations from family or friends for the Children's Society will be sent home with pupils next week. Please return these envelopes to school by Wednesday 14th December. There will also be a collection plate in aid of the Children's Society at the service.

To encourage safety around lit candles, all pupils with long hair should come to school with their hair tied back. Our younger pupils will be using glow sticks in their Christingle oranges. At the end of the service all pupils will return to their seats, for staff to supervise a safe handover from the pews to parents.

Nursery aged pupils

Pupils will make Christingle oranges on the morning of the Christingle service. A pack of items will be provided to pupils who don't attend on Friday mornings so that they can make their Christingle at

home. Pupils who usually attend on Friday afternoons will travel by bus to the Church and will be supervised by school staff during the service. Nursery aged pupils who don't normally attend on Friday afternoons are welcome to join us along with their accompanying adult(s).

SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS

We are delighted with pupil and parent response to the after-school activity sessions that we offer. They are a great opportunity for pupils of all ages to work together and enjoy some extra curricular activities. Pupils are welcome to sign up for as many of these as they wish. For this term, all clubs will be based at Reeth School. In the summer term, some sessions will re-locate to Gunnerside.

Day	Activity
Tuesday	German with Mrs Seymour Sports with Mr Windwood (Key Stage 2 first half term, Reception and Key Stage 1 second half term)
Wednesday	Cooking and Craft with Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Bastow.
Thursday	Mathletics with Miss Dinsdale

All sessions will start on the first week back and will run to the end of term, the exception being sport that is for Key Stage 2 in the first half term and for Reception and Key Stage 1 in the second half term. **Please use the attached reply slip to let us know which clubs your child(ren) would like to attend.** It would be really helpful if slips could be returned to us by Friday 9th December so that end of day registers can be prepared ready for our return to school in January. In addition to the above after-school clubs we will continue to offer lunchtime activities at both schools, including our library sessions, run kindly by our parent and grandparent volunteers on Mondays (Reeth) and Tuesdays (Gunnerside), and ukulele club (KS2) and art club (R/KS1) on Thursdays.

SCHOOL DINNER MENU

County Caterers are now making their termly menus available for parents via the school meals section of the North Yorkshire County Council web-site:

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/24764/School-meals>

The menu for the forthcoming term will be uploaded a couple of weeks prior to the start of that term. We provide a 'single choice menu' at both schools. If you require a printed copy of the menu please contact the school office.

TERM DATES 2017/18

A list of dates for the 2017/18 academic year is being sent home to you with this communiqué. A copy will also be available on our web-site for future reference.

This will be our last newsletter of the year. On behalf of the staff and pupils of Reeth and Gunnerside Schools we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Thurs 1 st | Advent assembly in each school with Rev Janet Park for all Rec to Year 6 pupils. |
| Mon 5 th | Morning pantomime trip to the Georgian Theatre for Year 1 and Year 2 pupils, to see "Snow White" and enhance class work on Traditional Tales. |
| Tues 6 th | Early Years Class Christmas Party – morning |
| Wed 7 th | After-school cooking/art club cancelled for all pupils (due to Christmas events) |
| Wed 7 th | Carol Service led by KS2 – Gunnerside Methodist Chapel – 6pm. Everyone welcome. |
| Fri 9 th | Morning rehearsal for Christmas Performance – all pupils, Nursery aged through to Y6, in Reeth Memorial Hall, 9.30am to 11.30am. |
| Fri 9 th | Christmas Party lunch for Years 1 to 6, followed by games and a visit from Santa, at Reeth School. |
| Tues 13 th | After-school KS1 sports club cancelled |
| Tues 13 th | Afternoon Christmas Performance - 1.45pm – all pupils (Nursery to Y6) – Reeth Memorial Hall. |
| Wed 14 th | After-school cooking/art club cancelled for all pupils (due to Christmas events) |
| Wed 14 th | Evening Christmas Performance - 6pm – all Reception to Y6 pupils - Reeth Memorial Hall. Nursery aged pupils are welcome to join us if they wish. |
| Thurs 15 th | Pupil Christmas Dinner at both sites. Pupils are welcome to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or Christmas coloured top on this day. |
| Fri 16 th | Christingle service at St Andrew's Church, Grinton, 1.30pm. |
| Fri 16 th | School closes for Christmas directly after the Christingle Service. |



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| Tues 3 rd | School re-opens |
| Tues 3 rd | Y5/6 pupils leave for High Borrans Residential Visit |

REPLY SLIP – REETH AND GUNNERSIDE SCHOOLS

All Pupils

Christingle Oranges

Name of child(ren) _____

I enclose a donation of £1 per child towards the cost of my child’s Christingle orange.

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All Reception to Year 6 pupils and Nursery aged pupils who usually attend on Friday afternoons

Christingle Service – Friday 16th Dec 1.30pm

Name of child(ren) _____

I give permission for my child(ren) to go to the Christingle Service.

The school is closing for the Christmas break directly after the Christingle Service. We expect the service to finish by 2pm. Please confirm below arrangements for your child after the service.

*** I will be attending Grinton Church and will take my child home directly after the service.**

*** I will not be at Grinton Church but give permission for _____ (name of other adult) to collect my child directly after the service.**

If none of the above arrangements apply, please let us know below of any difficulties or alternative arrangements that you would like help with.

Signature of parent _____ Date _____

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All Reception to Year 6 pupils

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS – SPRING TERM 2017

Name of child(ren) _____

I would like my child to take part in the following after-school clubs throughout the Spring Term (please circle):

Day	Reception to Year 6	Collection arrangements
Tuesday	German Sports (KS2 first half term) Sports (R/KS1 second half term)	
Wednesday	Cooking and Craft	
Thursday	Mathletics	

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____