

# Reeth Community and Gunnerside Methodist Primary Schools



## “COMMUNIQUE”

6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

No. 4 Autumn Term

### GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations go to a number of pupils who have achieved good behaviour certificates:

<u>Bronze</u> Lauren Atkinson Eva Reynoldson Kane Longden Jessica Rukin Matthew Lea Sidney Haigh Orla Stainsby Sidney Livingstone-Owen		<u>Silver</u> Alice Botting Brooke Longden Mathilda Townend Jessica Dawes Poppy Atkinson	
<u>Gold</u> Luke Williams Hazel Tranter Eden Frankland Milly Gale Kiran Doughty-Coates Dexter Nathan-Thomas	Ellie Dixon Oscar Kendall Sophia Guy Freddie Lundberg Daisy Richardson	Monty Rowland-Hill Thomas Bainbridge Violet Livingstone-Owen Chloe Calvert Annas Livingstone-Owen	

### SCHOOL VISION

In recent months we have been busy reviewing our school vision. Pupils have taken a lead role in this, sharing their thoughts on why we come to school and identifying what is special about learning here:

*'We come to school to learn, to get ready for secondary school and to get ready for the future.'*

*'School builds up our confidence.'*

*'Every child is unique and is known by the teachers. They know our strengths and the things that we need help with.'*

*'Everyone is valued. We're so small. We're all friends.'*

*'Everyone is noticed, appreciated and congratulated.'*

We've also talked about our favourite songs that we connect with and pupils have agreed that 'One More Step Along the World I Go' stands out for them.

Staff and governors have been involved too. We have tried to combine everyone's ideas in the words below:

#### Our Vision

*We come to school to learn, explore and grow. In our small community, we all work together to make a better school, make connections and to prepare for our future. Values of love, kindness, hope, peace and respect help to guide us on this journey.*

*Our school song, 'One More Step Along the World I Go', celebrates all that we do.*

We think it's important that we all connect with this statement and that it provides us with a shared purpose in our approach to day to day school life. If you have any thoughts or comments on this, please do contact school.

## SCHOOL POLICY – Good Behaviour

We have reviewed our behaviour policy to incorporate our work on effective learning behaviours and we've updated our school rules to reflect this approach. The full policy is available to read on our website and paper copies can be requested from the school office.

### Our Golden Rules

- ✓ Inspired by John Wesley, do all you can to help yourself and others
- ✓ Be friendly, kind and polite
- ✓ Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself
- ✓ Always show behaviour for learning

## SCHOOL POLICY - Attendance

Research shows that there is a strong link between good attendance and positive outcomes for pupils. Our schools have benefitted from very good attendance in previous years and we are keen to maintain this. We have reviewed our policy on attendance, with regard to legal responsibilities and following guidance from our local authority. In order to maximise attendance, our procedures for monitoring attendance and for approving leave of absence in term time have been reviewed. Please read the policy, included with this newsletter, to ensure that you are familiar with the arrangements. With regard to leave of absence requests, there will be a transition period as we implement this policy; all requests will be managed on a case by case basis. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school.

## POPPY APPEAL

The British Legion has thanked us for raising £89.12 through your donations. Thank you for your support.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who supported the 'Silly Socks Day' in aid of Children in Need. We raised £75.60 for the appeal.



## BAGS2SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Bags2School textiles collection. It raised £80.00 for the Friends of School.

## ROAD SAFETY

The road outside Reeth School is often busy at the start and the end of the school day. To ensure pupil safety, please cross the road well away from the school buses. The buses do reduce visibility when crossing and staying away from them is the best way to stay safe.

## DARK NIGHTS

Now that winter is here, please consider high visibility clothing for the walk to and from school and especially if your child is out after school hours. If you would like a high visibility vest for your child, please contact the school office.

## KS2 CAROL SERVICE

All KS2 children are leading a Christmas Carol service on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel at 6.00pm. Parents and pupils of all ages are welcome to join us and enjoy singing in the spirit of Christmas. Song sheets will be provided and refreshments will be available. **Please complete the attached reply slip to confirm arrangements for your KS2 child.**

## CHRISTMAS FAIR AND FARMERS' MARKET – FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Pupils have responded brilliantly to this opportunity, with many pupils in KS2 writing letters to the market supervisor and making arrangements to sell items on a stall. Please do mention the event to people that you know who may like to join us. Thank you for your support.



## TEA TOWELS

Thank you for supporting the Friends of School Tea Towel fundraiser. All pupils have completed their self-portraits and the final design is now with the printers. We expect the towels to arrive in school on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Please complete the reply form and send it with your payment so that we can send the towels home next week.

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES



**Pupils in our Early Years' Class** will be having their Christmas party on the morning of **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Reception pupils can come to school in party clothes on this day, and do not need to bring any uniform items. A letter inviting pupils who do not usually attend nursery on this day to join us for the morning and the party lunch, with collection at 1pm, has been sent home to families.

This year's Christmas party for our **Y1 to Y6 pupils** will be held on the afternoon of **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** in Reeth School Hall. There will be a party lunch, and party games. 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. Lunch for both parties will be provided by County Caterers – sandwiches, vegetable sticks, crisps, cocktail sausages, sweet buns and fruit pieces.

## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Pupils throughout our schools have started working together to prepare their Christmas Nativity performance, 'Away in a Manger'. Pupils in our Early Years and Key Stage 1 classes will lead the acting and stage appearance, with KS2 pupils singing. All Nursery aged children will have the opportunity to be involved in the performances too. A separate letter providing further details has recently been sent home to these families.

Please join us at these performances - **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 1.45pm, at Reeth Memorial Hall** and **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm, at Reeth Memorial Hall**.

KS2 pupils need to wear school trousers/skirt and shoes and a festive coloured top or Christmas themed jumper. For Early Years and KS1 pupils, school will provide most costumes and a note detailing any additional help needed with costumes will be sent home if required. Parents attending the afternoon performance are invited to take their children home directly from Reeth Memorial Hall at the end of the performance. **Please complete the attached reply slip to let us know the arrangements for your child.**



Friends will be serving refreshments at the performances and there will be a raffle (proceeds to the Friends of the School).

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

Governors are joining pupils at each site on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December to enjoy Christmas Dinner with them. All pupils are welcome to dress in a festive coloured top / Christmas themed jumper for the day.

## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Our annual Christingle Service is being held on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at St. Andrew's Church, Grinton, starting at 1.30pm**. Parents and extended family members 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 will be arranged by the school for pupils in Reception to Year 6. 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 nearer the time. Please return these envelopes to school by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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. Nursery aged pupils are welcome to join us at the Church along with their accompanying adult(s). Collection for Nursery pupils who usually attend on a Friday can be at either 12 noon or 1pm – please let staff know the arrangements for your child.

There will be a further newsletter before the end of term, but in the meantime, we look forward to seeing you at the events over the next few weeks.

*G. Stainsby*

Gordon Stainsby, Headteacher

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**



#### Dec

- Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Last music lesson this term with Mr Cobb  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Early Years Class local area visit to Reeth village  
Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Early Years Class Christmas Party – morning and lunch  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Morning visit for R, Y1 and Y2 pupils to the Georgian Theatre to see Aladdin pantomime.  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> 'Flu Vaccinations Years R-6 at both schools (Gunnerside AM and Reeth PM)  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> KS2 Carol Service in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel – 6pm. Parents and extended family members are invited to join us.  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair and Farmers' Market at Reeth School, 9.30am until 11.20am. Everyone welcome.  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party for Years 1 to 6 – Reeth School Hall, 1pm.  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Afternoon rehearsal in Reeth Memorial Hall for Christmas Performance.  
Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Afternoon Christmas Performance in Reeth Memorial Hall – 1.45pm. Parents and extended family members are invited to join us.  
Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner at both schools.  
Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Evening Christmas Performance in Reeth Memorial Hall – 6pm. Parents and extended family members are invited to join us.  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Christingle Service at St. Andrew's Church, Grinton - 1.30pm. Parents and extended family members are invited to join us.  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> School closes for Christmas after the Christingle Service.

#### Jan

- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> School re-opens

**PTO for parent reply slips, to return by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. →**

**REPLY SLIPS – REETH AND GUNNERSIDE SCHOOLS**  
Please return to school by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, thank you.

**ALL RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 PUPILS**  
(Nursery pupils are taking part but do not need to return this slip)

**Afternoon Christmas Performance – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – starting at 1.45pm**

Name of child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

Please confirm below arrangements for your child after the performance:

- \* I will be attending and will take my child home directly from Reeth Memorial Hall
- \* My child is to return to Reeth School for usual end of day collection arrangements.

Signature of parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(\* please circle/delete as appropriate)

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**ALL RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 PUPILS**

**Christingle Service – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 neither 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
(\* please circle/delete as appropriate)

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**ALL PUPILS - RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 PUPILS and NURSERY**

**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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**TEA TOWELS**

Name of child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

**I enclose £ \_\_\_\_\_ as payment for my order of Tea Towels.**  
(If paying by cheque, please make it payable to Reeth and Gunnerside School Fund).

Tea Towel prices: 1 for £5, 2 for £9, 3 for £13, 4 for £17, 5 for £20. More than 5 for £4 per tea towel.