

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



“COMMUNIQUÉ”

2nd December 2015 No 4 Autumn Term

GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved behaviour certificates in the last few weeks:

Bronze:

Poppy Atkinson
Jessica Dawes
Hazel Tranter

Silver:

Wilf Slater Hunter
Toby Ackroyd

Gold:

Summer Jones
Amelia Brown



MATHLETICS ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to Toby Ackroyd who has achieved a gold Mathletics certificate. In a recent class discussion he said, “Mathletics has really helped me a lot and I’m up to the ceiling with my maths skills. I’ve grown in confidence and I recommend it to other people.”



YORK RESIDENTIAL

Junior pupils enjoyed two fantastic days in York in November. Pupil comments include:

“It was an amazing and enthralling visit. We learned so much.”

“The smells at the Viking Centre were very realistic.”

“We really enjoyed digging for finds at DIG; it was like we were real archaeologists!”

“When we walked on the walls we got a great view of the city.”

“When we interviewed people outside York Minster we found that it’s harder then you think. Once you get used to it it’s pretty simple. We interviewed people from Russia, Denmark, Estonia and China.”

“It was really tiring walking up the stairs to the top of the Minster although it was well worth it. I thought we were at the top when we got to a little flat bit but we were only half way up and had to walk across the top of a roof!”

If you would like to view photos of our visit, please visit our school blog.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

This year’s Christmas party for our **YR to Y6 pupils** will be held on the afternoon of **Friday 11th December** in Reeth School Hall. 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 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 pupils** will be having a Christmas Party on the **Wednesday 9th December**.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Over the last few weeks the children throughout our schools, and particularly the infants, have enjoyed working together to prepare their Christmas performance of “It’s a Baby.” Following the success of the junior performance in the summer term, it will be turn of younger pupils to lead on acting, with vocal support and music from older KS2 pupils.



Please join us on **Tuesday 15th December, 1.45pm** or **Wednesday 16th December, 6pm** in **Reeth Memorial Hall**.

Most costumes will be provided by school, but a letter 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 the 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 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 Friday 11th December.

PUPILS' CHRISTMAS ENTERPRISE PROJECT

All our children are currently involved in a very exciting entrepreneurial opportunity. As part of the Wensleydale Cluster of Small Schools, we have been invited by the Rotary Club to take part in a competition to raise money for charity. After much discussion, the children have decided to design, make and sell Christmas Kits. The kits are being made at school and will be on sale at our two Christmas Performances.

This year, in memory of David Eldridge, former Headteacher of Hawes Community Primary School, money raised will be donated to Friends of Mettupalayam Trust, a rural development project in South India. David was significantly involved in this charity as a founding Trustee and Chairman. We would be grateful for your support.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Our annual Christingle Service is being held on **Friday 18th 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 reply slip below if this is not the case. Although Nursery sessions do not run on Fridays, the children will have made Christingle oranges at Nursery and we hope that the Nursery children will join us for the service. However, for safety reasons, we ask that parents/carers stay with them and supervise them at the Church.

Transport to the church for YR to Y6 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.

The children will also be bringing home envelopes to collect donations from family or friends for the Children's Society. Please return these envelopes to school by Wednesday 16th December. There will also be a collection plate at the service.

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

KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD – A NURSERY PROJECT

Calling all farmers/gamekeepers/hairdressers/painters/bakers/firefighters and anyone else too!

Our Nursery pupils are currently finding out about people's jobs and different occupations and we would be really pleased to hear from anyone willing to come in and talk about their job or hobby. Any props, photos or demonstrations would be fantastic! Please contact us at school if this is something that you could do for us. The children would very much enjoy meeting different members of our community.

SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS

We are pleased to be able to offer a range of after school activity clubs next term. Pupils are welcome to sign up for as many of these as they wish. All sessions will start on the first week back and will run to the end of term. Similar clubs, with provision for Rec/KS1 and KS2, will also run throughout the Summer Term. Full details for each forthcoming term will be included in communique before the start of each holiday.

Day	Reception/Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Tuesday	Sports with Mr Windwood	German with Mrs Seymour
Wednesday	Cooking and Craft with Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Stainsby and Mrs Bastow.	Cooking and Craft with Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Stainsby/Mrs Bastow
Thursday	Mathletics with Mr Stainsby and Mrs Walker	Mathletics with Mr Stainsby and Mrs Walker
Friday	German with Mrs Seymour	Sports with Mr Windwood

All these clubs will be based at Reeth School, will be free of charge, and will run from the end of school until 4.30pm. Please use the attached reply slip to let us know which clubs your child would like to attend. **It would be really helpful if slips were returned to school by Wednesday 16th 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 (Gunnarside), and ukulele club on Thursdays.

SAFETY INFORMATION

To help us ensure the safety of our pupils at all times, the wooden gates on our premises are fitted with sliding bolts. Please help by ensuring that the bolt is put across on all gates when going in and out of the school and nursery buildings.

You may be aware that parts of the dry stone wall adjacent to the pavement up to Reeth School are showing signs of deterioration. The school has contacted NYCC Highways, highlighting this as a safety concern, and in response an officer has been out to carry out an assessment and remedial work is being arranged. In the meantime, please remain aware of this when walking to and from Reeth School and do let us know if you notice any further deterioration.

COOK POST

Mrs Diane Raw is doing a super job of covering the cook's post at Gunnarside, but we are still seeking someone to join our staff team on a permanent basis. The post is 3.5 hours a day Mondays to Thursdays during term-time, and is ideal for someone who enjoys working with children. It can be a very rewarding role. Please do contact school if you are interested in more details or would like an informal chat about the post. Equally, if you know of anyone in the community who may be interested in the post please do encourage them to get in touch with us. The closing date for applications for the post is 31/12/2015.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL FASHION SHOW

The Friends of the school had a successful and enjoyable evening hosting a Little Darlings' Fashion Show in November and raised a fantastic £267.

ADVERSE WEATHER PROCEDURES



In preparation for the possibility of adverse weather conditions, we have taken the precaution of ensuring that our procedures have been checked, updated and made available on our website. The key points to be aware of are:

- Our first line of communication about school closure and school transport in adverse weather is our text messaging service and our website, www.reethandgunnarside.org.uk. The website will be updated by 07:45 each day when conditions are poor. If you don't have internet access or a mobile signal for the text-message service, please let us know. Also, do update the office if you have made any changes to your contact numbers.
- If a school needs to close during the day, we will contact you by telephone.
- The most important priority of all is your child's safety. We are not always best placed in school to know what weather conditions are like where you live. If you decide that the roads are unsafe please keep your child at home and inform us by telephone.

TERM DATES 2016/17

A list of dates for the 2016/17 academic year is being sent home to you with this communique. A copy will also be available on our web-site for future reference.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES for your diary



Dec

Wed 9 th	Last music lessons with Mr Cobb for this term
Thur 10 th	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.
Wed 9 th	Nursery Christmas Party.
Thur 10 th	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.
Fri 11 th	SEAL morning – Rec to Y6 - with the theme of 'Festive Fun'. Christmas Party lunch followed by games and a visit from Santa, Reeth School Hall.
Mon 14 th	Afternoon rehearsal for Christmas Performance – all main school children Reeth Memorial Hall – 1.15pm to 3.15pm.
Tues 15 th	Afternoon Christmas Performance – all pupils including Nursery – Reeth Memorial Hall Start time of 1.45pm.
Wed 16 th	Evening Christmas Performance – all pupils including Nursery – Reeth Memorial Hall. Start time of 6pm.
Thurs 17 th	Pupil Christmas Dinner at both sites.
Fri 18 th	Christingle service at St Andrew's Church, Grinton, 1.30pm.

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.



REPLY SLIP – ALL PUPILS – REETH AND GUNNERSIDE SCHOOLS

Name of child(ren) _____

Afternoon Christmas Performance – Tuesday 15th Dec 1.45pm

At the end of the afternoon Christmas Performance my child will:

- * Go home from Reeth Memorial Hall with _____ (myself / name of other adult)
- * Return to school for usual end of day arrangements.

Christingle Service – 18th Dec 1.30pm

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

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

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 _____

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS – SPRING TERM 2016

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 and Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2	Collection arrangements
Tuesday	Sports	German	
Wednesday	Cooking and Craft	Cooking and Craft	
Thursday	Mathletics	Mathletics	
Friday	German	Sports	

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____