



WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

This week we have really enjoyed making a great start to the new school year. Pupils have returned with enthusiasm for their learning, excellent behaviour and determination to do their very best. Well done everyone.

EARLY YEARS CLASS

It is an exciting time for our schools as we launch a new class structure with both Reception and Nursery year groups taught in our new classroom. We are delighted with the new facility that offers a large teaching and learning area, complete with new Early Years resources and an extended outdoor area for younger pupils. We hope to have an official opening of the new building in the near future.



BEHAVIOUR REWARD SCHEME

We have been very impressed by pupils' approach to school life this week. A number of visitors have commented on how friendly, welcoming, polite and well mannered the children are. Our good behaviour reward scheme continues this year, with pupils collecting stamps towards their bronze, silver and gold certificates. A book is presented to all pupils achieving their gold certificate.



HOME-SCHOOL LINK BOOKS



Home → School → Home link books have been set up this week for all pupils (Nursery to Y6) and a copy of our Home-School-Child Agreement has been added into the book today.

Please share the content of this agreement with your child and sign it.

We have also sent home our Home-School Internet User Agreement. **Please return a signed copy to us at school.**

MATHLETICS

All pupils in Reception through to Y6 have Mathletics usernames and passwords in their new home school books. Each pupil has a new set of activities to complete as well as the opportunity to compete in challenges with other pupils in their class and from around the world. Last year a lot of pupils found that Mathletics really boosted their recall of number facts, understanding of key concepts and maths confidence. Pupils collect certificates recognising their achievements, and we're hoping that as many pupils as possible will be able to collect silver and gold certificates this year.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

Our Harvest assembly for Reception to Year 6 pupils will be held on Thursday 13th October in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel at 9:30am. We invite parents and extended family members to join us for this occasion.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Our autumn term parents' evenings for pupils in all year groups, Nursery through to Y6 will be held on Tuesday 11th October and Wednesday 12th October. Further details will be sent to you in the next couple of weeks.

BABY STAINSBY

We have some good news from the Stainsby Family. Orla Ann was born on Tuesday 23rd August. She weighs 8lbs 5oz and is doing really well.

AFTER SCHOOL COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS



The safeguarding of the children in our care is something which we naturally place great importance on and we are keen to help you with your after school collection arrangements.

In the absence of any additional information from parents we would expect children either to be collected by their own parents or travel on the home-school transport route notified to us by County. Please let us know in advance about any home-time arrangements which differ: for example, tell us if your child has permission from you to walk home unaccompanied on certain days, or every day; if your child is going to attend dance or another club straight from school; if your child is going to be collected by someone other than yourself; if your child is not going to travel on home-school transport; if your child is not going to return on the inter-site transport to their home-school. **A reply slip is included at the end of this communiqué for regular arrangement details. We need one returned to the school office by every family as soon as possible so that we are certain of the current arrangements for every pupil.** If you need to let us know about an occasional arrangement please try and let us know no later than 3pm so that staff have adequate time to pass on messages. Thank you.

MEDICAL AND TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOUR CHILD



A sheet of personal information which we currently hold in school for your child has been sent home to you today. **Please check the information, make any necessary amendments on the form, and then sign and return it to us by the end of next week.** Please remember to update school if there are any future changes to your child's medical details or contact information so that we always have the correct information if we need to contact you in an emergency.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Mr Cobb will be teaching brass on Wednesday mornings this year at Gunnerside. These lessons start next week, Wednesday 14th September. A leaflet giving information about the tuition which can be offered through the county music service to our KS2 pupils taught at Gunnerside is being sent home with this newsletter. To register for tuition please contact the school office for a registration form, or visit www.northyorkshiremushub.co.uk to apply on-line.

APPLES



We have a great crop of cooking apples in the Early Years orchard area. Please do call in if you would like to pick any of these; we can't use them all ourselves and it would be good not to see them go to waste.

MID-MORNING BREAK TIME SNACK

A piece of fruit is provided free to each Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupil each day as part of a National Scheme. This is often enjoyed at afternoon playtimes, but sometimes in the mornings. Pupils in KS2 are encouraged to bring to school a piece of fruit (fresh or dried) from home to enjoy at their morning break each day. Please note that snacks other than fruit must not be brought for break-time.



YEAR 6s – APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

We would like to remind all parents of current Year 6 children that letters about applying for a place at secondary school for September 2017 were sent home at the end of the summer term. Applications must be completed on-line **no later than 31st October 2016**. Should you have any queries, please contact the North Yorkshire Admissions Team on 01609 533679.

Secondary School Open Evenings for prospective Year 7 students are being held as follows:

- Richmond School - Tuesday 27th September, 7:00pm
- St. Francis Xavier School – Thursday 22nd September, 7:00pm
- Wensleydale School – Thursday 13th October, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Sep

- Thurs 8th 9am - Start of Year Service for Gunnerside enrolled pupils at Gunnerside Chapel with Rev Les Nevin.
- Tues 13th 1pm - Visit to Gunnerside Chapel for Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. A letter has been sent home with full details.
- Weds 14th Music lessons start with Mr Cobb.
- Fri 16th Swimming lessons start for 6 weeks – all Year 1 and Year 2 pupils and some KS2 pupils. A letter has been sent home today with full details.
- Tues 27th Rev Janet Park working with pupils in school to prepare for Harvest

Oct

- Thurs 13th 9.30am - Whole School Harvest assembly for all pupils – Reception to Year 6 in Gunnerside Methodist Chapel with Rev Janet Park
- Fri 21st School closes for half-term
- Mon 31st Staff training day

Nov

- Tues 1st School re-opens
- Thurs 3rd Year 1 and Year 2 visit to Bowes Museum. More details will be sent nearer the time.
- Fri 18th NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assembly for all Year 1 to Year 6 pupils.
- Fri 25th NSCPP 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' follow up workshop for Year 5/6s.

Dec

- Thurs 1st Advent assembly with Rev Janet Park for all Rec to Year 6 pupils.

More dates will be sent to you as the term progresses.

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PARENT REPLY SLIP - Regular end of school day collection arrangements – Autumn Term 2016

Name of child(ren) _____

Day	Details of permission for <i>regular</i> arrangement (eg. 'loco-parentis', after-school club, dance, walking home on own): (please give full details)
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

Signature of parent _____

Date _____