

Reeth and Gunnerside Schools



Newsletter 1 Autumn Term 2022

WELCOME BACK

We hope that your child has enjoyed their first week in school. The start of term is always a positive time, being both a fresh start and a chance to step up, taking on new challenges. Pupils have been working their socks off, while enjoying the chance to see each other again:

'I've enjoyed learning new things and making new friends.'

'I am really happy to be back at school! It's nice to see my friends and I really like my new teacher.'

'The teachers are really kind and are helping everyone as much as they can.'

'I'm really enjoying learning about rocks, fossils and soils.'

'It's been very exciting and fun.'

We very much look forward to working with you in the year ahead. If there is any aspect of school life that you would like more information about or wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact school. We'll do all we can to help.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby, Headteacher
Wednesday 14th September

ROLE MODELS, REMEMBERING, RESPECT

This week our assemblies have focused on role models and how they can help us both in school and in wider life. We've talked about the life of Queen Elizabeth, and the wonderful ideas and wisdom that she has shared over the years. Here are some of our favourites:

'Good memories are our second chance at happiness.'

'Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.'

'When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future.'

'It's worth remembering that it is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change.'

'No age group has a monopoly of wisdom, and indeed I think the young can sometimes be wiser than us.'

With this last quote in mind, one of our Y2 pupils shared this thought on Friday: *'We all miss the Queen but we need to hold her strong and remember what she did for us.'* Wisdom indeed.



Queen
Elizabeth II

1926 - 2022

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

An overview of your child's learning this half-term is being sent to you by email today. We hope this information will be useful for you in supporting your child with their learning journey. More detailed curriculum information is available on our school website.

CHURCH FAMILY AFTERNOON

The Methodist Church is organising a family afternoon on Saturday 24th September from 2pm until 4pm in Richmond Methodist Primary School playground. A warm invitation is extended to all our families to pop in for a while and have a cup of tea, some cake, take part in some activities or just to sit and chat.

FLU IMMUNISATION FOR PUPILS IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

On Wednesday 12th October the NHS Childhood Immunisation Team will be visiting both schools to administer the 'flu immunisation to all children from Reception to Year 6. The Childhood Immunisation Programme is a key part of offering protection to children and is a vital programme of work for children, young people and their families.

The Immunisation Team require on-line parental consent for your child to receive the immunisation. Please visit <https://www.hdftsais.co.uk/Forms/Flu> and use the school code **HD121311**, for Reeth and Gunnerside Schools, to provide your consent. A letter from the NHS providing a little more information about the consent process and the immunisation being offered in school is included with this newsletter.

FREE FAMILY SWIMMING



We're pleased to let you know that our free family swimming scheme will continue this school year. Please continue to enjoy use of the local pools as detailed below:

- We provide a 'family swimming card' to all pupils. These cards can be used at both Richmond Swimming Pool and Catterick Swimming Pool. Pupils new to school will bring home a card in their purple school bag soon. If you need a new card, please contact school.
- The card can be used during the public swimming times offered by the pools, providing that the child pictured on the card is taking part in the swim session.
- Family members taking children swimming show the school 'family swimming card' for their child(ren) at the reception desk of the pool. Reception staff will ask parents to sign for admission but will not ask for any payment.
- Older and younger siblings (not on roll at our schools) are welcome to be included in the free swim session.
- Grandparents (or other family members) are welcome to accompany children in their family using the card, although the number of adults accompanying any pupil is limited at two.
- Swimming timetables can be viewed at:
Richmond Pool - <https://richmond-swimming-pool.rltrust.org.uk/>
Catterick Pool - <https://www.nuffieldhealth.com/catterick>
- Please note that the timetables change periodically and also that Richmond Pool is currently closed for energy improvement works until Sunday 13th November.
- Both pools offer fun sessions at the weekends, and the swim cards can be used in the same way to access these sessions free of charge also.

We hope that you are able to swim as a family utilising the scheme as it really helps pupils to progress between their swimming lessons and is a great way to exercise.

MID-MORNING BREAK TIME SNACK



A piece of fruit is provided free to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils each day as part of a national scheme. Pupils in Year 3 upwards 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 should not be brought for break-time.

AFTER SCHOOL COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

Unless you inform us of alternative arrangements, we expect children either to be collected by their own parents or travel on the home-school transport route arranged by County.

Please let us know of 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 be collected by someone other than yourself;
- if your child is going straight through to the school hall for private dance lessons with Dales Dance;
- 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.

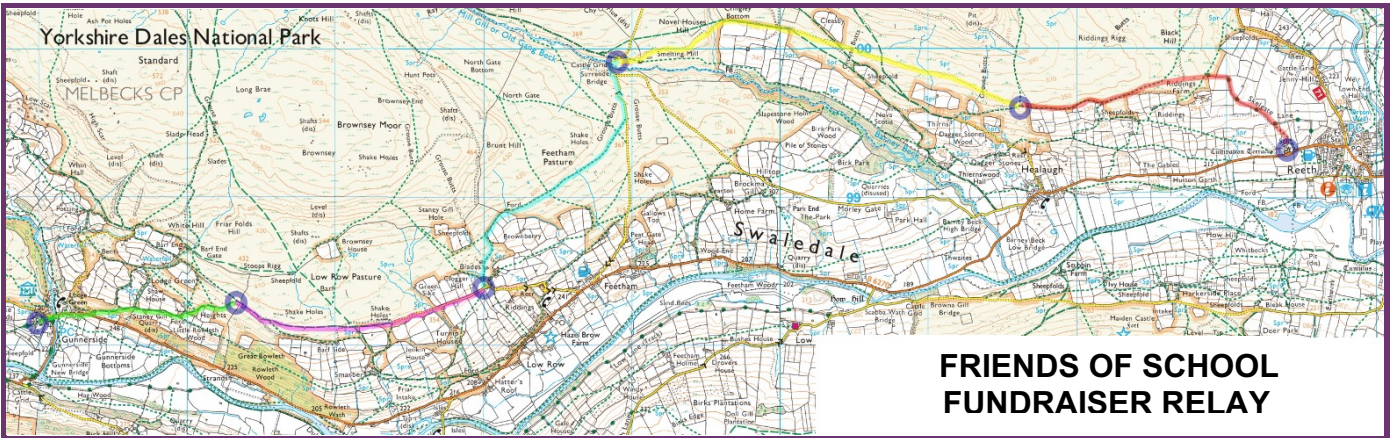
If you need to let us know about an occasional arrangement, please try and let us know no later than 3pm so that staff have adequate time to pass on messages. Thank you.

We advise that all Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils are supervised by an adult when walking to and from school.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL FUNDRAISER RELAY – Saturday 15th October

We are pleased to let you know that we will hold a school relay again this term. It will start in Gunnerside at 2pm and will follow the route of the Swaledale Marathon to Reeth. Working in teams, pupils will compete to transport batons as quickly as possible along the 6-mile route. Sections of different lengths will be available, so that pupils of different ages can join in. Pupils must be accompanied by an adult, responsible for their safety. At the end of the event, all participants will be invited to the finish at Reeth School for soup, bread rolls and prize giving. We hope that it will be an exciting and fun event for everyone involved that will also raise money, through sponsorship, for the Friends of School. If you have any questions or would like to know a bit more, please contact school.

To assist with event planning, please register your interest with the school office by 23rd September.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – FIRST HALF OF AUTUMN TERM

We are pleased to be able to offer a number of after school clubs for pupils this half term. All sessions will start next week (week commencing 12th September) and will run through to half term.

Please email or telephone the school office to let us know which clubs your child(ren) would like to attend.

Day and time	Location	Staff	Year groups	Club
Monday 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Reeth School	Miss Codman	Years 1, 2 and 3	Jigsaws
Monday 3:45pm – 4:45pm	Reeth School	Mrs R Allison	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Football
Tuesday 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Gunnarside School	Mr Fremlin	Years 5 and 6	Navigation and route planning **
Tuesday 3:45pm – 4:45pm	Reeth MUGA Transport to the MUGA will be provided	Stage 1 Cycles Mrs Johnson	Reception Year 1	Learn to Ride (beginners) *
Thursday 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Reeth School	Mrs Guy	Years 1, 2 and 3	Lego
Friday 3:30pm – 5:30pm	Reeth School	Mr Stainsby Mr Windwood	Years 4, 5 and 5	Fell Running

* Stage 1 Cycles will provide Learn to Ride sessions for beginner riders. These sessions will cater for children that have either no experience or very little experience on a bike through to those that are just getting started on a pedal bike.

** Mr Fremlin and Mr Stainsby will provide an opportunity for pupils to complete a walk, most probably on a weekend day after the autumn half term break. The after school club will help pupils to develop the skills they will need to plan their route and navigate as independently as possible. The walk will contribute to the John Muir Award, an environmental award scheme focused on wild places.



LUNCH TIME CLUBS – FIRST HALF OF AUTUMN TERM

There is no need to book a place on lunchtime clubs - for information only.

Day and time	Location	Staff	Year groups	Club
Wednesday 12:30pm – 1pm	Gunnerside School	Mr Fremlin Mr Stainsby	Years 4, 5 and 6	Ukulele
Thursday 12:30pm – 1pm	Reeth School	Mr Stainsby	Year 3	Ukulele
Friday 12:30pm – 1pm	Reeth School	Mrs Guy	Years 1, 2 and 3	Library

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

The Friends make a huge difference to our schools and in all sorts of different ways: helping at school events, organising and supporting fundraising projects and volunteering to help with improvements to the school site and premises. We know that many parents are very busy, but even helping out occasionally would really help. Helping out with school events can be a good way to get to know other parents too.

If you would like to receive updates from the Friends, please do let the school office know.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 21st September at 2:15pm at Reeth School. We hope to see some of you there!

MEDICAL AND TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOUR CHILD

A sheet of personal information that we currently hold in school for your child will be sent home to you soon. **Please check the information, make any necessary amendments on the form, and then sign and return it to us at your earliest convenience.** Latest best practice advises that schools hold a minimum of two contact telephone numbers per family. Please note that it is your responsibility to inform these contacts that you are sharing their information with us. Please remember to update school if there are any 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.

COMMUNICATION THROUGH SCHOOLPING

Our school communications will soon start to be sent out through a system called SchoolPing. As well as messaging, the app can be used to give consent for school activities and arrange meetings. We will use SchoolPing to share most information, including newsletters and class letters, although individual correspondence may still be sent from the school email address. If you do not have access to a smartphone, you can also receive messages via email or through your SchoolPing account on a computer. If you need to contact the school office, please continue to use email or telephone.

All parents who are currently receiving school correspondence by email will receive a SchoolPing invite. Just follow the link on the email and work through the steps provided from there. Parents can use SchoolPing on multiple devices under one login or, if preferred, can request a second account. Please do let us know if this would be helpful.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

There is currently a parent governor vacancy on our governing board. Governors oversee the running of the school and its vision, strategic direction, and performance (both educational and financial). You do not need any specific qualifications to be a governor. The most important thing is that you are interested in the success of the school and are prepared to play an active part in the work of the governing board. It can be very rewarding, but does require a commitment of time, with approximately three meetings after school every term and some availability to visit school during the daytime required on an occasional basis.

If you are interested in a role on our governing board, please contact Gordon Stainsby, headteacher, by 09:00 on Thursday 29th September. If you would like more information about the role, please do contact school.

APPLES

We have lots of apples in the school orchard at the moment. They will be available to collect from school at the start and end of day for the next few weeks. If you would like to collect a large quantity, please contact the office so that you can pick your own.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sept	Mon 19 th	Bank holiday – school closed
	Tues 20 th	SFX Open Evening for Year 6 pupils, from 5:30pm with presentations by the Headteacher at 6pm and 7pm
	Wed 21 st	Friends of School meeting at Reeth School, 2.15pm, everyone welcome
	Thurs 22 nd	Richmond School Open Evening for Year 6 pupils, 6pm
Oct	Thurs 6 th	The Wensleydale School Open Evening for Year 6 pupils, 6pm to 8pm
	Week beginning 10 th Oct	Parent consultation meetings – dates and details will be provided nearer the time.
	Wed 12 th	Influenza Childhood Immunisation for all pupils in Rec to Year 6
	Sat 15 th	Friends of School Fundraiser Relay
	Wed 19 th	Harvest Assembly at Gunnerside Methodist Chapel, 9.30am, parents, extended family and members of the community are all welcome
	Thurs 20 th	School closes for half-term
	Fri 21 st	Staff training day
	Mon 31 st	School re-opens
Nov	Thurs 10 th	Remembrance Assembly in Reeth school hall
	Tues 15 th	Swimming lessons begin for 5 weeks – all KS1 pupils
	Fri 18 th	Swimming lessons begin for 5 weeks for some KS2 pupils

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER 2023 STATUTORY TESTS

Each year the Department for Education set dates for statutory testing and all pupils in certain year groups must be in school to complete these on specific dates. Please find these dates outlined below:

Year group	Test dates and details
6	KS2 tests Monday 8th May to Thursday 11th May 2023
4	Multiplication tables test within the 3-week period from Monday 5th June 2023
2	KS1 tests administered during May 2023
1	Phonics tests during week commencing Monday 12th June 2023