

Reeth and Gunnerside Schools



Newsletter 4 Summer Term 2023

NEXT STEPS

Preparing pupils for the next step in their education is really important and is a core aspect of our vision:

'We all work together to make a better school, make connections and to prepare for our future.'

With this in mind, we have arranged a transition day on Tuesday 4th July, when most of our Year 6 pupils will be visiting their secondary schools. Pupils in other year groups will step-up to the class that they will be in next (school) year. Current Nursery aged pupils moving into Reception in September will spend the day in the EYFS class at Reeth. Current Reception pupils will spend the day in the Y1&2 class at Reeth. Pupils who will be in Years 3 to 6 will be based at Gunnerside.

As part of the day, parents of pupils who will be in Year 3 in September are invited to Gunnerside School at 12.45pm to see pupils enjoying the end of their lunchtime session, meet with staff to discuss transition into Key Stage 2 and have a tour of the school, and then join pupils for part of their PE lesson with Mrs Bastow.

If any parents would appreciate a meeting with their child's new class teacher as we prepare for a new start in September, please do contact the school office to make an appointment.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby, Headteacher
Friday 23rd June

LEAVERS' EVENTS 2023

The last week of term will begin with a special assembly for Year 6 pupils at Gunnerside Chapel. Parents are welcome to join us at 9:30am.

Key Stage 2 pupils will perform a musical production of Cinderella on Wednesday 19th July in Reeth Memorial Hall. Pupils need to arrive at the hall by 5.50pm, ready in costume for a 6pm start. We expect the concert to last approximately 1 hour. As usual, the performance is open to everyone – family, friends and the wider community. We hope you can join us.

Later in the week, our leavers' assembly will celebrate all that our Year 6s have contributed to our school and wish them every success as they move up to secondary school. Parents and family of our leavers, along with parents of younger pupils who would like to join us in saying goodbye to the Year 6s are most welcome to join us. The event will take place on Thursday 20th July at 1.45pm, at Gunnerside School.

YEAR 2 ORIENTEERING

This week pupils enjoyed a super orienteering event at Leyburn Primary School. The children had a wonderful time making new friends, working as a team and developing their map reading skills.

'I liked meeting new people.' Eva

'It was brilliant – I had lots of fun.' Eloise



GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the children below that have received good behaviour certificates in the last few weeks.

BRONZE	Nancy Dixon, Charlotte Whitehead, Nancy Livingstone-Owen, Chloe Reynoldson, Orest Tykhonchuk, Sophia Guy, Tyler Doughty-Coates, William Dawes, Daisy Richardson, Matthew Lea, Eva Tweddle.
SILVER	Isabelle Porter, Ruby Rukin, Eloise Fowler, Thalia Calvert, Mason Doughty-Coates, Charlie Sunter, Fern Stainsby, Ellie-May Teague.
GOLD	Josh Coates, Jacob Coates, Lucy Allison, Ben Guy, Robbie Wearmouth, Mathilda Townend.

PEN-Y-GHENT

Last week, a group of Year 5 & 6 pupils enjoyed an afternoon walk on Pen-y-ghent as part of the John Muir Award. They planned their route at an after school club and are now increasingly able to navigate independently. For some of the group, this was the third of the Yorkshire Three Peaks – a great achievement!



SPORTS AFTERNOONS

We will be running two sports events again this year, one based at Reeth for our Early Years pupils (Reception and Nursery), and one based at Gunnerside for our Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils (Year 1 to Year 6).

EYFS Sports Afternoon – Friday 7th July

School staff and some of our older pupils will run a carousel of sports activities during the afternoon. Parents are invited to join us from 1.30pm to enjoy an afternoon of outdoor fun with the children. There will be refreshments for adults and pupils and we will round off the afternoon with a couple of traditional 'races' for pupils who feel ready!

KS1 and KS2 Sports Afternoon – Tuesday 18th July

Parents and family are invited to join us on the field at Gunnerside from 1.15pm to enjoy the afternoon with us. Parents will be able to take their children home directly from Gunnerside at the end of the event.

We have gazebos which we can use at both events to provide some shade, but please remember that if the weather is sunny there will only be limited shade available, so please ensure that pupils and adults remember sun protection, but also bring a waterproof in case of showers!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

An outreach librarian chatted with all pupils yesterday about this year's summer reading challenge. Children can sign up for this at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Ready Set Read! It is all about the power of play, sport, games and physical activity. The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited-edition Ready Set Read! medal and certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in. The challenge runs from Saturday 15th July until Saturday 9th September. There will also be a fantastic programme of activities in libraries all summer, many of them free, to go with the challenge – look out for flyers which will be distributed through school nearer the time.



NATURE POETRY

- I am not a river: I am a bird riding on a current of air.
- I am not a river: I'm a doctor helping, healing, leaping, lurching through all the rushes in life.
- I am not a river: I am a football always travelling, scoring, racing against my opponents.
- I am not a river: I am a swirling, whirling washing machine roaring and chasing my end.
- I am not a river: I am anger – crashing, bashing, crumbling, bumbling.
- I am not a river: I am a bowl of steaming soup, a life provider.
- I am a river and I provide to the world and everything in it.

Eden, Year 6

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Our next Friends of School meeting is on Monday 26th June, 1:30pm, at Reeth School. Inevitably, as pupils leave for secondary school, volunteer parents also move on, and we're always looking for new people that can help. Rose Atkinson has kindly written a lovely note that gives an insight to the role, attached with this newsletter.

'In simple terms, the Friends of School raise funds to provide lovely extras that our school offers the children. These are the non-essential items that cannot be covered by the school budget but really make our school special and enhance the learning of all the children.' Rose Atkinson

Thank you to all parents that have contributed to the work of the group. We really appreciate your help.

SCHOOL MEALS

We really value our school kitchen service that enables us to offer freshly prepared and nutritionally balanced meals to pupils each day at both sites. The service, provided by the local authority, does have a cost implication for our school, over and above the amount we charge to parents.

Due to the latest increases in the cost of the service from the local authority, the price of a school meal is due to rise in September 2023. Meal prices will be:

- Nursery meal £2.25
- KS2 pupil meal £2.75 (£13.75 per week)

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive free meals under the national universal infant free school meals initiative funded by the Government.

A copy of the autumn term dinner menu is being sent home with this newsletter. Please note that both school kitchens serve the top listed main course each day. The vegetarian option is only available for special diets and when booked a full term in advance.

If you have any queries, or wish to discuss anything, please contact Mr Stainsby at school.

EXERCISE BOOKS

Over the next few weeks, pupils will bring home their exercise books. We hope that you enjoy looking through them.

PACKED LUNCHES

Our school kitchens, in accordance with guidance, chop small round food items including grapes, cherry tomatoes and strawberries into quarters to reduce the risk of choking. We recommend and ask that packed lunches are prepared like this too. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June	Mon 26 th	Linzi Blundell leading assemblies at both schools
		Friends of School Meeting, 1:30pm at Reeth School, everyone welcome
	Tues 27 th	Reception, Year 1 & 2 visit to Saltburn
	Thurs 29 th	Year 5 & 6 Gunnerside Gill walk, full day
	Fri 30 th	Year 5s based at Reeth all afternoon, with cycling awareness in Reeth
July	Tues 4 th	Stepping up day for Reception through to Y5 pupils
	Thurs 6 th	Spiritual Development Day at Gunnerside for pupils in Y1 to Y6
	Fri 7 th	Early Years Sports afternoon – Reeth School field
		Year 5s based at Reeth all afternoon, with cycling awareness in Reeth
	Mon 10 th	Follow up Lord Wharton session for Year 6 pupils with Rev Julia
	Wed 12 th	East Barnby 3 day residential visit for Y3 & 4
Fri 14 th	All after school clubs finish for the term	

July		Year 5s based at Reeth all afternoon, with cycling awareness in Reeth
		Final swimming session this term for Year 6 pupils and Y1 & 2 pupils
	Mon 17 th	Leavers' Service at Gunnerside Methodist Chapel
	Tues 18 th	Dress rehearsal for Leavers' Concert – all pupils Rec to Y6 at Reeth Memorial Hall (am)
		Sports afternoon for Y1 to Y6
	Wed 19 th	Leavers' Performance – Reeth Memorial Hall – 6pm Parents, extended family and members of the community all welcome.
Fri 21 st	School closes for summer break at 2:30pm	

TRANSITION DATES FOR Y6 PUPILS

Please note that transition events have been cancelled on Wednesday 5th July. All pupils should attend Gunnerside School on this day.

SFX School	Tues 27 th and Weds 28 th June
Richmond School	Mon 3 rd and Tues 4 th July
Wensleydale School	Mon 3 rd to Fri 7 th July, apart from Wednesday 5 th July