

Reeth and Gunnerside Schools



Newsletter 3 Spring Term 2023

SCHOOL VISITORS

Thank you to pupils, parents and the staff team for welcoming visitors from Ofsted over the last few days. Pupils represented our schools very well, and their friendly, kind and helpful approach to school life was appreciated and recognised. Thank you to all parents that completed the online survey – your views are really important to us. The inspection process takes a little while to complete and we look forward to sharing the outcome with you after the Easter holiday.

We hope that you enjoy reading about what we have been up to in the last few weeks, and hope that you are able to join us for school events as we approach the end of term. As always, please do contact school if there's anything we can do to help.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby, Headteacher
Thursday 23rd March

EASTER AT GUNNERSIDE CHAPEL

We are looking forward to our Easter Services, led by church staff and volunteers from the Dales Circuit. We will take a journey through Holy Week, with lots of pupil involvement as they retell the story. Pupils will collect a series of objects as they move around the church, storing them in a little box to take home, and helping them to remember the story. Inspired by Christingle events, we will call the service an *Easteringle*.



To provide the best experience for pupils within the space available, there will be two separate events:

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils – 10:45am until 11:30am
- Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils – 1:00pm until 2:00pm.

Parents and extended family members are most welcome to join us.

GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

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

BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Orest Tykhonchuk Poppy Atkinson Maddie Biddle Marianne Skinner	Brooke Longden	Arthur Pybus Sidney Livingstone-Owen Tyler Doughty-Coates Sophia Guy Fern Stainsby Kane Longden

YEAR 1 & 2 VISIT TO EDINBURGH

Last Friday, pupils in Miss Codman's class enjoyed a day visit to Edinburgh. We had a super time!

'My favourite part was the I-spy game. There were a lot of things to find and I spotted them all.' Harper

'I like the aeroplanes and reading the information on the signs. I learned what they were made of and who made them.' Jacob

'I really liked seeing the pneumatic tyre in the museum because we've been learning about it in science.' Leo

'I like the wonderful sparkling gems on display in the museum.' Charlotte

'The mosque was magnificent, gorgeous and beautiful.' Marianne

'The mosque was my favourite part because it made me feel calm and peaceful.' Eva

'It was the best day of my life!' Amelia



EVA'S RECOUNT OF THE VISIT



I-SPY FROM THE TRAIN

Monday 20th March

Edinburgh

On Friday we went on an adventure to Edinburgh.

First we went on a bus to Darlington station to catch the train. The train was lots of fun because it was very smooth and we played I-spy and had snacks.

When we arrived in Edinburgh we first went to a beautiful mosque. First when we got in the mosque we took our shoes off because that was a sign of respect. Then when we got in there were chandeliers on the ceiling. The Imam now showed us how to pray like a muslim does. Next we were read the Quran in Arabic and it sounded

like a poem it sounded beautiful. Then we read a copy of the Quran. Then we read some posters of how to be a good muslim. After we put our shoes back on and got out of the mosque.

Later... We went to the National Museum of Scotland and when we got in we first had lunch because we were all very hungry. After we had lunch we split up in our groups and looked around the museum and first we saw a skull of a whale and it was very very big. After we saw a giraffe nearly touching us because it was so tall and we were on the top level and we also saw a huge amazing and enormous elephant.

Finally our last thing we did out of all of our adventures. Then we saw a dog in a pool and we had a play on the green outside of the Scottish ~~part~~ parliament. Lastly we went on a train to England.

Then we went to school on the bus and went to our parents.





MOBILE PHONES, CAMERAS AND SMART WATCHES

Please note that electronic devices (including mobile phones, cameras and smart watches) should not be brought to school. Pupils are welcome to wear a simple analogue or digital watch.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL BAKING STALL

The Friends of School are organising a baking stall at Reeth Market on Good Friday, 7th April. Please do help if you can. We are looking for a few more people to help run the stall for an hour or so between 9:00 and 12:00 and baking would be very gratefully received. Baked items can be dropped off at Leanne Guy's house anytime in the few days leading up to the Good Friday. If you are able to help on the day, please contact Jen Dixon:

07875848852, jenniferhugill1@hotmail.co.uk



FRIENDS OF SCHOOL Bag2School

Please help Friends to raise money through the Bag2School textiles recycling initiative. You can bag up many of your unwanted textiles and send these to us at school for collection by Bag2School. The more the bags weigh, the more funds are raised for Friends!



The collection date from Reeth School is Friday 25th May, 9:00am, but you are welcome to drop off bags at either school anytime before this date and we will store them until the collection day. Collection bags from Bag2School will be sent home nearer the time, but black bags can be used as an alternative.

Bag2School accept: clothing, paired shoes, bags, hats, belts, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen such as bedding, curtains and towels,

but do not collect:

duvets, blankets, pillows/cushions, carpets/rugs/mats, school uniform items, corporate clothing/workwear, textile cut-offs/yarns/threaded material

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL DISCO

We're pleased to let you know that there will be a school disco for pupils in Year 1 through to Year 6 at Reeth School. The event will be organised by Friends of School along with some members of the staff team.

Friday 19th May, 6pm to 7:30pm

SWIMMING LESSONS FOR YEARS 1 & 2

Richmond Swimming Pool anticipates that their maintenance issues will be fully resolved by the time we return to school after the Easter break. We are therefore planning to take all Year 1 and Year 2 pupils swimming on Friday afternoons in both the first and second half of the summer term, starting on Friday 21st April. We will send more detailed information to parents of these pupils nearer the time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March	Wed 29 th	Easter Services Rec and KS1 10:45am – 11:30am, KS2 1:00 – 2:00pm Parents and extended family members are most welcome.
	Thur 30 th	Cluster Archery for some KS2 pupils at West Burton School (am)
	Fri 31 st	School closes for Easter
April	Fri 7 th	Friends of School cake stall fundraiser at Reeth market, all donations welcome
	Mon 17 th	Staff training day
	Tues 18 th	School reopens
	Fri 21 st	Swimming lessons commence for Years 1 & 2 (12 weeks)
May	Mon 1 st	School closed – Early May bank holiday
	Mon 8 th	School closed – additional bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III
	Fri 19 th	Friends of School Disco, 6pm – 7:30pm

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 Tuesday 9 th May to Friday 12 th May 2023
4	Multiplication tables test within the 3-week period from Monday 5 th June 2023
2	KS1 tests administered during May 2023
1	Phonics tests during week commencing Monday 12 th June 2023

