

Reeth and Gunnerside Schools



Newsletter 2 Autumn Term 2022

STAFFING UPDATES

Here at school we carefully consider the best way to organise our classes, maximising the support for each learner, providing a high staff to pupil ratio and ensuring that staff have experience in the year groups that they teach. There are some staffing changes that we have been busy working on, and we are pleased to be able to share these with you now.

Mrs Fiona Howard has joined the staff team, working as a teaching assistant in Early Years each day. Mrs Gemma Fallon continues to be based at Reeth School, and she is now based in Year 1 & 2 where she works as a teaching assistant alongside Miss Abby Codman, Mrs Sharon Atkinson and Mrs Gemma Johnson.

Mrs Rosemary Walker, who has made a wonderful contribution to our schools over the last 14 years, has chosen to retire at the end of the autumn term. Mrs Catherine Guy will join Mrs Katie Stainsby in January.

Our Year 3 and Year 4 classes have benefitted from exceptionally small class sizes through the autumn term, and are now ready to merge as one class based at Gunnerside School from January. The transition will be supported by additional staffing, with Mrs Lynsey Dinsdale and Mrs Rachel Allison joining Mrs Clare Bastow on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week during the first half of the term. Mrs Rachel Allison will take maternity leave from February - congratulations to Rachel and her family!

If you have any questions about these arrangements please do contact school.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby, Headteacher
Tuesday 8th November

CURRICULUM

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.

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 18th November, all pupils are invited to wear an item of spotty clothing to raise money for BBC Children in Need. Anything from spotty socks to a spotty jumper would be great. No spotty clothing? Please don't worry – anything colourful would work well. We suggest a £1 donation. Thank you.



GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

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

BRONZE	Ben Guy, Daniel Pearson, Kane Longden, Leo Atkinson-Iesini, James Calvert, Luke Williams, Jenson Tyler, Eden Frankland, Sophie Rukin, Josh Coates, James Calvert, Sophia Guy, Tyler Doughty-Coates, Holly Calvert, Tommy Wearmouth, Raife Coates, Keane Patrick, Ryan Reynoldson, Matthew Lea, Barney Lewis, Daisy Richardson, Os Lewis, Arlo Johnson, Mason Doughty-Coates, Lucy Allison, Marianne Skinner, Jacob Coates, Charlotte Whitehead, Sidney Livingstone-Owen, Ethan Tyler, Jessica Rukin, Jamie Meffen
SILVER	Luke Williams, Chloe Calvert, Tommy Wearmouth, Holly Calvert, Raife Coates, Ruby Rukin, Nancy Livingstone-Owen, Chloe Reynoldson, Ellie-May Teague, Matthew Lea, Eloise Francis, Eva Reynoldson, Jake Williams, Charlotte Dixon, Seth Whitehead, Charlie Sunter, Thalia Calvert, Rosie Holliday, William Dawes, Ellie Dixon, Amber Williams, Eva Twedde, Poppy Atkinson, Barney Walton, Sophie Rukin
GOLD	Thalia Calvert, Lenny Haigh, Orla Stainsby, Robbie Wearmouth, Phoebe Guy, Amelia Hill, Daniel Calvert, Arlo Johnson, Clemmie Livingstone-Owen, Luke Williams, Jessica Rukin, Fern Stainsby, Rowan Wilkinson, Faith Ackroyd, William Dawes, Charlotte Francis, Ellie Dixon, Ruby Rukin, Charlotte Dixon

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL FUNDRAISER RELAY

Thank you to everyone that joined us for the Friends of School Relay. Two teams raced from Gunnerside to Reeth, completing the journey in under 1h30m. We were very impressed by the determination and commitment of all runners who maintained a great pace and left the adults working hard to keep up! The event has raised £700 towards the Early Years canopy at Reeth School. Thank you everyone!



PLAYTIME

We are hoping to use the school field at both schools for breaktime and lunchtime play sessions for as long as possible through autumn. If you would like to send your child in with wellies, it will enable them to use this space more often, and on days when trainers would not be suitable.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Richard from Impressions Photography is visiting Reeth School on Friday 11th November to take individual and school aged sibling group photographs. A letter providing more details and asking you to let us know whether you would like photos has been sent to you via SchoolPing. So that we can finalise arrangements, please send us your response, as soon as possible.

SCHOOL SWIMMING

The works at Richmond Swimming Pool are taking a little longer than expected, and therefore school swimming will start again in the spring term. Sessions for some KS2 pupils will commence on Friday 13th January and will run throughout the spring term. The first block of sessions for Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will commence on Tuesday 21st February and will run to the end of the spring term; this will be followed by a further block of sessions in the first part of the summer term. Full details will be sent to families nearer the time.

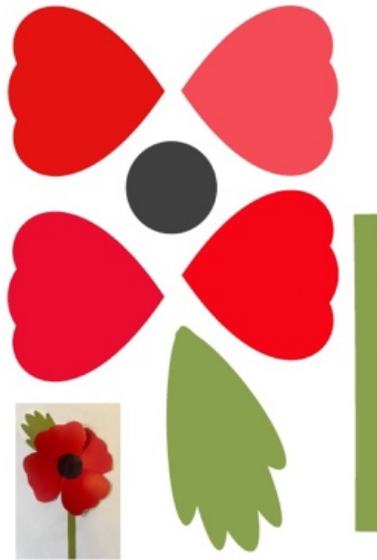
PARENT GOVERNOR

We are pleased to let you know that Miss Jessica Holliday has volunteered to be a parent governor.

REMEMBRANCE

Y4, Y5 & Y6 pupils will lead our whole school Remembrance Assembly on Thursday afternoon. All pupils are invited to make and bring a poppy. Yesterday in assembly we talked about how to make a poppy using a flower template that has been sent home in book bags. If you don't have scissors or glue at home, pupils are able to make their poppies at school instead.

There are poppy appeal items available at both schools. If pupils would like anything, please send a donation into school in a purse or sealed envelope. Please note that change won't be available as the donation buckets are sealed.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SECOND 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 begin this week (week commencing 7th November) and will run for 5 weeks through to the penultimate week of term (week commencing 5th December).

Thank you for using SchoolPing to let us know which clubs your child would like to attend.

Day and time	Location	Staff	Year groups	Club
Monday 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Reeth School	Mr Stainsby Mrs Stainsby Mrs Johnson	Years Rec, 1, 2 and 3	Indoor sports
Tuesday 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Gunnerside School	Mrs Bastow	Years 4, 5 and 6	Art and craft
Thursday 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Reeth School	Mrs Guy	Years Rec, 1, 2 and 3	Art and craft
Friday 3:30pm – 5:30pm	Reeth School	Mr Stainsby Mr Windwood	Years 4, 5 and 5	Fell running in the dark

LUNCH TIME CLUBS – SECOND 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
Thursday 12:30pm – 1pm	Gunnerside School	Mrs Tranter	Year 4, 5 and 6	Library
Friday 12:30pm – 1pm	Reeth School	Mrs Guy	Years 1, 2 and 3	Library



HARVEST SERVICE

Thank you to everyone that joined us for our Harvest Service before half term.

The day beforehand, all pupils were involved in soup making, each bringing in a vegetable from home. Building on this we explored how small actions can make a big difference and the miracle of the feeding of the 5000. We all enjoyed the soup at the end of the service!

We have been singing a new hymn each week this term and it was wonderful to hear the children sing with such confidence.

Thank you to all families that sent in a donation to the foodbank. We have taken the items to Hudson House, where there is a drop off point for Store House, the foodbank based at the Influence Church, Richmond.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

In partnership with the Friends of School, all pupils have designed a Christmas card that is now available to buy through Class Fundraising.

There are some super designs, and we hope that you are pleased with the copy of your child's artwork that was sent home on Friday. If you would like to purchase some cards, please follow the instructions on the form. Note that the order deadline is Tuesday 15th November. 25% of the purchase price will be donated to the Friends of School. Thank you for your support.

We are particularly impressed by Thomas' robin design. Inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy, yet independently created, we are amazed at how Tom has managed to compose the robin in such a beautiful yet simple form. If you would like to buy Tom's robin card, please contact the school office.



Y3 AND Y4 RIVER FIELDWORK

Y3 and Y4 pupils have been studying the processes of erosion, transport and deposition as part of their rivers project, and enjoyed an afternoon in Apedale exploring the landforms there. Thank you to the Bolton Estate for allowing us to access the site.



ADVERSE WEATHER PROCEDURES

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

- Our first lines of communication about school closure and school transport in adverse weather are our SchoolPing messaging service and our website, www.reethandgunnerside.org.uk.
- We aim to update the school website by 07:45 each day when conditions are poor. If there is no message on the website, please presume that school is open.
- The most important priority is your child's safety. In school we are not always best placed to know what weather conditions are like where you live. If you decide it is unsafe for your child to travel, please inform us by telephone.
- If you don't have internet access to check the school web-site or view a SchoolPing message, please let us know.
- If a school needs to close during the day, we will contact you by telephone.

DARK NIGHTS

Thank you to pupils that have been wearing their hi-visibility coats when walking to and from school.

We have a number of spare jackets available; please do let us know if you need a new one.

If your child has outgrown their jacket, please do return it to school for a larger size.

TERM DATES FOR THE 2023/24 ACADEMIC YEAR

A list of term dates for the next academic year, commencing September 2023, is being sent home with this newsletter. A copy is also available on our school web site.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Nov	Thurs 10 th	Remembrance Assembly in Reeth School hall, Rec to Y6, led by Y4, Y5 & Y6
	Fri 11 th	Individual pupil photographs at both schools
	Thurs 17 th	Y5 & Y6 Crucial Crew visit
	Wed 23 rd	Morning – Y1&2 Woodland walk with Yorkshire Dales National Park – High Fremington
		4pm – Y5 & 6 High Borrans parent meeting for pupils and parents, Reeth School
Sun 27 th	Wherside walk for KS2 pupils who took part in the navigation and route planning after-school club last half-term	
Dec	Thurs 1 st	Advent assemblies with Rachel Pinkney in both schools
	Wed 7 th	Carol singing – Gunnerside Chapel
	Tues 13 th	Dress rehearsal for Christmas performance
	Weds 14 th	Early Years Christmas party morning
		2pm – Christmas performance led by Y1/2/3 pupils, with Y4/5/6 singing – Reeth Memorial Hall – parents, extended family, and members of the community are all welcome
	Thurs 15 th	Christmas Lunches at both schools
		Christmas party afternoon for Year 4/5/6 pupils at Gunnerside and Year 1/2/3 pupils at Reeth
6pm – Christmas performance led by Y1/2/3 pupils, with Y4/5/6 singing – Reeth Memorial Hall – parents, extended family, and members of the community are all welcome		
Fri 16 th	All pupils based at Reeth for the day. 10am – Carol singing at Reeth Market	
	1:30pm – Christingle Service at St Andrew Church, Grinton – all welcome	

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 8 th May to Thursday 11 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

Please note that an extra bank holiday will take place across the UK to mark the coronation of King Charles III next year on Monday 8th May. Schools will be closed on this day. We await further information from the government and our local authority and will share this with you as soon as possible.