

# Reeth and Gunnerside Schools



## Newsletter 2 Summer Term 2023

### CELEBRATING THE CORONATION

We very much hope that all pupils and their families enjoy the Coronation of King Charles over the weekend. Next week is quite busy in school with SATs for Y6 pupils and with this in mind we will celebrate as a school a little later in the term.

*'As Prince of Wales, His Majesty expressed a deep love and concern for England's wildlife, natural and rural places, frequently reflecting on his love of walking and its role in promoting a healthy mind and body.'* [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

We have planned a whole school walk (Reception to Y6) for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Inspired by King Charles, we will journey through the countryside, taking time to listen, connect, draw and celebrate. When we return to Gunnerside we will plant a tree to mark the occasion and close by we will bury a time capsule, capturing the moment, our walk and the Coronation. We have invited pupils to contribute by suggesting ideas and bringing in items for the capsule. Some children have already suggested that we could include pressed flowers, photos of the Coronation in local villages and memories and prayers written by pupils. Please do encourage your child to share their ideas and bring in items.

With best wishes,

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby, Headteacher, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May



### FRIENDS BRING AND BUY SALE

Thanks to everyone that has been dropping off bags of clothing for sale or collection by Bag 2 School. Your support is really appreciated.

There are two ways to get involved this time:

**Option 1 – donate any unwanted items that you think other people in the school community would like to buy.** Clothes, toys, small items of furniture and electrical items are all welcome.

**Option 2 – send textile items specifically for Bag 2 School that would probably not have a resale value.**

Bag 2 School 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

The collection date from Reeth School has been brought slightly to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, enabling us to sort items ready for browsing and sale on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May through to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at Reeth School. All unsold items will be sent to Bag 2 School or to a local charity shop.

### FRIENDS OF SCHOOL DISCO

The disco is being held in Reeth School Hall from 6pm until 7.30pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. All pupils in Years 1 to Y6 are welcome to attend. There will be dancing, musical party games and a breakout room where quieter activities will be available.

Entrance is £5 per child, which will include squash and a packet of Haribo sweets. This can be paid in advance, through your child's ParentPay account, or at the door, on the evening. Please use the reply form sent out through SchoolPing to let us know whether your child will be attending and how you would like to pay. Additionally, as Friends are keen to put together a playlist of songs chosen by the children, please also use the reply form to let us know of any particular song requests your child has.



## YEAR 3 & 4 TENNIS

A group of pupils enjoyed some terrific tennis at Reeth MUGA last week. The children enjoyed a busy morning of activities, working alongside others from Middleham and Spennithorne Schools.



## GUNNERSIDE SCHOOL CARETAKER

Our caretaker and cleaner at Gunnerside School, Lesley Calvert, is retiring at the end of the summer term. Lesley has made a super contribution, working here for twenty eight years and we will really miss her. Although the post has not yet been advertised, recruitment will begin soon. The role is a rewarding one, providing an opportunity to be involved in school life and work alongside our friendly team of staff. If the opportunity is of interest, please contact Len Walker, the Caretaking Manager for North Yorkshire Education Services, on 07808 099685, for more information. The anticipated start date is July 2023.

## FEAST FOOD ENTERTAINMENT ARTS SPORT TOGETHER

North Yorkshire Together has run a holiday and food activity programme for a few years now. The scheme was originally developed to support families eligible for free school meals, and to provide free enrichment activities during the Christmas, Easter and summer holidays. It has now been extended and is able to support other children and families that would welcome its benefits. You can find out more using the link below:

<https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/>

If this is something of interest to you please contact school to let us know.



## SUN PROTECTION



We hope to see some more sunny days before the end of the school year and we are keen for pupils to enjoy the outdoors as often as possible. We do of course need to be mindful of sunburn and associated risks to health. **Please send your child with a hat and always apply sunscreen before coming to school during the summer term.** As the weather is sometimes rather unpredictable, you may wish to send in a suitable sunscreen (clearly labelled with your child's name) to apply during the day either themselves, if they are able to do so, or by an adult if they are a younger pupil. Shorts, dresses, and cool clothing is also advised on warmer days.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	School closed – additional bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III
	Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ingleborough walk for Y5 & 6 pupils as part of the John Muir Award
	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Cluster rounders event at Askrigg for all Y5/6 pupils (am)
	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cluster cricket event at Middleham cricket club for a group of Year 3 & 4 pupils (am)
	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of School Disco, Reeth School, Y1 to Y6, 6pm – 7:30pm
	Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Chapel service for KS2 pupils who have been working with Rachel Pinkney, from 5:30pm
	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Moorland study for Year 5 & 6 with Yorkshire Dales National Park
		Drop off date for the bring and buy sale and Bags 2 School
	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bring and Buy Sale, Reeth School, 8:30am to 4:30pm
		John Wesley Day and whole school walk as a celebration of the King's Coronation
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Spirited Arts Day	
	Cluster cricket event at Middleham Cricket club for a group of Year 5 & 6 pupils (am)	
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for half-term break	
June	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens
	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	River study for Year 3 & 4 with Yorkshire Dales National Park
	Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Swaledale Festival classical guitar session at Gunnerside (am)
		Rachel Pinkney leading assemblies at both schools
	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 swimming sessions start and continue until Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July inclusive
	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Introduction to the Lord Wharton project for Year 6 pupils with Rachel Pinkney
East Barnby parents' meeting – 4pm		
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	Linzi Blundell leading assemblies at both schools	
	Friends of School Meeting, 1:30pm at Reeth School, everyone welcome	
July	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Stepping up day for Reception through to Y5 pupils
	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	Spiritual Development Day at Gunnerside
	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Early Years Sports afternoon – Reeth School field
	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	East Barnby 3 day residential visit for Y3 & 4

Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Service at Gunnerside Methodist Chapel
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Dress rehearsal for Leavers' Concert – all pupils Rec to Y6 at Reeth Memorial Hall (am)
	Sports afternoon for Y1 to Y6
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Performance – Reeth Memorial Hall – 6pm Parents, extended family and members of the community all welcome.
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	School closes for summer break at 2:30pm

### TRANSITION DATES FOR Y6 PUPILS

SFX School	Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> and Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Richmond School	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> and Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Wensleydale School	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July

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