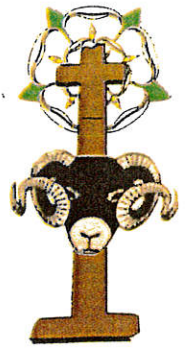




Glaisdale Primary School

NEWSLETTER

1st December 2017



"Outstanding Together"

Whole School

This week we have started to practise the Christmas play, which has involved children learning their lines, working out where to stand and getting to grips with the songs. In addition, the KS2 children have been working hard on their dance routines, which are looking very impressive. **Request: Please, if possible, can the children bring in a baseball cap and a loose hoodie that they could easily pull over a costume. Also, they will need a pair of clean trainers to wear on stage. Thank you.**

Class 2 - Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

This week we have followed on from our work on relationships to focus on what makes healthy and unhealthy friendships. I was very impressed with the mature approach that the children took to this and the insights they had into what makes a good and sustainable relationship.

Class 1

This week the children have been undertaking assessments in reading, SPAG and maths, which they have addressed in their usual positive way, demonstrating both resilience and determination.

We have also been looking at shape patterns, directions (including right and left) and turns (including clockwise and anti-clockwise).

In English, we have been securing further our understanding of nouns, verbs and objectives as well as improving our dictionary skills.

The class has also been looking at the rainforests and comparing them to our own locality, and have discussed what it means to celebrate, particularly in the Christian church.

Unfortunately due to the snow, the children weren't able to do Forest Schools this week.

Diary dates for the week commencing 4th December 2017:

Mon 4th: am – All school – watching Xmas Play dress rehearsal at Castleton School (see previous letter)

Tues 5th:

Wed 6th: Forest Schools for Yr 6

Thurs 7th: NO Forest Schools for KS 1 – Science instead.

NO Netball Club

Fri 9th: NO Football Club

REMINDER – Dress Rehearsal at Castleton on MONDAY 4th DECEMBER

We are missing a few forms from some of the children. Without your consent, your child will not be able to go so where applicable, please send it in with your child/children first thing on Monday morning. **Also, please ensure all children have their wellies with them so they can wear them to walk down/up the grassy path when going to the coach and coming back up to school?** Thank you.

REMINDER - Trip to Panto on 20TH DECEMBER

There are still forms that haven't been returned (with payment). Where applicable, please send this form back with your child/children next week to ensure they can go. Thank you.

REMINDER – Yrs 3 & 4 – Peat Rigg residential next April

For those children eligible, please can parents ensure that all forms are returned next week with information about payments. Thank you.

Snowy Weather

On days when it's cold, frosty and/or snowy, please can you ensure that your child/children comes to school in their wellies/boots, wearing a warm coat, waterproof trousers and has/have a hat, scarf and gloves with them as well. Thank you.

Bonus Ball winner – As on 25/11/17 – Lisa Harland – 8

Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child

Huge thanks to all those who donated boxes for the children, 75 were collected in total.

Poppy Appeal

Thanks goes to all those who gave towards this appeal, via the box in school. In total £11 was raised.

Esk Valley Teaching School Alliance - update

Please find **attached** updated information about the Esk Valley Alliance. The Alliance has grown and now includes even more schools over a wider geographical area. Meetings are now led by partners feeding back on the work they are doing collaboratively, to improve outcomes for children. The Esk Valley Alliance works closely with other Teaching Alliances across North Yorkshire to ensure best practice and joint approaches. We have a North Yorkshire CPD Offer currently being advertised.

News from Castleton Classes

This week has been assessment week in **KS1** and again we are so proud of everyone's positive attitude. Well done! In Maths we have been focusing on telling the time to o'clock and half past for year 1 and Reception and to 5 minute intervals for year 2.

KS2: This week has been about perfecting our performance, so that we are ready for next week. Mrs Grace has been very impressed by the way the lines have been learnt. There has been great enthusiasm for the songs and we hope you enjoy our surprise. you have to come and watch, as we are not giving it away. Thank you to everyone who has brought in extra to be helpful to others. It is brilliant how everyone has been supporting each other and helping out. We hope you are looking forward to seeing the show as we are to perform it for you.

The push to work on tables is still continuing as we are trying to find ways to make the tables stay in the brain. The best way is to keep on working on them so that they don't fall out of the ear during sleep! So once again any moment at home that isn't already really busy it would be great if there was some times table fun!