



**Glaisdale Primary School**



*"Outstanding Together"*

# Newsletter

## 04/11/2022

Dear Families and Friends,

### **Welcome Back**

Children and staff have hit the ground running in the first week back after half-term. They will have a busy seven weeks (including this one) filled with lots of activities that will build on their learning and experiences in a variety of ways. One of the ways they have developed is in their French lessons. This week, Madame Cordingley joined the school to teach us French on Wednesday. All the children enjoyed the songs, games and activities that helped them to learn the language. We look forward to more sessions over the course of the term!

### **Reading Afternoon for Parents**

Thank you to all the parents that attending our reading afternoon on Tuesday! We are so pleased to have such a supportive community around our children. Reading is one of the most important skills we teach at primary school – it allows children to access a range of other learning, as well as allowing them to develop a passion for stories.

You will have seen on our social media that we are starting a new initiative to reward children who read regularly. This will include being entered into a weekly prize draw and then an overall termly draw where the prize is a large rucksack full of fun reading, colouring and mindfulness activities!

### **Parents' Evening**

You should have received communication about the upcoming parents' evenings taking place in week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> November. If you are unable to make the available times/dates, please speak to your child's teacher to arrange an alternative appointment. I look forward to seeing many of you during these evenings.

### **Peat Rigg Meeting**

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November (5.30pm), we will be hosting a virtual meeting for parents/children attending the Peat Rigg residential at the end of the month. It is not mandatory to attend, however, we will be going over some of the key parts and logistics of the trip. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

Children and parents are able to attend this by following the Zoom link (overleaf). If you are unable to attend, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

This will be a joint meeting with parents from Castleton, Glaisdale, Oakridge and Lealholm Schools all attending.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85960410237?pwd=YzU2U0l4U0ZBanRLWGtTMXJlOFZaQT09>

Meeting ID: 859 6041 0237

Passcode: TRvt95

### **Stay and Play**

We will be hosting a 'Stay and Play' afternoon for children who are considering/choosing Glaisdale as their school for next year. It will be an opportunity for children and parents to meet the staff and other children, as well as have a look round our happy family-orientated school!

This will take place on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November (1.30-3pm). If you would like to attend, please contact the School Office. Similarly, please share with any families with children who are starting school in September, especially if they are not in the local area.

### **Children in Need**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, children may come to school in non-uniform with the loose theme of 'spotty'! We will be busy with our Brazilian drum and culture workshop that day, however we still want to mark Children in Need! £1 suggested donation.

### **Men's Football World Cup**

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, children may also dress-up; this time in sporty/England clothing! This is because we are going to watch England's opening game (kick-off 1pm) in school, so that children (and staff!) do not miss out on this!

### **Mrs Hutchinson**

Finally, I am pleased to say that Mrs Hutchinson has joined us this week in the School Office as our new administrator. She brings with her a wealth of experience from her role at Eskdale School and is working hard to get to know all our Glaisdale routines, systems and people!

Have a great weekend,

**Mr Cooper**



### **Stars of the Week**

**Explorers:** Leo – Excellent athletics at Sports Club!

**Adventurers:** Evanie – Excellent attitude to learning and for writing a great play script!

**Headteacher:** Ethan – for amazing reading at home!

**Attendance:** This week's attendance was **96%**, which is slightly below our target of at least **97%**.  
Our attendance this year is: 94.4%

<b>Headteacher timetable for next week</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	am – Castleton pm - Lealholm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Glaisdale all day
<b>Wednesday</b>	Castleton all day
<b>Thursday</b>	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
<b>Friday</b>	am – Glaisdale pm - Castleton

### **Term Dates – 2022 / 2023**

- ~~Half Term – Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October~~
- Staff Training Day - Friday, 9 December
- Last day of Autumn Term - Friday 16 December
- First day of Spring Term - Tuesday 3 January 2023
- Half Term - Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February
- Staff Training Day - Friday, 24 March
- Last day of Spring Term - Friday 31 March
- First day of Summer Term - Monday 17 April
- Bank Holiday - Monday 1 May
- Half Term - Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June
- Last day of Summer Term - Monday 24 July

Training days for staff when the children will not be in school are as follows:

Friday 9 December

Friday 24 March 2023

Tuesday 25 July

### **Future Dates**

#### **November 2022**

9<sup>th</sup>: Peat Rigg Parents Meeting

14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>: Parents' Evening Week

17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>: Brazilian Drum, Dance and Culture Workshop  
(possible short performance to parents at the end of the day)

18<sup>th</sup>: Children in Need (Spotty dress up day - £1 donation)

21<sup>st</sup>: Men's World Cup: England v Iran (1pm kick-off) – **Come to school in sporty/England clothing to watch the match!** (No donation)

23<sup>rd</sup>: Islamic Diversity Centre Assembly and KS2 Workshop

30<sup>th</sup>: New Reception Stay & Play

30<sup>th</sup>: Y5/6 Peat Rigg Residential

#### **December 2022**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>: Y5/6 Peat Rigg Residential

6<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Performance (6pm – Robinson Institute)

7<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Performance (2pm – Robinson Institute)

13<sup>th</sup>: Pantomime

14<sup>th</sup>: Christmas dinner

15<sup>th</sup>: Key Stage 2 Trip to York (Jorvik and Van Gogh Expo)

16<sup>th</sup>: Christmas party

16<sup>th</sup>: End of term (Children return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January)



**Do you know someone interested in training to become a teacher?  
Are you interested in training to become a teacher?**

The Esk Valley Alliance is pleased to announce that it is now taking applications for Initial Teacher Training for those that wish to become primary school teachers. Working in partnership with York St John University, the Esk Valley school-centred (School Direct ITT) primary programme is committed to delivering outstanding education and training that is current and relevant. With the Esk Valley Alliance you will work as part of the teaching team from day one, (similar to student medics in hospitals) learning from experienced, practicing colleagues and immediately putting your new skills into practice.

**Forthcoming Information Events:**

Pickering Memorial Hall Beckett Room - 10am to 1pm on Saturday 19th November. Zoom drop ins on 9<sup>th</sup> November and 29<sup>th</sup> November - 5pm-6pm.

**For more information and Zoom links please contact:**

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