



Glaisdale Primary School



"Outstanding Together"

Newsletter

03/02/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

Reading Afternoon with Parents

Thank you for the excellent turnout at this term's reading afternoon. We had over 75% of our parents in school which is fantastic motivation for our children in developing their passion for reading. We are continuing to run our reading awards initiative which is having a massive impact on children's reading progress. Thank you for your support!

Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you for all your positive responses, suggestions and feedback in our most recent parental questionnaire. The summary of this survey can be found at the end of this newsletter. Our next survey (due later in the term) will focus on our school oaths and how they reflect our unique identity.

Year 4 Multiplication Check Parents Meeting – via Zoom – 7th February 2023 (5pm)

You may be aware that all Year 4 children undertake a national multiplication check in June to determine whether they can recall their times tables fluently up to 12x12 which is essential for their future success in maths.

We will be hosting a parents Zoom meeting for all Year 4 parents across Castleton, Glaisdale, Oakridge and Lealholm, led by Mr Wood (maths lead), to explain how the check works and to provide ways you could support your child at home, as well as answer any questions.

This will be a virtual meeting held via Zoom, which you can access through the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85036611556?pwd=OHdUeHhwNjhFWnNYMDIXU3hLQzRiUT09>

Meeting ID: 850 3661 1556

Passcode: kfKEQ7

The meeting will begin at 5pm and will take approximately 30 minutes.

Parking Outside School

Thank you to all parents and family members that continue to not use the school drive at the beginning and end of the school day (unless they have prior permission). This helps us to maintain the safety of all our children and staff.


Please can I encourage all drivers to also keep the turning circle at the bottom of the drive clear too as this presents a hazard to our families, especially those with younger children.

End of half-term

Please remember: school breaks up for half-term next Friday (10th February) at 3.15pm. Children will return to school on Monday 20th February 2023.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper



Attendance: This week's attendance was **89.1%** which is significantly below the national average of 93.7%.

Our attendance this year is: 93.2%

Stars of the Week:

Explorers: Jaxon – Fantastic writing all week!

Adventurers: Lydia – amazing maths and for being a superstar at everything!

Headteacher's Award: Jude – for having an extremely positive attitude and mature outlook in school!

Headteacher timetable for next week	
Monday	am – Glaisdale pm - Castleton
Tuesday	am – Oakridge pm - Glaisdale
Wednesday	am – Castleton pm – Lealholm
Thursday	Castleton all day
Friday	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
- Bank Holiday – Monday 8 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

February

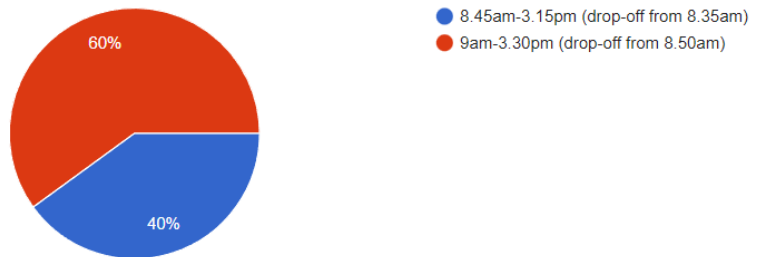
- 10th: Year 3/4 Gymnastics at Eskdale School
- 10th: End of half-term
- 24th: Year 3/4 Hockey Coaching

March

- 7th: Year 3/4 Hockey Tournament
- 14th: Straws Cup – Football Competition (4-6pm)
- 15th: Cross-country event
- 17th: Red Nose Day
- W/c 20th: Parents' Evening
- 24th: Training Day
- 31st: End of Term

Parental Survey Feedback – January 2023

The following summarises the feedback from the recent parental survey and, where appropriate, outlines the next steps school will take to act on this feedback. Feedback has been anonymised, so individual comments will not necessarily be reported.



Extending the School Day

To align with the national requirement to provide 32.5 school hours per week by September 2023, we asked parents to comment on their preference for extending the school day. We have also asked staff and considered how this would best work for our children's curriculum.

We have decided that a 9am-3.30pm school day would provide the opportunity for a more rounded curriculum and better suit the majority of parents/staff. However, we recognise that there may be some exceptions to this.

Therefore, we will look to trial this new school day in due course (likely after Easter) to understand the impact of this on families. Confirmed arrangements will be communicated in due course via the school newsletter.

Joining the PTFA

Thank you to those parents that have expressed an interest in joining/supporting the PTFA. Your names have been passed on to the existing PTFA members who may contact you to discuss how you can support, especially when our current members (Claire Gallon and Lucy Prowse) step down at the end of the year.

Parents' Suggestions on Improving Secondary School Transition

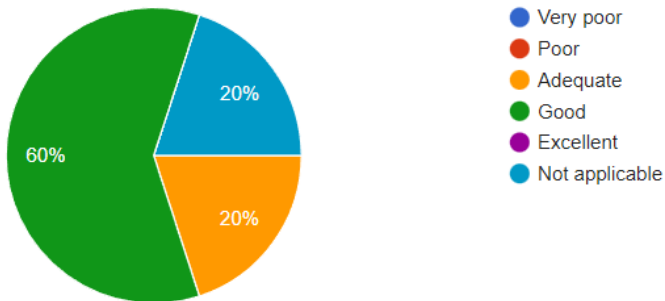
- Opportunity to do activities with other schools' Year 6 pupils.
- Continue transition weeks
- Transport preparation

Thank you for all your suggestions. Where these are practical, we will raise them with the local secondary schools at the Whitby Area Heads Meeting (held termly). As you may be aware, especially if you have a child preparing for secondary school, there has been a change in circumstances regarding the Whitby secondary schools which may affect what transition looks like this year – we will communicate details of this once this has been made clear.

Behaviour Perceptions

We are delighted to hear that all those surveyed believe behaviour at Glaisdale to be good, very good or great! We are also pleased to hear that parents believe this has also improved. We will aim to maintain this trajectory to make behaviour even better.

School Meals



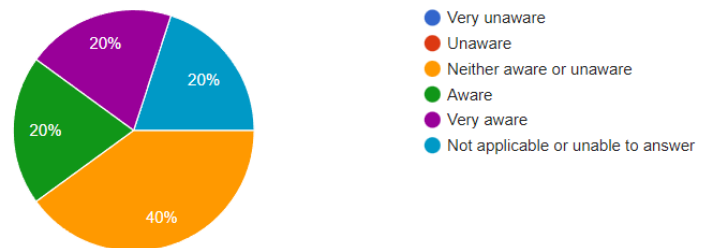
We are pleased to hear that the majority of parents that responded to our survey believe our school meals to be adequate or good. We still aim to improve on this to provide an excellent service in terms of healthiness, taste, variety and value for money. We will also take into account the suggestions listed below (which have been given by parents) to help this improvement. Our School Council will work to find out what special meals children would like in the future.

Suggestions:

- Improve quality/quantity when relief cooks are used
- Ask children to submit their favourite meals and use this in menus

School Oaths

We want to improve our parents understanding and knowledge of our school oaths (which are displayed around the playground and on the school website). Therefore, our next survey will review these oaths and ensure that they reflect the unique personality of Glaisdale. We will then look to make these more explicit to parents and children.



Trips

We had lots of positive feedback on trips at Glaisdale, which we are pleased to hear. However, we will consider the following parental suggestions (where possible):

- Consider distance of trips, especially during winter months
- Choice of pick-up points
- Beach trip in the summer (learning about sea safety)
- Using the local area to base trips (e.g. local agriculture, moors management, local churches, fishing industry, etc.)