



**Glaisdale Primary School**



*"Outstanding Together"*

# Newsletter

## 17/03/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

### **Straws Cup Football Competition**

On Tuesday our boys football team, joint with Lealholm and Castleton, took part in the local school football competition. After a slow start, where we lost two and drew one in the group, we eventually went into the Barclays Shield. In the Quarter Final we came up against East Whitby where two goals from Fin saw us through to the semi-final.

In the semi-final we faced Fylingdales. In a close encounter the game ended 0-0 resulting in extra time. Five minutes into golden goal, Fin once again popped up with a fantastic goal to take us through to the final. The final will be held at Whitby Town FC later in the year. Well done to all the boys who represented our school so well!

### **Eskdale Festival**

I was so proud and fortunate to see our young musicians/performers at Eskdale Festival this week. For a small school, we were extremely well represented across the different classes with students excelling and placing in the top 3 across the board.

A massive well done must go to our young performers for their efforts in preparing and confidence in displaying their talents. A big thank you must also go to all the adults that have helped prepare our children for this event, in particular-Alix Lillie who have worked tirelessly to encourage and develop children's talents in the arts at Glaisdale.

### **Stay and Play for New Starters – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March (10.30-11.50am)**

We will be holding a stay and play morning for all our new children starting in September 2023 on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March (10.30-11.50am). This will be a great opportunity for these children to get to know their new class, teachers and friends! We look forward to seeing you there.

If you know anyone that is interested in joining us for this event (even if they are not necessarily starting school next year), please do share this invite with them.

### **Moors School**

Unfortunately, there will be no Moors School next week due to staff being out of school. We will have our next session on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Sports Club**

Due to Mr Wood being out of school next week and parents' evening in the week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> March, there will be no more Sports Club until after Easter.

## **School Day Extension Trial – Summer Term**

As discussed in previous newsletters and following the last parental survey, the school will be trialling a new finish time of 3.30pm after the Easter holiday. This is to move the school in-line with the government requirement to provide a 32.5-hour week by September 2023. We welcome any feedback you may have on this once it begins.

The start time will remain the same with children being dropped off from 8.50am, ready for a 9am start to the school day. Any arrivals after 9am will be marked as late.

All clubs will continue to run for 1-hour, finishing at 4.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

## **School Meals**

We recognise there has been disruption to school meals this week in terms of quality. As stated in last week's newsletter, NYCC County Caterers had advised that meals would be provided by Lealholm School. However, over the weekend, this plan changed and Sleights School are now providing hot meals.

As a school, and echoing parents/students, we were not satisfied with the quality of meals provided earlier in the week. At the time of writing, following our feedback, this had improved somewhat, however we have logged our concerns with NYCC County Caterers about the provision given to our school when a cook is not available. We hope that this will encourage better provision in future weeks (until Easter) and that either: Mrs Marshall returns or we are provided with a relief cook next term.

We apologise for this disruption and the poor quality of meals.

## **SATs Information Meeting (Virtual) – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March (6pm)**

We will be hosting a joint SATs information meeting on Zoom on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March (6pm). A link for this will be sent out in next week's newsletter. This virtual meeting will be hosted by Mr Sellers (Castleton School) but will be a joint event for all children at Castleton, Glaisdale, Lealholm and Oakridge Schools. We will record the meeting for parents that are unable to attend.

## **Parent Advocates**

We are looking for a small group of parents to help advocate, celebrate and advertise our school, spreading the word that Glaisdale is a great place to send your child. We feel that our school has a lot to offer, however, as you are aware, our pupil numbers have dwindled in recent years, meaning that, in the future, we may need to alter how we run and staff our school – something we are keen to avoid.

Therefore, we are looking for some parents to help spread the word about Glaisdale, so that other parents may consider this when deciding on schooling. This should not take a huge amount of time or effort – it may be as simple as sharing/liking posts on social media, so we can reach a larger audience. If you are interested in knowing how you can support and advocate the school, please get in touch with Mr Cooper (via the school gate, telephone or e-mail: [headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk](mailto:headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk)).

Thank you to those parents that have already started to advocate our school by joining our new Instagram account: [https://www.instagram.com/glaisdale\\_school](https://www.instagram.com/glaisdale_school) and to those parents that have 'shared' some of our notable posts – allowing a greater number of prospective parents to see our school - this has not gone unnoticed!

## **Poverty Proofing**

On Thursday, a poverty proofing audit was conducted of the school. This incorporated feedback from staff, parents and children regarding how we can ease financial burdens on families during the cost of living crisis. We hope to share these findings with you after Easter.

### Upcoming Training Day

Please note that next Friday (24<sup>th</sup> March 2023) is a staff training day and school will be closed to students. Our staff will be using this day in a variety of ways (depending on their job role) including: planning for summer term; language acquisition training; leadership conferences and health and safety training.

### Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening appointments will take place over the next two weeks. We believe all parents have received an appointment slot, if wanted. However, if you are unsure if you have an appointment, please contact the school office.

### Red Nose Day

We really enjoyed celebrating Red Nose Day this week in school. Well done to all the creative costume/clothing choices! In total we raised £40.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper



**Attendance:** This week's attendance was **100%**! This a fantastic achievement – well done!  
Our attendance this year is: 93.1% (National average: 93.8%)

### Stars of the Week:

Explorers: Ralphie – for always following the school rules and making amazing progress in writing!  
Adventurers: Billie – for scoring full marks on her reading assessment – a fantastic achievement!

Headteacher timetable for upcoming week	
Mon	Castleton all day
Tues	am – Whitby pm – Glaisdale
Weds	am – Castleton pm – Working from home
Thurs	am – Glaisdale pm - Castleton
Fri	Training Day

### ENDEAVOUR FUN CLUB FREE EASTER FEAST SESSIONS

The Endeavour Fun Club is hosting free Easter feast sessions for those children who are eligible for benefit related free school meals. Each child is eligible for a free session per day (4hr session). All food and snacks included.

Our bookings are now open for the following Feast sessions.

Mon 3rd April 9-1 or 1-5

Tues 4th April 9-1 or 1-5

Wed 5th April 9-1 or 1-5

Thur 6th April 9-1 or 1-5

Tues 11th April 9-1or 1-5

Wed 12th April 9-1or 1-5

Thur 13th April 9-1or 1-5

Fri 14th April 9-1 or 1-5

Qualifying children will have been allocated their codes.

Please head over to the Feast website for more details or to check if you qualify.

Please ring [07974974033](tel:07974974033) or [07795314255](tel:07795314255) to book.

### **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

### **Term Dates - 2023/24**

- Staff Training Day – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Staff Training Day – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- First day of Autumn Term – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Half Term - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023
- Staff Training Day - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- Last day of Autumn Term - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023
- First Day of Spring Term – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Half Term - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Staff Training Day - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- Last day of Spring Term - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024
- First day of Summer Term - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- Half Term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 2024
- Staff Training Day – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- Last day of Summer Term - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

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

Friday 15 December 2023

Friday 15 March 2024

Friday 12 July 2024

## Future Dates

### March

- 21<sup>st</sup>: Parents Evening (Adventurers only)
- 24<sup>th</sup>: Training Day
- 29<sup>th</sup>: Stay and Play for new starters (10.30-11.50am)
- 30<sup>th</sup>: Parents Evening (Adventurers and Explorers)
- 31<sup>st</sup>: End of Term

### April

- 17<sup>th</sup>: Children return to school
- 20<sup>th</sup>: Birds on the Edge Project Launch

### May

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Bank Holiday
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Bank Holiday
- 9-12<sup>th</sup>: Year 6 SATs Week
- 26<sup>th</sup>: End of half-term

### June

- Year 4 times table check takes place this month
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Children return to school
- 12<sup>th</sup>: Phonics screening week (Year 1)

### July

- 6/7<sup>th</sup>: Year 6 Edinburgh Trip
- 10-14<sup>th</sup>: Whitby secondary school transition week
- 17<sup>th</sup>: Year 6 Crucial Crew visit (pm)
- 24<sup>th</sup>: YEAT Sports Festival at Whitby Town FC
- 24<sup>th</sup>: School finishes for summer holidays