



Glaisdale Primary School



"Outstanding Together"

Newsletter
31/03/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

End of School Day Time Change

Please remember that we will be trialling a 3.30pm finish time for all children after Easter. We will be gauging school community members' views after the first half-term, to understand if this is still the preferred timings for the school day.

Clubs have been moved to run 3.30-4.30pm (see below for new club days)

Thank you for your support with this change.

School Oaths – Parental Questionnaire

At our school, we have 'oaths'. You may have seen these displayed on our fence at the front of school. These are the commitments we strive for all children to achieve as much as possible at their time at primary school. We recognise, however, that these oaths were developed jointly with Castleton, Glaisdale and Lealholm schools and may not represent the desires of our stakeholders currently in the school. We are therefore asking parents to complete the following questionnaire, to gauge their views on these oaths, as well as put forward any other oaths they feel the school should aim to achieve. This feedback will be combined with feedback from other stakeholders. Thank you in advance for completing this short questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/yRQZxYSz961nHRXQ9>

Clubs – Change of Days

To maximise numbers at our clubs, as well as to suit staff's schedules, we will be changing the dates of our clubs after Easter to the following:

Tuesdays: Sports with Mr Wood (3.30-4.30pm)

Wednesdays: Gymnastics with Mrs Wardell (3.30-4.30pm)

Thursdays: Art with Mrs Mitchell (3.30-4.30pm)

Fridays – Gardening with Mr Everson (lunchtime)

If your child is now able to attend one of these clubs, please get in touch to give consent. Please also let us know if your child is no longer able to attend the club because of these day changes.

School Cook

I am pleased to announce that we have sourced a new school cook. Mrs Angela Nefdt, who has been cooking for our school on a relief basis, has accepted this role and will start on 1st May 2023 when her contract at East Barnby Residential Centre concludes. We are looking forward to having Mrs Nefdt as part of our team and having consistent meal provision. Whilst we are awaiting Mrs Nefdt's start, we will continue to receive meals from Sleights School.

Moors Schools

We apologise for the conflicting messages regarding Moors School this week for Adventurers. At short notice we had to postpone their session due to staff absence and had not communicated this quickly enough to you all.

We aim to attend Moors School every Thursday after Easter (unless otherwise stated).

School Services Payments

As we are coming to the end of the financial year, please can we ask that all payments (e.g. dinners, music lessons, breakfast club) are paid by the end of term. If you require a different payment plan, please contact the school office.

Gardening Club – Lunchtime

After Easter, Mr Everson will be running a lunchtime gardening club for children of all ages. This will take place on Fridays. If children are interested in attending, they should bring a spare pair of suitable footwear (e.g. wellies) so that they can take part. There is no need to sign up for this club. Mr Everson has been busy preparing our garden and greenhouse ready for this club, so that children can plant, grow and eat their own produce!

Year 6 Edinburgh Trip

Over the Easter holidays, I will be aiming to book the train tickets for our Year 6 Edinburgh visit taking place on 6-7th July. As a reminder, children should be trying to raise £50 to go towards the cost of this visit. Some children have already raised this through a range of entrepreneurial activities. After Easter, we will add an MCAS payment item for this money to be transferred to school.

SATs Information Meeting (Virtual) – Wednesday 29th March (6pm)

Thank you to those parents who attended the virtual SATs information meeting led by Mr Sellers. We hope you found this useful and reassuring. If you were unable to attend the meeting, you may watch the recording via the following link/password:

https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/dXGymI9eaLmYFN01CVDELLNpzNh0ic_s5Q-oKeoVUC6YEM95rXDzIU38LdkWLMJF.T1dtIDTELEfUvFQr Passcode: 3o4%Ly@0

Music Lessons

After Easter, children will have their music lessons on Friday. Please ensure instruments are brought into school on this day of the week for the foreseeable future.

Good luck to Fin and Lydia who will be taking part in the Whitby Rotary Club Young Musicians competition on Friday evening!

Swimming

Swimming lessons will begin on 25th April for all children. You should have received communication regarding this and how you can provide information and voluntary contributions to the cost of the sessions.

Stay and Play

Thank you to all the new starters who attended this week's Stay and Play – it was lovely to meet you all again! We hope to hold some more of these in the summer term, to prepare our new students for life at Glaisdale.

Coronation Lunch – Parents/community invited

On Friday 5th May, the school will be hosting a Coronation lunch event for all students, parents and community members. More details to follow regarding this after Easter!

Daffodils

You may notice around the village that there are some more daffodils! This is because our Explorers have been out planting this week. Each set of daffodils also comes with a small greetings card from the school with a QR code linked to our Instagram page. If you spot one these, please share on social media!

Straws Cup Final – Tuesday 2nd May (3.45pm)

Our Straws Cup Final has been scheduled for Tuesday 2nd May after school. This will take place at Whitby Town Football Club. It would be great to get as many supporters as possible to the event!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper



Attendance: This week's attendance was **95.8%**! This above the national average!
Our attendance this year is: 93.4% (National average: 93.9%)

Stars of the Week:

Explorers: Erin – for fantastic attitude to her learning and setting a great example for other children!
Adventurers: Evanie – fantastic capacity work in maths and a wonderful report on Florida!

Headteacher timetable for upcoming week	
Mon	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
Tues	Glaisdale all day
Weds	am – Castleton pm – Meetings in Whitby
Thurs	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
Fri	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale

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

April

17th: Children return to school

20th: Birds on the Edge Project Launch

25th: Swimming lessons begin

28th: Year 3/4 Quad Kids Athletics Event

May

1st: Bank Holiday

2nd: Straws Cup Final

3rd: Year 5/6 Cricket Event

5th: Coronation Lunch (parents invited)

8th: Bank Holiday

9-12th: Year 6 SATs Week

16th: Secondary school staff visiting Year 6

25th: Key Stage 2 Trip to Newcastle (Angel of the North and Hindu Mandir)

26th: End of half-term

June

Year 4 times table check takes place this month

5th: Children return to school

12th: Phonics screening week (Year 1)

14th: Year 3/4 Tennis Event

16th: Year 1/2 Quad Kids Athletics Event

21st: Year 5/6 Quad Kids Athletics Event

July

6/7th: Year 6 Edinburgh Trip

10-14th: Whitby secondary school transition week

17th: Year 6 Crucial Crew visit (pm)

24th: YEAT Sports Festival at Whitby Town FC

24th: School finishes for summer holidays