



Glaisdale Primary School



"Outstanding Together"

Newsletter
21/04/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome Back and Termly Reports

Welcome back to what will be a very busy and enjoyable summer term, full of trips, sports events and learning!

Following the positive feedback received from parents regarding the short termly reports sent out at the start of last term, we have decided to continue providing these. You should receive these early next week (if you have not done so already).

Road Safety

You may have noticed that the path next to the road where parents typically park at the start/end of the school day has been cleared. This is thanks to a local resident, Allan Knaggs, who has done this to create a safer area for parents to park and unload children on the kerbside. Please can we encourage you to make use of this area. The school and Chair of Governors is in contact with NYCC Highways to look at a speed limit reduction on this section of road.

Upcoming Teacher Strikes

As you may be aware, there are upcoming teacher strikes on 27/04/23 and 02/05/23. At this stage, we are anticipating that our school will be unaffected by these strikes and will be open as usual. If this situation changes, we will endeavour to contact you as soon as possible.

End of School Day Time Change

Thank you for your support with the changing of our school finish time. We are hoping that this trial will prove successful but recognise that this may inevitably disrupt some families' evening plans. As stated in previous newsletters, the extension to the school day will be mandatory for all schools from September 2023, as per government policy. We are hoping that, by conducting this trial, we will be able to understand the best solution for as many families as possible. We will be holding a short questionnaire towards the end of this half-term to help us with this process.

Year 6 Edinburgh Trip

An MCAS item has been added to all Year 6 parent accounts to provide the £50 raised by the children themselves through their own entrepreneurial activities. This will be the easiest way to transfer these funds to school and helps us to understand which children may require help at school to raise this money. For children who are unable to raise these funds themselves, we will be arranging some activities where children can do this at school, for example by helping to sell ice pops at the end of the school day in the warmer months!

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/pau5VBE2QGE3tDRF8>

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 to the following:

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

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

Thursdays: SATs Club (3.30-4.30pm) – this day has changed due to Mr Wood's availability.

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.

Moors School

Due to all the school-based projects and swimming sessions, we have decided to move Moors School to a fortnightly session. This means our next sessions will be on Thursday 4th May and Thursday 18th May. We will remind you of this through the newsletter/social media.

Birds on the Edge

This week, Adventurer Class started the 'Birds on the Edge' project in conjunction with North Yorkshire National Park. Over the next few months, we will be monitoring the birds that use our newly installed bird station at the top of the drive. Ask your children which birds we are monitoring specifically and why these birds are unfortunately on the edge of extinction.

Social Media Sharing

A massive thank you to all the families that have helped spread the word about Glaisdale School through sharing our posts on social media or through word of mouth. This is having a big impact on getting our name out there so that families can consider us in the future for school places. Thank you again!

Reading at Home

Please can we remind you that there are rewards for children who read regularly (3 times or more per week) at home. This is an important skill that needs regular practice so that children can access other areas of the curriculum more easily.

SATs Week – Free Breakfast Club

During SATs Week (9th-12th May), we will be offering free breakfast club provision for all our Year 6s, so that they have the opportunity to get a healthy breakfast and a chance to discuss (and remain calm about) the upcoming day's assessment.

PE

All children have PE on Monday. They can now come to school in their PE kit/footwear, to save time changing and to reduce uniform wear/washing! Please ensure this clothing/footwear is weather-appropriate and continue to send coats as appropriate.

Swimming

Swimming lessons will begin next Tuesday (25th April) for all children. You should have received communication regarding this and how you can provide voluntary contributions to the cost of the sessions. Children should come to school with their swimming kit and towel in a bag. Please try to dress younger children in clothes that are easy for them to remove and put back on themselves, to help us speed up the process of changing and increase our time in the pool.

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. So that we can collect final numbers please complete this form by Friday 28th April. <https://forms.office.com/e/drn3JQnJZZ>

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!

Upcoming Bank Holidays

I am sure it has not escaped you that there will be two bank holidays coming up in consecutive weeks. School will be closed for these on: Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May 2023.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper



Attendance: This week's attendance was **98.7%**! This above the national average – well done!
Our attendance this year is: 93.7% (National average: 93.9%)

Stars of the Week:

Explorers: Raine: for setting a great example for other children in her work and in the classroom!

Adventurers: Eva – for consistent hard work in maths, especially arithmetic and for an excellent start to our adventure story unit.

Headteacher: Laylah and Dominic – for settling really well and bringing something extra to the Glaisdale Family!

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

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

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