



## Glaisdale Primary School

Newsletter  
08/09/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

### Welcome Back!

It has been a pleasure to see 26 happy, enthusiastic and well-rested children this week. Everyone at Glaisdale has 'hit the ground running', exploring their new topics. A special mention must be made to our new starters in Explorers who have done a wonderful job settling into their school!

Last year was extremely successful in a range of ways for the school and we wish to continue to build on this. You can find, below, some of the upcoming changes to our practice which will allow the school to be an even better place to nurture our children.

### Welcome Mrs Gray

We would like to welcome Mrs Gray to our Glaisdale Family. Mrs Gray has taken over from Mrs Hutchinson in our office. She has done a fantastic job getting to know our school and its systems (despite a lack of internet earlier in the week!) I know you will all make her feel welcomed.

Mrs Gray will be in the office each morning, as well as Monday and Friday afternoons.

### Class Dojo

In the coming weeks, we will be moving more of our communication over to the home-school communication/behaviour application, Class Dojo. Some of you will be familiar with this, especially if your child used this during remote learning. We currently use this in school as a way to track children's 'Dojo points' for positive effort and behaviour. However, Class Dojo also has other capabilities which will allow us to better communicate between school and home. This includes class pages which can only be accessed by parents of children in the class, which can provide updates on homework and reminders on what children may need for school. There is also a whole-school page with an events calendar which we will start to populate with the key dates parents need to know. This area will also provide timed reminders of upcoming events.

One of the final key features of Class Dojo is the direct messaging system between parent and teacher. We hope to use this feature for any general home-school communication. However, this will not be used outside of working hours and should not be used for urgent updates (e.g. when a child is being collected by a different adult).



In the coming weeks, you will receive login details to your child's account (some of you may be able to access existing accounts already). Please can we encourage you to download the Class Dojo app to your smart devices, in readiness. You can find more information about Class Dojo here: <https://www.classdojo.com/>

Please note: Class Dojo is a free application, there is no need to purchase any of the additional add-ons which may be available for home learning.

### **Poverty Proofing**

Another way we are looking to improve the school experience is through 'poverty proofing'. Those of you that were with us last year may recall we conducted a poverty audit, to see how school costs impact upon our families and so that we can consider alternatives to events that cause unnecessary cost or stress, especially to those families that may be suffering from poverty or the cost of living crisis – things which affect a larger proportion of our community than we realised before the audit.

You will receive a letter from the Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust's CEO outlining further information on the changes we are making and why we are doing so. As stated in this letter, we recognise that some of these changes may be difficult to adjust to at first and may feel like we are missing out on some of the most memorable parts of the school calendar, however, please be reassured that we will endeavour to find alternatives that will allow all children to access these.

This week, we have shared some of these upcoming changes with our children, who have been extremely mature and understanding of why we are making these, despite being slightly disappointed that some of the things they have done previously may change. It was emphasised amongst children that we will still continue to mark special events and continue to do the things they enjoy in school but that these may look a little different, so that all children can access.

### **Moors School**

Moors Schools will start again on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September for both classes. Due to other upcoming events clashing with future sessions, we have rearranged this half-term's sessions to:

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> September      Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> September      Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> October      Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> October

Children should come to school in appropriate outdoor clothing/footwear for these days. They may wear this for the entire day; there is no need to bring uniform.

### **PE**

PE will take place every Monday and Friday (starting next week). Children should come in appropriate clothing and footwear for these days. They may wear this for the entire day; there is no need to bring uniform.

### **Clubs**

We will be offering three clubs this half-term. Two of these will take place after-school; one will take place on Wednesday lunch time. You will have received links to an online form to sign your children up to the two clubs which take place after-school (the lunchtime club does not require consent). These links can also be found below:



- Wednesday 12.30-1pm – Gardening Club led by Mrs Mitchell – open to all children (no sign-up required – begins 13/09/23)
- Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm – Art Club led by Mrs Sandilands – open to all children (*starting 20/09/23*):  
<https://forms.office.com/e/JFPhiP1Jz1>
- Thursday 3.30-4.30pm – Sports Club led by Mrs Wardell – open to all children (*starting 14/09/23*):  
<https://forms.office.com/e/V0GXxD2vuj>

*Unfortunately, if we do not gain enough interest in a club, we will not be able to go ahead with it. All clubs are free-of-charge.*

Have a great weekend,  
**Mr Cooper**



### Stars of the Week:

Explorers: Rudy – for a wonderful return to school and fantastic attitude to learning!

Adventurers: Piper – for a wonderful, mature attitude to Year 6 and a fantastic example for all to follow!

Headteacher: Dominic – for fantastic progress in maths!

**Attendance:** Our attendance this week was: 100% - well done!

Our final attendance for last year: 94.2%.

National average for last year: 94.0%

Headteacher timetable for upcoming week	
Mon	am – Glaisdale pm – Castleton
Tues	Glaisdale all day
Weds	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
Thurs	Supporting schools in Scarborough
Fri	Castleton all day

### Next Week's Events

- Monday** PE – both classes (please arrive in PE kit/footwear)
- Tuesday** No events
- Wednesday** **Gardening Club** (lunchtime)  
**No Art Club** (starts 20/09/23)
- Thursday** **Moors School** Children can wear outdoor clothing/footwear all day  
**Sports Club** (3.30-4.30pm) Please bring any additional kit/footwear needed
- Friday** PE – **Chance to Shine Cricket Sessions** – both classes (please arrive in PE kit/footwear)



## 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
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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

### September

14/09: Moors School  
21/09: Moors School  
22/09: Zambia Schools Trust Assembly  
28/09: Harvest Festival

### October

05/10: Key Stage 2 Trip to Eden Camp  
12/10: Tub-up Music Workshop (parent volunteers may be required)  
19/10: Moors School  
26/10: Moors School

### Later in the Year

20/03-22/03 – Year 3/4 Peat Rigg Visit  
13/05-17/05 – Year 6 SATs Week  
10/06-14/06 – Year 1 Phonics Screen Week  
22/07 – YEAT Arts Extravaganza

*Please avoid booking term time holidays, especially during assessment weeks.*

