



**Glaisdale Primary School**

**Newsletter**  
**27/10/2023**

Dear Families and Friends,

### **Message from the Headteacher**

We have had a wonderful first (and long) half-term of the school year. Our children have settled really well into their new year groups/classes, including our new starters. We really appreciate your support at home with allowing this transition to occur smoothly. This has created a platform for the rest of the year which will allow children to flourish in all areas of our curriculum. We are looking forward to a productive and busy end to this first term when we return in November. No doubt our children (and adults!) will be excited about the festive season and the usual performances and Christmas activities which we are looking forward to deliver.

Thank you again for all your support.

### **Key Stage 2 Paralympian and Performance Poet Visit**

Our older pupils had an excellent day at Oakridge Primary School on Tuesday. In the morning, they met Paralympic gold medallist, Stephen Miller, who spoke about his life in sport and how he has overcome obstacles in his journey to Paralympic glory. Stephen then led children through a fitness circuit.

In the afternoon, the children had the opportunity to meet Adisa, a performance poet, and take part in an interactive workshop where they got to perform their own poetry.

### **PTFA Halloween Party**

A massive thank you to our wonderful PTFA and all involved in running a Halloween party for all the local children. This was an excellent way of bringing us all together as a community to enjoy games, dancing and food! It also allowed us to raise money for trips and other experiences for our children. Thank you all for your kind contributions.

### **New Parent Governor Vacancy – Glaisdale School**

We still require a parent governor to support our schools' local governing board, which is shared with Lealholm and Castleton Schools, to ensure the voice of Glaisdale parents is heard. If you are interested in this role or would like more information, please speak to Mr Cooper. Should we have sufficient interest, we will hold a nomination and election process.

### **School Photo Orders**

School photos can now be ordered by completing the order forms sent home this week. Please complete these forms and pay for the appropriate products on MCAS by the end of the half-term break.

### **PE and Moors School**

After half-term, all children will continue to have PE on Mondays.

We will have two more sessions of Moors Schools on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November (weather-permitting). We will then allow our Moors sites to recover and focus on Christmas performance practice.



### Stay and Play – New Reception Starters September 2024

It was lovely to see so many new faces at our Stay and Play on Wednesday. We look forward to welcoming you to our next Stay and Play next month – we will communicate the date of this in due course. Please get in touch with school if you are interested in your child joining us in September and are unable to attend the Stay and Plays – we will happily show you around the school or arrange for taster days.

### End of Half-Term

School will now close for half-term. We will reopen on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Please see term dates below for any future holidays and training days.

Have a great weekend,  
**Mr Cooper**



### Stars of the Week:

Explorers: Harry – for brilliant phonics work!

Adventurers: Jack – for his excellent independent work in history and fantastic progress in maths!

Headteacher: Harry – for being an excellent role model to the new starters and for helping to improve our school environment!

**Attendance:** Our attendance this week was: 97.9%

Our attendance this year: 95.0%

National average for this year: 95.4%

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

### Next Week's Events

**Monday** PE – both classes (please arrive in PE kit/footwear)

**Tuesday** No Events

**Wednesday** Gardening Club (lunchtime)  
Art Club (3.30-4.30pm)

**Thursday** Moors School Please arrive in appropriate kit  
Sports Club

**Friday** Music Lessons



### 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

#### November

09/11: Moors School

17/11: Sportshall Athletics Event

23/11: Moors School

24/11: Key Stage 2 Basketball Event

#### December

06/12: Christmas Performance (6pm)

07/12: Christmas Performance (2pm)

08/12: Carol performance to Dales Folk

12/12: Whole school panto trip

22/12: Christmas Service in Church (1.30pm)

#### Later in the Year

11/03-13/03 – Eskdale Festival

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.*

