



Glaisdale Primary School

Newsletter
01/12/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

Christmas Performances

The children and staff have been busy preparing for their Christmas performance of *Away with the Manger!* They will be performing this to parents and the local community on Wednesday 6th December (6.00pm) and Thursday 7th December (2.00pm) at The Robinson Institute. For the evening performance, we would like children to arrive no later than 5.45pm, so they can be dressed and in position for the start of the performance. At the end of the afternoon performance, children may be collected directly from the Robinson Institute.

Our PTFA will be running a raffle at both performances, so please ensure you have change if you wish to take part. Any prize donations for the raffles would be greatly appreciated – please bring these to school or pass to one of our PTFA members.

Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal – Collection from The Robinson Institute

On Tuesday 5th December, the children will be conducting their dress rehearsal at The Robinson Institute. This will take place between 1.00-3.30pm. Therefore, please can we request that children are collected from The Robinson Institute at the end of the day, instead of school.

Snow Closure

Unfortunately, we had to close the school this week due to snow and the poor road conditions getting into the village. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

We will always endeavour to open school. However, as stated in an email sent to families earlier in the week, we will only open if it is clearly safe to do so. Some staff members travel considerable distances to get to/from school and this needs to be factored into any decision regarding school closures, including planning for these staff to return home at the end of the day. This decision is never taken lightly and is often complicated as it is dependent on forecasts being correct and individual staff's ability to travel from their respective locations. We will aim to inform families as soon as possible as to whether the school is open or not during snowy/icy conditions. Thank you for your understanding.

Year 6 Booster Club – Thursday 7th December

As the children will be collected from the Robinson Institute on Thursday, following their performance, there will be no after school Booster Club.

Glaisdale Children's Party

On Tuesday 12th December, there will be a Christmas party for all children who are primary school age or younger. This will take place at the Robinson Institute between 4.00-6.00pm. There will be lots of games, music and festive fun as well as a visit from Santa! Entry is free!



Carol Singing for Dales Folk – Friday 8th December (2.00pm)

On Friday 8th December (2.00pm), the children will be carol singing for the Dales Folk at The Robinson Institute. All are welcome to join us for this! Children will be brought back to school for the usual collection time at the end of the day.

Athletics – Key Stage 2 – Monday 27th November

Our Key Stage 2 children performed extremely well in a local athletics competition at Caedmon College. The children secured a 4th position, competing against much larger schools. Mr Wood and Mrs Wardell report that the children were exemplary in their participation and how they represented the school (one of our new school oaths!)

School Pantomime Visit – Tuesday 12th December

You will have received communication regarding the upcoming visit to Billingham Forum to watch the pantomime *Jack and the Beanstalk* which will take place on Tuesday 12th December. The children will be out of school for the majority of the day, meaning that a packed lunch will be provided from school (for those that regularly have school meals) unless you inform us otherwise on the consent form. The total cost of the visit is £18.80 per child, however the PTFA and school will subsidise the majority of the cost, so that the (voluntary) cost to parents is £7.00 per child.

Stay and Play – Thursday 14th December (2.00-3.00pm)

We will be hosting our next Stay and Play for children starting school in September 2024 on Thursday 14th December (2.00-3.00pm). All families with children who have birthdays between 01/09/19 and 31/08/20 are welcome to join us, especially if they are choosing Glaisdale as their destination next year or if they are undecided.

St. Thomas' Church Christingle Service – Student Volunteers

On Sunday 24th December (3.00pm), St. Thomas' Church will be holding a Christingle service in the same format as previous years. They would like some children to perform some readings for this service. If your child is interested and available, please contact school so that arrangements can be made.

Staff Training Day – Friday 15th December

On Friday 15th December, school will be closed to students whilst staff have their training day.



Have a great weekend,
Mr Cooper

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



Next Week's Events

Monday	PE – both classes (please arrive in PE kit/footwear)
Tuesday	No Events Dress rehearsal Collect from Robinson Institute at 3.30pm
Wednesday	Gardening Club (lunchtime) Art Club (3.30-4.30pm) Christmas Performance (arrive 5.45pm – Robinson Institute)
Thursday	NO Year 6 Booster Club (3.30-4.30pm) Christmas Performance (2.00pm – Robinson Institute; children collected at 3.30pm from here)
Friday	Music Lessons

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

December

05/12: Dress Rehearsal
06/12: Christmas Performance (6.00pm)
07/12: Christmas Performance (2.00pm)
08/12: Carol performance to Dales Folk
12/12: Whole school panto trip
14/12: Stay and Play (2.00-3.00pm)
15/12: Training Day – School Closed
20/12: Christmas Dinner
22/12: Christmas Party Lunch
22/12: Christmas Service in Church (1.30pm)

Later in the Year

06/03 – Explorers Author Visit (at Castleton)
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 week

**ST HEDDA'S
CATHOLIC
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**
presents

**Friday 15th
December 2023
1:30pm**

GRINCHMAS

**CLASS 2 CHRISTMAS
PERFORMANCE**

FOLLOWED BY OUR
'WHOBILATION' FAIR
FEATURING:

- CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
- ANIMAL PETTING
- REINDEER FOOD
MAKING
- GLITTER TATTOOS
- TRADITIONAL GAMES
AND STALLS