



## Glaisdale Primary School

**Newsletter**  
**08/12/2023**

Dear Families and Friends,

### **Mrs Wardell**

I regret to announce that Mrs Wardell (ATA/HLTA) will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Wardell has been successful in gaining the Teacher-in-Charge role (equivalent of Mr Wood's role) at Castleton Primary School, starting January 2024.

Whilst we are disappointed to be losing such a valuable member of our Glaisdale Family, we are very proud of Mrs Wardell's career development during her time at Glaisdale which has allowed her to progress to this senior role. I know you will all join me in congratulating her on this.

We have been exceptionally fortunate to have Mrs Wardell for the past year, after she joined us from her position as Head of PE at Bridlington Secondary School. We know that she will excel in this new role as much as she has excelled in her time at Glaisdale.

We will shortly be placing an advert for Mrs Wardell's replacement. We hope to conclude this process in January, so that we have someone in place to fill this vacancy by February half-term (accounting for the notice period of the successful candidate). In the meantime, we will be arranging temporary cover so that the Adventurers will still have the same level of teaching assistant support in the new year.

### **School Meals**

Unfortunately, due to a high amount of absence in the county, we have not been provided with a cook for this week. We are hoping that this will not be the case next week, but this is subject to Mrs Nefdt's return.

We have been extremely unhappy with the lunch provision supplied to us over the last few days and have officially complained to NYC Caterers. They have agreed to provide a meal in the New Year free of charge to all families as a gesture of goodwill - this will be reflected on MCAS for those that pay for meals. They have also sincerely apologised for the quality of service over the last week which has been caused by significant absence in their department.

### **Christmas Performances**

Thank you to everyone that came along and supported our young actors and actresses in their performance of 'Away with the Manger'. I am sure you will all agree that the children did a magnificent job delivering an ambitious script. This would not have happened without your support, donation of costume items and help with line learning.

A big thank you must also go to our PTFA for running another successful fundraiser with two raffles. This helped raise a fabulous total of **£236**, which will go towards supporting children at school and with trips!



### Glaisdale Children's Village Party

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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! Please see poster attached.

### School Pantomime Visit – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, we will be heading to the Billingham Forum to watch the pantomime *Jack and the Beanstalk*. As stated in the initial letter for the visit, children will need to arrive at 9.00am at The Robinson Institute for a 9.15am departure. Breakfast club children will be escorted there by staff. We will be back at school for normal home time arrangements.

Children will need their own packed lunch from home unless this has been ordered from school. They should wear their regular uniform and coat.

### Stay and Play – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December (2.00-3.00pm)

We will be hosting our next Stay and Play for children starting school in September 2024 on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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. As a reminder, for children starting school in September 2024, applications must be made via North Yorkshire Council (<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-school-and-junior-school>) by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### St. Thomas' Church Christingle Service – Student Volunteers

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> December

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

Have a great weekend,  
Mr Cooper



### Stars of the Week:

Explorers: Edith – for her wonderful Christmas play performance!

Adventurers: Chico – for an outstanding performance in the Christmas play as narrator!

Headteacher: Rudy – for showing great confidence and bravery on stage!

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

Our attendance this year: 96.0%

National average for this year: 95.1%

Headteacher timetable for upcoming week	
Mon	am – Glaisdale pm - Oakridge
Tues	Castleton all day
Weds	am – Glaisdale pm - Lealholm
Thurs	Supporting school in Scarborough
Fri	Training Day



### Next Week's Events

<b>Monday</b>	<b>PE</b> – both classes (please arrive in PE kit/footwear)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Pantomime Trip</b> – meet at Robinson Institute (9.00am); collection from school (3.30pm)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Gardening Club</b> (lunchtime) <b>Art Club</b> (3.30-4.30pm)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Year 6 Booster Club</b> (3.30-4.30pm)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Training Day</b> School closed to children

### 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

#### December

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)

#### January

08/01: Children return to school

#### 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*





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CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

*presents*

Friday 15th  
December 2023  
1:30pm



CLASS 2 CHRISTMAS  
PERFORMANCE

FOLLOWED BY OUR  
'WHOBILATION' FAIR  
FEATURING:

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

