



Glaisdale Primary School

**Newsletter
15/12/2023**

Dear Families and Friends,

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

Following Mrs Wardell's promotion to Teacher-in-Charge at Castleton Primary School, we will be looking for a new Advanced Teaching Assistant (ATA) or Higher-Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) to start as soon as possible (or by February half-term, to account for notice periods). If you are interested in this role or know someone who would be interested, please follow/share this link:

<https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/3214/0/413612/20177/glaisdale-primary-school-ata-and-or-hlta-with-msa-and-breakfast-club-duties>

Parental Survey

We are interested in gaining your views on a range of school provision areas. In particular, as we approach our long overdue Ofsted inspection, we are keen to gauge your views on the areas which they investigate from a parental point of view and use these to improve our practice.

Using the Ofsted's four grading descriptors (Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement, Inadequate), we currently self-assess ourselves as 'Good'. However, we are very keen to strive towards the 'Outstanding' judgement which we received in our last inspection (June 2013), albeit under a very different inspection framework. Your feedback will help us achieve this.

We are also asking you additional questions not relating to the Ofsted areas of inspection. These have come from a variety of school community members. Thank you in advance.

Please use this link to access the survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/f3z7BYd2Fy>

School Pantomime Visit – Tuesday 12th December

We had a fantastic time at Billingham Forum Theatre on Tuesday when we went to watch *Jack and the Beanstalk*! Thank you to our PTFA for subsidising funds for this visit which was enjoyed by all.

Stay and Play

It was lovely to see so many new faces again at our Stay and Play on Thursday! We will be hosting further transition events later in the year, to help our new starters for 2024 adapt to their new school. As a reminder, for children starting in school in September 2024, the deadline for applications is 15th January 2024. Please follow this link to apply:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-school-and-junior-school>

Christmas Service in Church (Friday 22nd December – 1.30pm)

Our children will finish their term with a Christmas service at St Thomas' Church on Friday 22nd December (1.30pm). All members of the community are welcome to join us as children perform the carols/songs they have been learning in school and music lessons. Children can be collected after the service (approx. 2.30pm).





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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.

Christmas Family Service at Glaisdale Head Chapel

On Christmas Eve (10.30am) there will be a family service at Glaisdale Head Chapel. All are welcome to join for Christmas carols (suggestions welcome), Christmas refreshments, including biscuits for children to decorate!

Staff Presents

As we approach the end of term and the Christmas break, we are aware of the heightened financial pressure that many families face. Therefore, we want to emphasise that our staff are not expecting any 'thank you' gifts from pupils and parents. Should you still wish to share your thanks, we will always appreciate homemade cards or letters, as well as other cost-free gifts.

End of Term

School closes at the end of the day on Friday 22nd December. We reopen again on Monday 8th January.

Have a great weekend,
Mr Cooper

Attendance: Our attendance this week was: 92.9%
Our attendance this year: 95.9% National average for this year: 95.1%

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

Next Week's Events

- Monday** PE – both classes (please arrive in PE kit/footwear)
- Tuesday** No events
- Wednesday** **Christmas Dinner**
Art Club (3.30-4.30pm)
- Thursday** **Year 6 Booster Club** (3.30-4.30pm)
- Friday** **Music Lessons**
Christmas Party
Christmas Service in Church (1.30pm – children to be collected from Church at 2.30pm)





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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 – 12th July 2024
- Last day of Summer Term - Monday 22nd July 2024

Future Dates

December

- 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*

Term Dates 2024/25

- Staff Training Day – Monday 2nd September 2024
- Staff Training Day – Tuesday 3rd September 2024
- First day of Autumn Term – Wednesday 4th September 2024
- Half Term - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024
- Staff Training Day - Friday 13th December 2024
- Last day of Autumn Term - Friday 20th December 2024
- First Day of Spring Term – Monday 6th January 2025
- Half Term - Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025
- Staff Training Day - Friday 28th March 2025
- Last day of Spring Term - Friday 4th April 2025
- First day of Summer Term – **Tuesday** 22nd April 2025
- Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May 2025
- Half Term - Monday 26th May to Friday 30th 2025
- Last day of Summer Term - Monday 21st July 2025
- Staff Training Day – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

