



Glaisdale Primary School



"Outstanding Together"

Newsletter

21/10/2022

Dear Families and Friends,

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone that attended our Harvest Festival celebrations on Thursday. I think you will all agree that our children performed really well, despite having lots of work and activities to do in school! Thank you to St Thomas' Church for hosting us and to all the parents and school community members who donated generously to our collection for Whitby Food Bank.

Mrs Bennett

Our Harvest Festival was a time to show our thanks for all that we have in life. We also had the opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to Mrs Bennett who now leaves us at the end of this half-term. We have been so lucky to have her as part of the Glaisdale Family and hope to still see her around the village and community from time to time!

Thank you to all the parents that kindly contributed and organised a leaving gift for Mrs Bennett – it was great to see how much our community supports our team!

Mrs Hutchinson, our new school administrator, will begin straight after half-term. Mrs Hutchinson will be in the office for four full days per week (8.45am-3.15pm). On the day of the week she is not in school, Mr Cooper and Mr Wood will be able to deal with any queries.

Year 6 Secondary School Application – Deadline: 31st October 2022

Year 6 parents will have received an e-mail reminding them of the deadline for applying for a secondary school place. You may apply using the following website: <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions>

Bikeability

Our Year 5 and 6 children had their Bikeability sessions this week, delivered by NYCC instructors. The children learnt many new ways to keep themselves safe whilst riding their bike around the village. This really added to their previous learning in PE biking lessons. The instructors were very impressed with the children's knowledge of road safety and how they developed over the course of the week.

Reading Afternoons for Parents

We are trying to encourage some new initiatives to help children develop a passion for reading at home. You may have seen on our social media sites that we are hosting a reading afternoon for parents to come in and read with their children (Tuesday 1st November – 2.45-3.15pm). This is open to all classes. The school will also be introducing a new reward system for children who read regularly at home and school. Details of this will be shared at the reading afternoon and in the next newsletter.

Tax free childcare

Please see here for more information on how you can apply for tax free childcare, which can be used for Breakfast Club hours: <https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare>

Parental Survey Feedback

Thank you to everyone that responded to our parental survey regarding uniform, wraparound care and children's progress. A summary of the responses and the action the school is going to take can be found later in this newsletter.

Uniform

Following the parental survey feedback, we have decided to change our uniform supplier so that it is more cost effective for parents. New uniform does not need to be bought and the uniform policy itself will not change, however, for any new uniform purchases you should now use the following website from our new supplier, School Shop: <https://school-shop.co.uk/school/glaisdale-primary-school/> Attached with this newsletter is a letter and parents' guide from School Shop which we hope you will find helpful.

You can find our uniform policy on our website (link below). Please note: the only item of clothing we expect to see a school logo is on jumpers/cardigans, so that we can easily identify uniform, especially on school trips. All other clothing items (e.g. polo shirts) can be bought from School Shop or other suppliers. <https://www.glaisdaleprimaryschool.co.uk/for-parents-and-carers/uniform/>

French Lessons

After half-term, I am pleased to say that we will be joined by Madame Cordingley who will be teaching both classes French lessons once per week. Madame Cordingley is a French national but moved to England several years ago. She has taught French lessons across schools (most of which are smaller schools like ours) in the Scarborough area. The children are excited about this but also know they will need to work hard to impress a new teacher!

Have a wonderful half-term break. School will re-open to children on Monday 31st October 2022.

Mr Cooper



Stars of the Week

Explorers: Jaxon – For great reading!

Adventurers: James – for showing excellent resilience in cross-country. Despite falling at the start, James battled back to finish in 15th!

Headteacher: Erin – for excellent independent work in RE!

Attendance: This week's attendance was **94.9%**, which is below our target of at least **97%**.
Our attendance this year is: 94.2%

Headteacher timetable for next week	
Monday	Glaisdale all day
Tuesday	Meetings at other schools all day
Wednesday	am – Castleton pm – Glaisdale
Thursday	Castleton all day
Friday	am – Glaisdale pm - Castleton

Term Dates – 2022 / 2023

- Half Term - Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October
- Staff Training Day - Friday, 9 December
- Last day of Autumn Term - Friday 16 December
- First day of Spring Term - Tuesday 3 January 2023
- Half Term - Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February
- Staff Training Day - Friday, 24 March
- Last day of Spring Term - Friday 31 March
- First day of Summer Term - Monday 17 April
- Bank Holiday - Monday 1 May
- Half Term - Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June
- Last day of Summer Term - Monday 24 July

Training days for staff when the children will not be in school are as follows:

Friday 9 December

Friday 24 March 2023

Tuesday 25 July

Future Dates

October 2022

21st: Final day of half-term (Children return on Monday 31st October 2022)

31st: School re-opens

November 2022

4th: Sportshall Athletics

14th-18th: Parents' Evening Week

W/C 14th: Brazilian Drum, Dance and Culture Workshop

W/C 21st: Islamic Diversity Centre Assembly and KS2 Workshop

21st: Men's World Cup: England v Iran (1pm kick-off)

30th: Y5/6 Peat Rigg Residential

December 2022

1st & 2nd: Y5/6 Peat Rigg Residential

6th: Christmas Performance (6pm – Robinson Institute)

7th: Christmas Performance (2pm – Robinson Institute)

13th: Pantomime

14th: Christmas dinner

15th: Key Stage 2 Trip to York (Jorvik and Van Gogh Expo)

16th: Christmas party

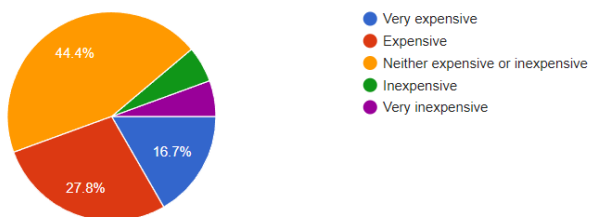
16th: End of term (Children return on Tuesday 3rd January)

Parental Survey Feedback – October 2022

Uniform

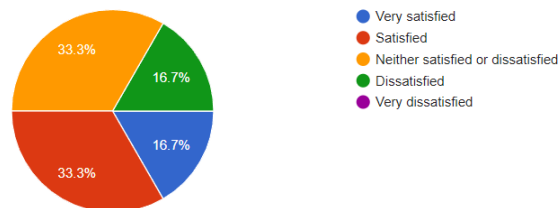
Uniform: How would you rate the current uniform's value for money?

18 responses



Uniform: How satisfied would you be if the school changed to a different and cheaper supplier?

18 responses

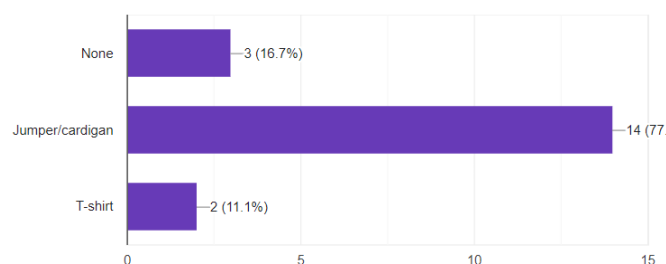


In response to this feedback, with the majority of parents expressing the opinion that our current uniform provider is too expensive and/or that they would be satisfied with a cheaper supplier, we have decided to change our uniform provider to SchoolShop (more details listed above in the newsletter).

We have decided to maintain the requirement of having a school logo on the school jumper and cardigan, but all other items can be 'non-branded'.

Which items of uniform do you believe should contain the school logo? (select multiple if this applies)

18 responses

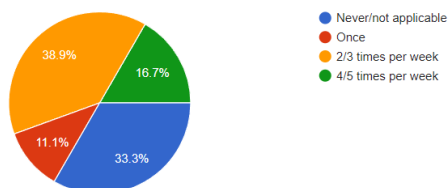


Wraparound Care

Following this feedback, the school is going to *consider* a trial of extending Breakfast Club provision and offering some after school care. However, this will be subject to having appropriate staffing in place. We will communicate our plans on this in due course.

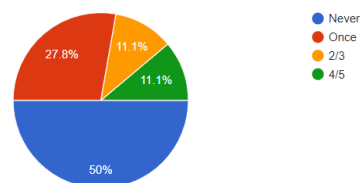
Wraparound care: We are considering extending our Breakfast Club provision so that it begins at 7.45am. How many times a week would you make use of this facility should this become available?

18 responses



Wraparound care: We are considering providing childcare after-school. This would be chargeable and separate from extracurricular club provision (for which children should want to attend regular, rather than be used simply for childcare). How many times per week would you make use of this facility?

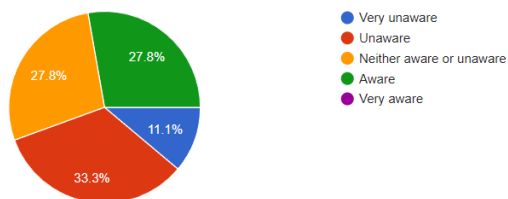
18 responses



Children's Progress

Your child's progress: How aware are you of your child's progress at school?

18 responses



We would like to make parents more aware of their child's progress and how they can support at home. Next month, we will be hosting a reading afternoon which will aid with this, as well as our termly Parents' Evening. We will also look at other ways we can help parents understand their child's learning, possibly by providing a short overview of test results that children achieve at the end of term, alongside an explanation of what this means according to national averages. We shall also look to run more information sessions and/or provide materials to help parents understand what is being taught in school.

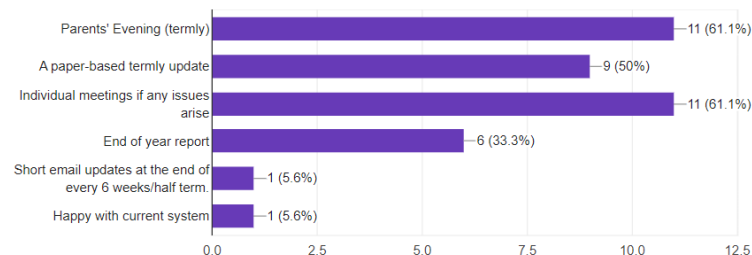
Parents Suggestions on what to Survey next:

- Use of Dojo
- Extra-curricular clubs
- Sports events
- School meal options

We will endeavour to gauge views on some of these in the future but will also make a conscious effort to improve in these areas where possible.

Your child's progress: How would you like to be informed of your child's progress?

18 responses



Your child's progress: How confident are you that you understand how to support your child at home with anything they are learning in school?

17 responses

