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# Newsletter

## 14/10/2022

Dear Families and Friends,

### **Harvest**

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October (2pm), we will be celebrating Harvest Festival in Church. You are welcome to come and join us for an afternoon of singing and performing. We will be having a food collection for the Whitby Food Bank too. Children should bring donated items to school in a bag/box that is easy to carry, so we can get these to Church.

### **Mrs Bennett**

Sadly, during the Harvest Festival, we will also be saying goodbye to our school administrator, Mrs Bennett! Mrs Bennett has worked tirelessly at the school and has, on a personal level, been of great support to me in my first term at Glaisdale. Mrs Bennett has been worked hard with Mrs Hutchinson, our new administrator, to ensure a smooth handover.

I know you will all join me in wishing Mrs Bennett the very best during and following our Harvest celebrations.

### **Moors School**

We are delighted to get our Moors School provision up and running again this week! Children enjoyed learning in a different environment away from the classroom. We are hoping to incorporate more of our curriculum learning into the outdoors (where appropriate).

However, due to our Harvest Festival next week, and several other events taking place, we will not be having a Moors School session on Thursday. These sessions will recommence after half-term.

### **Promoting Reading**

As a school, we are trying to actively encourage our children read for pleasure (without making them feel like it is a chore!) We will be introducing new initiatives and rewards to help motivate children, as well as provide high-quality and enjoyable texts for our avid readers. We would greatly appreciate if you could support us at home by encouraging children to read and to complete their reading records on a regular basis.



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### Drinks Bottles

Please can you ensure that drinks bottles sent to school only contain water or juice (and not fizzy/sugary drinks). Additionally, children should only have one drinks bottle in school each day.

### Late Collections

Please can you ensure children are collected on time, especially following clubs. If you are running late, please contact the School Office or make alternate arrangements. Staff will supervise any late children, however, as many have families of their own, we would appreciate timely collections.

### New Governor

We are pleased to announce that we have a new parent governor, Mr Joe Culley. Mr Culley was elected as the parent governor from Castleton School but joins our joint governing body whom we share with Castleton and Lealholm Schools. For more information on our school governors, please refer to our website: <https://www.glaisdaleprimaryschool.co.uk/about-our-school/our-governors/?preview=1>

### Narrative poetry

Finally, I would like to share how proud I am of our children's writing this week. I have seen some fabulous texts across the school, as I am sure you have, too, on social media.

In particular, I would like to draw your attention to Finley's narrative poem based on the short film 'The Lighthouse', which you can find at the end of this newsletter. This has been shared across our Trust schools, who share the same curriculum, as an outstanding example of what children in Key Stage 2 can achieve.

Have a great weekend,  
Mr Cooper

### Stars of the Week

**Explorers:** Edith – for excellent listening skills and making great progress!

**Adventurers:** Billie – for fantastic maths work this week!

**Headteacher:** Lily – for amazing effort in all her work, especially writing, and for always smiling!

**Attendance:** This week's attendance was **92%**, which is below our target of at least **97%**.  
Our attendance this year is: 94.3%



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<b>Headteacher timetable for next week</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	Glaisdale all day
<b>Tuesday</b>	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
<b>Wednesday</b>	am – Glaisdale pm – Castleton
<b>Thursday</b>	am – Pickering (Training) pm - Glaisdale
<b>Friday</b>	Castleton all day

<b>Glaisdale School Office – until October 2022</b>		
	AM	PM
<b>Monday</b>	None – Mr Cooper/Mr Wood will manage any queries	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mrs Bennett	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mrs Bennett	
<b>Thursday</b>	Mrs Bennett	Miss Gosling
<b>Friday</b>	Miss Gosling	

**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



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**Future Dates**

**October 2022**

- 19<sup>th</sup>: Cross-Country Event
- 20<sup>th</sup>: No Moors School due to Harvest Festival
- 20<sup>th</sup>: Harvest Festival (2pm)
- 21<sup>st</sup>: Final day of half-term (Children return on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022)
- 31<sup>st</sup>: School re-opens

**November 2022**

- 4<sup>th</sup>: Sportshall Athletics
- 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>: Parents' Evening Week
- W/C 14<sup>th</sup>: Brazilian Drum, Dance and Culture Workshop
- W/C 21<sup>st</sup>: Islamic Diversity Centre Assembly and KS2 Workshop
- 21<sup>st</sup>: Men's World Cup: England v Iran (1pm kick-off)
- 30<sup>th</sup>: Y5/6 Peat Rigg Residential

**December 2022**

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>: Y5/6 Peat Rigg Residential
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Performance (6pm – Robinson Institute)
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Performance (2pm – Robinson Institute)
- 13<sup>th</sup>: Pantomime
- 14<sup>th</sup>: Christmas dinner
- 15<sup>th</sup>: Key Stage 2 Trip to York (Jorvik and Van Gogh Expo)
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Christmas party
- 16<sup>th</sup>: End of term (Children return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January)



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The lighthouse

The sound of cheers filled my ears,  
That's all I could hear.

The watchful lighthouse winked as the light illuminated the night,  
I dropped my pen and left my desk to shut the old, rickety window  
As the villagers' cheers got drowned out, something else filled the night.

As I began to write, something gave me a fright,  
I dropped my pen, and stood up right there and then.  
I looked around and saw nothing.

So I grabbed my lantern and set off on my trip up the winding, wooden stairs.  
As I passed an open window, I couldn't hear a cheer,  
I sensed something bad was getting near.

As I got to the top, I saw the light, it stood tall, but not bright,  
There was shattered glass everywhere.

There was a hole where the light came out of,  
I looked in and when I heard it, all the gollings fell of my face.  
Two ships is what I heard, and what saved out the hole, was a bird.

I sprinted down the winding, wooden stair, I heard a rumble from the ship's engine.  
I open the door, a cluster of light came closer to me.  
As it got closer I saw it, all the villagers had a light.  
So we began our trip up the long, winding stair  
So we held our light high in the air, I realized why the gollings were up there.

We held them high, up in the sky, as the evening night grew bright.  
As the ship got closer, I wondered if it was going to work  
out of my dream and back onto earth.

The sound of cheers filled my ears,  
That's all I could hear.

By Finley





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**Trick or Treat @ THE ENDEAVOUR FUN CLUB**  
When - 24th - 28th October 2022  
Age - 4 - 13

Come and join us for lots of...

**Baking** **Pumpkin carving** **Arts & crafts** **Sensory messy play**

And lots lots more!

**f** Head over to The Endeavour Fun Clubs Facebook page for a booking form or contact Kim on 07974974033