



Glaisdale Primary School



"Outstanding Together"

Newsletter

25/11/2022

Dear Families and Friends,

PTFA – New members required!

Please see (at the end of this newsletter) the resignation letter from our current PTFA members whose children will leave us at the end of the year. Our PTFA have helped raise funds for a range of trips and projects over the last few years. Without their support, we may not be able to run these in the future or may need to request additional funds from parents.

With both our PTFA members leaving at the end of the year, we need your support. If you are interested in joining the PTFA (now or in the future) please get in touch with Claire Gallon or Lou Prowse or approach the school.

Peat Rigg Residential

Our Year 5 and 6 children will be heading off on an exciting adventure next week! On Wednesday, children will depart to Peat Rigg Outdoor Centre where they will take part in a range of outdoor adventurous activities, including abseiling, zipline, caving, archery, bushcraft and much more! The children will be attending the visit with children from Oakridge, Lealholm and Castleton Schools, helping them to forge and strengthen relationships with children from different schools.

Children should arrive at Lealholm School at 9am in outdoor clothing and footwear. They should have all their bags with them, containing the kit list sent out previously. Children will return on Friday mid-afternoon to Lealholm School, in time for a normal collection at the end of the day (although we will inform you if we arrive back earlier, in case you would like an earlier collection of tired children!)

Art Competition – Ady Wright's Mini Merry Christmas Masterpiece

Our children will have the wonderful opportunity to enter a Christmas art competition where they will get to complete a Christmas themed mini-canvas. These pieces of art will be displayed in The Moorside Gallery at Danby Moors Centre over the Christmas period with members of the public voting on their favourite pieces. The artwork will also be displayed online for voting too with prizes for the winners from each school and age category. This competition is being run by Ady Wright's Fine Art Gallery in Whitby for Glaisdale and Castleton Schools. We will share this competition when it goes live online so that you can vote too! Winners will be announced in the new year.

Thank you to Ady Wright and Andy Baker from the gallery for running this competition:
<https://adywright.com/>

Stay and Play

We will be hosting a 'Stay and Play' afternoon for children who are considering/choosing Glaisdale as their school for next year. It will be an opportunity for children and parents to meet the staff and other children, as well as have a look round our happy family-orientated school!

This will take place on Wednesday 30th November (1.30-3pm). If you would like to attend, please contact the School Office. Similarly, please share with any families with children who are starting school in September, especially if they are not in the local area.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our local governing body, whom we share with Lealholm and Castleton Schools. Each of our cluster of schools has a parent governor who represents a viewpoint from their own individual school as well as contributes to the general business of the governing body. You will have received a nomination form and more information about this role. Nominations need to be returned to Mr Cooper via the School Office (in a sealed envelope) by Thursday 8th December. If you would like to discuss this role and what it entails further, please contact Mr Cooper.

Upcoming Training Day

Please note that on Friday 9th December the school will be closed for a staff training day.

Children in Need

Thank you for all your generous donations to Children in Need last week. In total we raised: £55.50 (a fantastic total for a small school – well done!)

Explorers and Year 3/4 Trip to East Barnby

Our remaining children in school will go on their own trip next Friday to East Barnby to take part in a skiing activity and treasure hunt. Children will need to come to school in outdoor clothing with waterproofs and gloves. (Waterproofs can be provided by the centre). Thank you to Kath Sedman for organising this trip for our children!

Moors School – Next Week

All children remaining in school next week (both classes) will be going to Moors School on Thursday morning. They should come to school in appropriate clothing.

SATs Buster and Sports Club

With Mr Wood attending our residential next week, there will be no SATs or Sports Clubs.

Music Lessons

With most children on their residential next week, Alix Lillie will be moving her music session to Monday 5th December.

Flu Immunisations (28th November)

On Monday afternoon, children who have been signed up by their parents to have their flu spray immunisation will receive this from NHS staff.

Update from the Immunisation Team

The School Age Immunisation Team will be visiting your child's school before the end of this term to deliver the flu vaccine. We are giving you the opportunity to provide consent for the vaccine right up to the day we come to your child's school. This is because we are seeing more cases of flu in children this year than we have done previously. If you have not yet given consent but wish to please access our consent form at:

www.hdftsais.co.uk

The code for your school is: HD144678

Islamic Diversity Centre Visit

We were delighted to be joined by the Islamic Diversity Centre on Wednesday for an assembly and a workshop. The children came up with very thoughtful questions and were able to find out more about Islam, as well as address some misconceptions they had about the religion. Ishmael, our leader, was very impressed with children's strong knowledge on Islam which they have learnt in their RE lessons at school.

PTFA Raffle

The PTFA are having a raffle at both performances of the school play in 2 week's time. I am wanting to make up 2 big hampers so one prize for each performance & would appreciate any donations. Bottles, chocolates/biscuits (not the big tubs as need to fit in hamper) Xmas nibbles etc. donations can be given to me or left at school. Thank you, Claire Gallon.

Have a great weekend,
Mr Cooper

Stars of the Week

Explorers: Ralpie – For brilliant number work all week.

Adventurers: Piper – For an outstanding adventure story.

Headteacher: Leo and Jack – For excellent Year 2 writing!

Attendance: This week's attendance was **91.6%**, which is significantly below our target of at least **97%**.
Our attendance this year is: 93.6%

Headteacher timetable for next week	
Monday	Supporting a Scarborough school
Tuesday	Supporting a Scarborough school
Wednesday	am – Glaisdale pm - Castleton
Thursday	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
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

November 2022

- 28th: Flu Immunisations (for those that have signed up)
- 30th: New Reception Stay & Play
- 30th: Y5/6 Peat Rigg Residential

December 2022

- 1st & 2nd: Y5/6 Peat Rigg Residential
- 2nd: Explorers and Y3/4 Trip to East Barnby
- 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)

January

- 3rd: Children return to school

PTFA Update

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware myself (Claire Gallon) and Lou Prowse are the Chair and Treasurer of the Glaisdale School PTFA. Both our youngest children (Eva & Fin) are in Year 6 and will leave Glaisdale for secondary school in July next year. We have both therefore made the decision to step down from our positions on the PTFA from December 2022. We will organize and run the raffle planned at the Christmas play performances but after this we will not be planning or running any further fundraising or events.

We would both dearly love for the PTFA to continue to run as the money it raises does provide our children with a greater diversity of opportunities and although trips/residentials etc.. do seem expensive PTFA have regularly provided some funding to these trips subsidizing the cost to parents and school budgets.

We are informing you of our plans now so that it gives the opportunity for the parents that will remain at school for the coming years to step forward to take on the running of the PTFA. If this is to happen before July 2023 then myself and Lou are both very happy to help and support the new committee in whatever way we can.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to speak with either of us.

Kinds regards

Claire Gallon & Lou Prowse.