



Glaisdale Primary School



"Outstanding Together"

Newsletter

09/12/2022

Dear Families and Friends,

School Performance

I was filled with immense pride this week watching our children perform in their Christmas performance. Despite all the busyness of this term, alongside all the events and trips, our children performed magnificently! Thank you so much for all your support as audience members and your contributions to buying tickets and contributing prizes to our PTFA raffles. In total, we raised an amazing £155!

Scarlet Fever (group A streptococcus)

You will no doubt have heard, through the news, that there has been an increase in cases of Scarlet Fever (commonly being referred to as 'strep') amongst school age children. To ensure everyone's safety in school, we have sent out a guidance letter this week to outline the possible symptoms of this illness so that parents can remain vigilant. We would encourage any parent with a child displaying symptoms of Scarlet Fever (see below) to contact their GP. In the majority of cases, this illness is easily managed through antibiotics (although children should not attend school for 24-hours after receiving their first antibiotic dose.

If your child is diagnosed with Scarlet Fever, please inform school immediately, as we may need to inform our local Health Protection Team of any possible outbreak (where there are multiple cases occurring within 10 days of each other). Although we have had a number of seasonal illnesses and absences, the school is not experiencing an outbreak of Scarlet Fever or 'Strep' at this time.

Please be vigilant for the following symptoms:

- High fever
- Difficulty swallowing and/or tender enlarged lymph nodes
- A rash (usually develops on the first day of a fever and is red, generalised, pinhead in size, giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture
- The tongue has a strawberry-like appearance

In school, as usual, we are encouraging good hygiene behaviours and will remain vigilant for any of the above symptoms, informing parents immediately if these are displayed. We will also inform parents immediately if the school suffers an outbreak.

School Meals

We are currently receiving the help of cooks from East Barnby Outdoor Centre to provide hot meals. Wherever possible, we will try to inform you of any menu changes.

Please note: the school is now being charged extra per meal by NYCC County Caterers due to rising costs. This cost is not currently being passed on to parents and meal prices will, therefore, remain the same. This will be reviewed in February.

Moors School – Next Week

There will be no Moors School next week due to Adventurers being on their trip and Explorers completing their DT project.

School Trips – next week

Whole-school Pantomime Visit: Tuesday 13th December

The whole school will be visiting Billingham's Forum Theatre on Tuesday to watch the pantomime Beauty & the Beast!

Children should arrive at 9am outside The Robinson Institute wearing school uniform (with a coat). Children should bring their own packed lunch unless they have ordered one from school and a drink. Children who attend Breakfast Club will be walked down by staff at 8.30am (please do not arrive at school after this time).

We will return to school for a usual collection time.

KS2 York Trip: Thursday 15th December

Adventurers Class will be heading to York on Thursday to visit the Jorvik Centre, Jorvik Dig and Van Gogh Expo!

Children should arrive at 8am at Lealholm School where they will be taken by coach with Lealholm to York. They should wear uniform (with a coat), bringing their own packed lunch and drink (unless this has been ordered from school).

Children will return for a 4pm collection time from Lealholm School (although we will keep you posted if there are any delays).

Parent Governor Vacancy

Unfortunately, we have not had any nominations for a parent governor at Glaisdale Primary School. It is important that the governing body (formed with Lealholm and Castleton Schools) have these viewpoints of parents from Glaisdale. If you are interested in this vacancy and/or would like more information, please get in touch with Mr Cooper.

Winter Weather

With a changeable forecast next week, please check our Facebook page and your phone/e-mails for any updates on school closures caused by the snow/ice. The majority of our staff have to travel to/from Pickering/Whitby and, in the interest of their safety, we may sometimes have to close. Please always use your best judgement as to whether you think it safe to travel from home to school – we understand, given our rural locality, that we may experience more snow-enforced absences than other schools.

Child Reader Volunteers – Christmas Eve (3pm) – Glaisdale Church

St Thomas' Church has asked if any of our children would be willing to perform a short reading at their Christingle service on Christmas Eve (3pm). If you are interested in your child doing this and can take them to Church, please inform the school so we can pass this message on.

Christmas Jumper/Party

On Friday 16th December (our final day of term), children may come to school in non-uniform and/or Christmas jumpers ready for their Christmas party – no donation required. School will provide some party food at lunchtime but we will also ask (next week) if for additional snacks/treats to be provided from home, if desired. These will need to be pre-packaged food items (due to the concerns regarding Scarlet Fever).

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

Headteacher timetable for next week	
Monday	Glaisdale all day
Tuesday	Panto trip
Wednesday	am – Castleton pm – Glaisdale
Thursday	KS2 York Trip
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
- Bank Holiday – Monday 8 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

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

ENDEAVOUR FUN CLUB FREE CHRISTMAS FEAST SESSIONS

The Endeavour Fun Club is hosting free Christmas feast sessions for those children who are eligible and have received their code letter. Each child is eligible for a free session per day (5 for the week). All food and snacks included.

Our bookings are now open for the following Feast sessions.

Mon 19th Dec 9-1 or 1-5

Tues 20th Dec 9-1 or 1-5

Wed 21st Dec 9-1 or 1-5

Thur 22nd Dec 9-1 or 1-5

Fri 23rd Dec 9-1 or 1-5

Qualifying children will have brought home their codes in a letter via schools. Please head over to the Feast website for more details or to check if you qualify. Please ring [07974974033](tel:07974974033) or [07795314255](tel:07795314255) to book.