



Glaisdale Primary School



"Outstanding Together"

Newsletter

16/12/2022

Dear Families and Friends,

End of Term Message

What a fantastic term we have had! It is a pleasure to look back on all the achievement the school, staff and children have made over the last 3 months. It is a shame that the weather has interrupted some of our end of term events and trips but that is part of living and working in the countryside!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over my first term at Glaisdale. I have thoroughly enjoyed working hard for our children and feel we have a bright and promising future ahead. I hope you feel the same and that you feel your views have been listened to and acted upon wherever possible. We have tried to introduce positive change wherever we can, whether that is through extending Breakfast Club hours; sourcing a cheaper uniform provider; running more trips, special events and performances. However, I would like build on this progress by gauging your views further on other issues too (please see below for a link to a new questionnaire).

This term, the staff, governors and I have worked hard to identify some key priorities for the school on its improvement journey. I would like to take this opportunity to share these with you (see below). Please note that this is not all that we plan to do to improve our school but highlights the key areas in our development planning to make Glaisdale even better for our children. Our priorities are:

- Further develop teaching and learning across the curriculum with a focus on the foundation subjects (subjects other than English, maths and science).
- To improve the progress of vulnerable/targeted groups of learners, including those with special needs or disabilities and children who previous attained the highest standards.
- To promote even better behaviour, attitudes and attendance through a nurturing approach, creating children who are ready to be confident citizens in modern Britain.

Questionnaire

We would like to gauge your views on a range of issues, some of which have been raised by other parents. Please complete this questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/bqnddHxCSyugTN4Z8>

As before, we will feed this back to you (by the end of January). We will also host another 'Meet the Head' evening next term to take further feedback and discuss solutions to any other arising issues.

Thank you in advance.

Key Stage 2 Trip – Rearrangement Details

We were disappointed to have to cancel our Key Stage 2 trip to York. However, the likelihood would have been that we would have suffered delays or some children/staff not being able to attend at all. We have, fortunately, been in discussions with the activity providers about alternate dates in January. We will communicate this as soon as arrangements have been confirmed. Thank you for your understanding.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We continue to have a vacancy for a parent governor at Glaisdale. We have, on the questionnaire listed above, asked if parents have any interest in this role or would like to know more. Alternatively, if you would like to know more, please get in touch with Mark Hollingworth (Chair of Governors – mhollingworth@yeat.co.uk); Jo Kevan (Vice-chair of Governors – jkevan@yeat.co.uk) or Mr Cooper (Headteacher – headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk).

Winter Weather

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding this week during our snow-enforced closures. We do not take these decisions lightly and try to give the weather/roads every opportunity to improve so that we can allow staff/children to arrive safely at school and, just as importantly, be able to return home at the end of the day. Our staff live in Whitby, Pickering and Redcar/Cleveland, so I am sure you can appreciate that it may be challenging for us to get to school some days during the winter months.

Thank you to the parents that have kept us updated with the weather/road conditions in Glaisdale – this really helps to inform our decisions.

Termly Reading Award

Each week, we enter children who have read regularly at home into a termly prize draw. The more times children read regularly, the more chance they have of winning our grand prize – a rucksack full of goodies, reading materials and other relaxing activities to share with the family!

Our winners:

Explorers: Olivia

Adventurers: Ethan



Pantomime

The weather did not affect our plans to visit Billingham's Forum Theatre on Tuesday where we enjoyed a very professional and entertaining performance of Beauty & the Beast! We would like to thank the theatre for their welcoming atmosphere – it was worth the extra journeying and we are looking forward to returning next year!

Children's Termly Reports

On the previous parental feedback, the majority of parents requested a short termly report so that they could understand their child's current progress. After Christmas, once we have compiled the recent assessment information, we will be sending out this short report for children in Year 2-6, outlining how well your child is achieving in English and maths, based on a nationally standardised assessment and teachers' own assessments (as we know this can sometimes vary). We will also report on your child's current attendance and how this compares locally/nationally. We hope you will find this a useful update – we would appreciate your feedback on this new system.

Moors School

Due to the Explorers trip on Thursday 5th January, there will be no Moors School in the first week back.

Children return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Merry Christmas!

Mr Cooper

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cooper".

Headteacher timetable for next week	
Monday	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	am – Castleton pm – Glaisdale
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
- 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

January

3rd: Children return to school

5th: Explorers Trip to Preston Park

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.