





"Outstanding Together"

Newsletter 06/01/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

### **Happy New Year & Welcome**

Welcome back! I hope you have had a restful and enjoyable Christmas period. This week has been a strange one for me not being in school and hearing the usual start of term excitement, however I am reassured that Mr Wood says that this is very much present around school and children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm to learn.

I would like to formally welcome Mrs Wardell to the Glaisdale Family as our Key Stage 2 higher level teaching assistant. Mrs Wardell joins us from Bridlington Secondary School where she was Head of Sport. We are very lucky to have someone with her experience and know she will bring a lot to our team. I also know that you will all join me in welcoming her to our community.

We also welcome Mrs Leighton to our team for a short time in Explorers Class whilst Mrs Sandilands recovers from a routine operation. Mrs Leighton is a qualified teacher and has worked in the school previously. She has also really enjoyed being part of our little family!

#### **Phoebe Update**

Thank you so much for all the kind messages and offers of support following the premature birth of my daughter, Phoebe Olivia Cooper. This has meant so much to me and my wife and shows what a great community we have here.

I am pleased to say that Phoebe is doing well, filling her tummy (and her nappy!) and getting stronger every day. Unfortunately, however, Phoebe, my wife and I are still awaiting cot availability in York to return home, therefore it is a possibility that I will be away from school for some of next week. I will, however, continue to work remotely and will be in regular communication with Mr Wood so that the school continues to move forward.

#### Catering

Mrs Marshall is still recovering well but will be away from school for, at least, the next two weeks. We have secured the services of cooks from East Barnby Outdoor Centre who will be providing hot meals each day in the meantime.

### **Admin Support**

Please note that Mrs Hutchinson will now be in the office every day except for Wednesdays.

#### Clubs

Clubs begin again next week. As before, Art Club will take place on a Tuesday and Sports Club will take place on a Thursday (3.15-4.15pm). Year 6 Booster Club restarted again this week and will continue on Wednesday until May.

#### Questionnaire

There is still time to have your say on a number of school issues by completing this survey: <a href="https://forms.gle/bqnddHxCSyuqTN4Z8">https://forms.gle/bqnddHxCSyuqTN4Z8</a>

# **Key Stage 2 Trip - Rearrangement Details**

Our rearranged Key Stage 2 trip to York will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Children will need to arrive at 8am at Lealholm School, to allow time to travel to York. They will arrive back at approximately 3.45pm. An updated consent form has been sent out this week – please ensure that this is completed as children cannot attend the visit without consent. All children that usually receive a school lunch will be provided with a packed lunch, unless parents state otherwise on the form.

## **Explorers' Trip to Preston Park**

Explorers got the chance to visit Preston Park this week where they took part in a toy workshop as part of their history learning. They got to look at toys from the Victorian period onwards as well as explore the museum itself and the Victorian street within the grounds. They also enjoyed spending time with children from Lealholm School too!

#### **MCAS**

Spring Half Term 1 Music Lessons and breaktime drinks are now available for payment on MCAS.

### Year 6 Trip to Edinburgh

Thank you to those parents that promptly completed the form confirming their consent for their child to attend the Edinburgh trip in July. We hope to confirm the accommodation early next week and communicate how you can provide your deposit.

#### **Moors School**

Whilst we have cricket sessions and the colder months, Moors School will be paused. We hope to begin again after February half-term.

### **Reading Award**

Our reading award programme will begin again next week. Our children were enthused and motivated by this last term, having the chance to win weekly prizes as well as being entered into the termly draw. We will also be hosting another parents' reading afternoon on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January to help promote reading further.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

# **Awards**

Explorers: Edith – for amazing contribution to the new English topic 'Meerkat Mail'.

Adventurers: Eva J – for outstanding fraction work, especially in multiplying and dividing fractions

## <u>Term Dates – 2022 / 2023</u>

- 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

13th: Year 3/4 Multi-Skills Event

18th: Gymnastics Event at Eskdale School

20th: KS2 York Trip

24th: Parents' reading afternoon

### **February**

10th: Year 3/4 Gymnastics at Eskdale School

10th: End of half-term

24th: Year 3/4 Hockey Coaching

# March

7<sup>th</sup>: Year 3/4 Hockey Tournament

14th: Straws Cup - Football Competition (4-6pm)

15<sup>th</sup>: Cross-country event

17<sup>th</sup>: Red Nose Day 24<sup>th</sup>: Training Day 31<sup>st</sup>: End of Term