



NEWSLETTER

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News from the Classes

This week, **KS1** have been embracing everything Scottish. We enjoyed learning about the history of Scottish tartan and had a go at designing our own patterns. We have also been carrying out some important Police work and wrote some fantastic descriptions to help find Katie Morag as she has gone missing.

Everyone is enthusiastic about their "SMIRFs" and are enjoying practising them in fun ways. Thank you for your support at home with these.

Thank you for the jokes we have already received. They are making us chuckle, keep them coming!

On Thursday afternoon, years 1 and 2 took part in a Multiskills Festival at Caedmon School with Helen Medcalf and Becky Webster. It was a very exciting and active afternoon with lots of balancing, running and throwing which we had been practising in our PE sessions over the last few weeks.

Years 1 & 2. Please return Flu Immunisation Consent Forms on Monday, if you have not already done so. Thank you.

This week, **KS2** have been looking closely at the difference between Fiction and Non-Fiction writing. There are definitely clues that tell the difference between the two. We have also used the more technical language in the write up of our Geology work as we are becoming expert Geologists.

On Thursday afternoon we were lucky enough to go adventuring in what we are now calling "Robinson's Wood," with Mrs Barber. Everyone was extremely busy exploring, climbing, building, rummaging, dragging and untangling themselves. Lots of working together in friendship groups across the Key Stage, lots of looking after each other, keeping safe and lots of fun and laughter. Thank you very much to Sylvia Robinson for that.

Future dates for Forest Schools are Wednesdays - 21st October and 18th November (although these may need to change and there will be a third session as well).

If you have not already done so, please return the Cross Country interest slips on Monday as transport will need to be arranged. Thank you.

Homework. To avoid confusion, I do know new systems are routines are tricky to get! On a Tuesday, the children will get either Comprehension or Grammar. It will need to be handed in on the following Tuesday so it can be marked with the children in class.

The same happens with Maths on a Thursday – out on Thursday and in for the following Thursday to be marked with the children in class.

For Reading, I am really looking for a minimum of one read a week at home. The more, the better as it means team points. The spellings the children bring in also need a bit of time, quick testing and writing underneath.

Finally, the SMIRFs which include times table facts. SMIRF sheets will be given out next week. This replaces the times tables that they used to practice at home

Loan of Musical Instrument letter (Years 3 & 4 Parents). You may have received a letter about the loan of a musical instrument and wondered what it was about! Apologies - we didn't know they were being given out last week but would like to explain.

We have tried to add some exciting music activities and varied sports activities on Fridays and this is part of it. The Years 3 and 4 children get 'wider opportunities' music lessons with Tony Cross, the music teacher, and they can take an instrument home as part of this. The school is paying for it for all the children. Contributions towards the music lessons (which also include the Years 5 and 6 digital music sessions) have been made by Ainthorpe Educational Trust. We are hoping to continue the sessions until the children can play together, at a basic level, as an ensemble.

The Music Support Service provides the instruments and the letters you send back to school are to reassure the Music Service that you are willing to support your child and look after the instrument.

I hope this clarifies any misunderstanding. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Reminders - School Clubs etc

- Please make sure that you have completed the reply slip indicating the Clubs your children will attend.
- Please could we ask that children do attend school clubs they have signed up for, unless there is a very good reason in which case a letter/phone call would be required as we do keep registers of children at clubs.
- Please could you ensure that children commit to half a term before deciding to leave clubs.
- Also, out of courtesy to staff, please let them know if your child chooses not to continue.
- If your children are going to someone else's house from school could you please let us know.
- If your child is allowed to walk home or elsewhere from school, on their own, we must have written permission from you.

Thank you for your support with the above.

PTFA Coffee Morning, Tomorrow

Donations of raffle prizes and cakes for the coffee morning tomorrow, and any offers of help, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Federation Hoodies

We are planning to purchase some 'Federation' hoodies for PE on Fridays, when our Juniors get together at the same school. They will be in the same style as the PE tops worn when the children attend events as a joint team. The hoodies will be free of charge, funded by the school and contributions from PTFA funds.

Family/Individual School Photos - Wednesday, 7th October

Lizzie Watson is going to take family/individual photos on Wednesday. Please bring younger siblings in as usual if you wish and she will start taking family photos from **8.30am**.

Advance Notice - Harvest Festival on Wednesday, 14th October/National Food Week

The Harvest Festival will be held in Castleton Church on Wednesday, 14th October at 10am. We would love to see you there!

This year, we are collecting canned food so we can contribute to the Food Banks for people who are struggling. If you wish, you can also send monetary donations in as the Harvest Festival also ties in with World Food Week which NYCC are supporting. The World Food Programme is the food aid arm of the United Nations - the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide and is funded entirely by voluntary donations. The campaign is running with the aim of providing as many meals as possible for less fortunate children where a school meal may be the only meal they have that day. Also, for World Food Week, NYCC have created a school dinner menu with an international feel.

Next Week

Assessment Week

Tomorrow	Coffee Morning, 10am to 12 at Castleton Village Hall
Monday	Sumdog Club
Tuesday	Sewing Club
Wednesday	Individual/Family photos (families from 8.30am) Netball Club
Thursday	Years 5 & 6 Tag Rugby, Whitby Rugby Club, 1-3pm Eskdale and Stokesley Schools Open Evenings
Friday	Football Club

Glaisdale School PTFA Diary Dates

Friday, 23 October - Halloween Disco, Robinson Institute, 6 to 8.30 pm

Wednesday, 28 October - Spooky Stories Drama Day, Robinson Institute, 10 am to 3 pm.

Saturday, 12 December - 'The Ugly Duckling', Northumberland Theatre Co., at Robinson Institute, doors open 6pm, finish 8.30 pm. Family Show, profits to Glaisdale School. Tickets on sale soon!