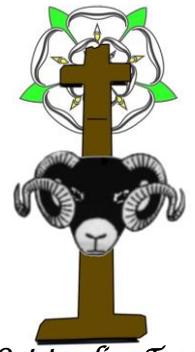




# NEWSLETTER

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## News from the Classes

This week **KS1** have had fun acting out the Gingerbread Man story and creating "freeze frames." In Maths we have been focusing on our doubles and halves. Due to the success of our chicks, we now have some caterpillars to care for and are observing them closely and learning all about the life cycle. We have also enjoyed testing our bridges. This week will be the last week for homework and spellings but please continue to read daily at home.

A reminder that we are heading off on our trip on Monday and all children will need to bring a packed lunch from home in a backpack.

**KS2:** There is nothing like a trip to experience and see first-hand the river. Monday was an excellent day and we all became river surveyors. Measuring, analysing and fishing for invertebrates. It also included Science with identification, classification and adaptation. Please ask about the alien invertebrates and how they suited their environments. Next time we will remember anti-bite cream because a few of us were midgy nibbled! Well done years 5 and 6 the SRE learning went extremely smoothly. I was so impressed with how sensibly everyone tackled the learning. Hopefully it will give them all knowledge of the changes that are coming ahead.

A fond farewell to Hannah who is leaving us today. What a fabulous experience for her but also for us. Hannah has learnt so much and it is thanks to the children for really helping her with her English. Thank you Hannah for joining us for a short while, all the best back in South Korea.

## "RONLD" Year 6 Magazine

Please see flier/order form attached for "RONLD" a magazine written by year 6. Please support year 6 by ordering a copy - Order Forms to be returned to school by Tuesday (11<sup>th</sup> July).

## Re-arranged Sports Day - Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July

We are crossing our fingers that we get fine weather on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July.

We have been asked if we could reserve an alternative day in future, in case we need to postpone. We used to do this in advance, and were very organised about it, but we found that other events came up on the reserve day - like an opportunity for a whole school trip or a sporting event - and we were having to say we couldn't attend because this was our reserve sports day in case it rained. It meant that children were missing opportunities and we were then being asked why.

We can't see a way round this so we feel we will have to plan one day in advance and do our best if it rains and we need to plan another. Sometimes it will just not be possible to plan another date but we will try!

## Advance Notices for final week

- **Joint Sports Day** at Glaisdale Quarry, **Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm**
- **Summer Fair & Art Show, Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30pm.** As part of the Summer Fair, a group of children will be showing people round the artwork in the usual way. Further information will be sent out next week regarding the stalls etc but donations for stalls, raffle and refreshments will be gratefully received, thank you! This year the money will be split between School Fund and the NSPCC.

- **Parents Evening, Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July.** Pupil Reports will be sent home on Monday and Parents Evening is on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July. This is just a “drop in” session to look at children’s work and informally talk to the class teacher if you wish. There will be no appointments but teachers will be available between 3.30pm and 5pm.
- **Leavers Assembly, Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 10am,** at School.

### Childcare Update

Just an update for you regarding childcare availability:

- Breakfast Club operates every morning from 8am (breakfast included) at a cost of £3.50 per child or from 8.30am, £1.75.
- Gaby Boyd and Kath Dowson do after school care by arrangement.
- Katie Underwood is now a registered childminder. Please contact Katie to make your own arrangements with her.

### Author Visit on Wednesday

On Wednesday children’s author Antony Wootten will be spending the day in school. This will be mainly with KS2 but he will pop into KS1 as well for 20-30 minutes. Please see letter from him enclosed

### Laser Shooting Club - Sinnington

We have been sent details from the Head of PE at Lady Lumley’s School, Pickering, of a Laser Shooting club at Friars Hill Stables, Sinnington, in association with Pentathlon GB. Please ask Mrs Blacklock for details if you child/children are interested.

### Next Week

Year 6 Stokesley School transition on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Year 2 will move up to year 3 on Wednesday, Thursday (afternoon) and Friday

<b>Monday</b>	KS1 Train Trip Relax Kids After School Club
<b>Wednesday</b>	Antony Wootton, Children’s Author in for the day Netball Club
<b>Thursday</b>	Reception new starters in for morning and lunch (meeting for parents at 12.45pm) KS1 (including year 2) Forest Schools, morning Year 5 Forest Schools, afternoon Themed Thursday dinner - American
<b>Friday</b>	Football Club

### News from Glaisdale

This week in English, **Class 1** has completed their own versions of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have worked very hard on these stories and they should be very proud of their finished work. Their Geography work has focused on the journey of a river, complemented by PSHE activities on working together as a team. On Thursday, year 2 enjoyed an impromptu day in KS2 during which they tasted life as a junior. Their caterpillars have all made their cocoons and have been moved to their new home ready for their transformation into butterflies, which everyone is eagerly waiting to see.

**Class 2** has been reflecting on the past year with year 6 children extending this to look at their whole time at the school. As part of their work on rivers they have begun to look at bridges with the children making a prototype out of straws – some of the designs were very interesting. When year 2 joined the class on Thursday they did some outdoor Science where they became botanists. They looked at the variety of flowers growing down the grassy path and studied the flower petals, leaves, habitats and how the flowers grew. They made excellent sketches and recorded their findings.