



NEWSLETTER

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News from the Classes

Skipathon: It is amazing how inspired everyone has been by skipping because a little bit of rain didn't put anyone off! Well done to all the skippers on Monday lunchtime, all challenging themselves to beat their personal best. Thank you to Helen Medcalf for organising the Skipathon and hopefully all sponsor money is now in, with this going to the PTFA.

KS1: This week we have been harvesting and eating some of the plants that we have been growing. We enjoyed lettuce sandwiches with radishes on the side! Everyone had a taste and some asked for seconds (and thirds!) We have also been making seagulls and trawlers. We put floats on our nets so that we could see where they were. We are looking forward to our trip to the SeaLife Centre on Tuesday next week. On 7th July, we are having a Wedding in class – parents can come too at 2pm!

KS2: The National Park Assembly last Friday really helped us to appreciate how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful area. The Park's lady told us of all the activities that we can do in the summer – activities for young and old that sound like great fun, so get out there and get involved!

The years 5 and 6 intrepid bikers battled the British weather on Monday and managed to get most of the Bikeability training course done. There is only so much Highway Code you can do whilst it's raining but they all passed this part (including Mrs Dowson!) They started the day by learning how to look after their bike, what clothes to wear and how to have their helmet correctly positioned. They did some riding in Moorlands Park and the course will be completed next Thursday morning so fingers crossed for dry weather so they can venture a little further afield outside!

Years 5 and 6 had their follow up ChildLine assembly on Thursday morning. The talk was very informative and the children gave some very good answers and also asked plenty of questions.

This morning, the majority of KS2 (along with Glaisdale) went to "Hit the Surf" on Whitby Beach with Mrs Barrett and Helen Medcalf. They did some lifeguard training, followed by body boarding – some children even managed to stand and surf! It was an excellent time and thoroughly enjoyed by all the children and Helen Medcalf who also went into the sea.

We have been feeling a bit jealous of the photographs from Egypt. We looked at the blue sky, sunshine and then compared it with the grey skies outside and thought "Oh!" We have been thinking about audiences for adverts and how they cleverly make you want to buy the holidays.

Glaisdale News

This week, Class 1 has been looking at a variety of synonyms for mathematical vocabulary in Numeracy. In Literacy, they have used story boards and story mountains to plan and write their own alternative Rainbow Fish stories. Science work has focused on the value or exercise in our lives and the effect of germs on our body and in Art they have looked at designing and making some wonderful, and extremely colourful, clay rainbow fish.

Class 2 have had a look at how Roman numerals work, which has proved quite interesting and not as difficult as they thought and discovered that there are certain rules and patterns to help.

Glaisdale School PTFA Summer Fete is on Monday, 13th July, 3.15pm, fell race at 4.30pm. The fell race is open to children and adults and is about 2 miles.

School Group Photographs

Thank you to Lizzie Watson for coming in on Wednesday to take whole school photographs. They will be put on display in the foyer with order forms. There are four to choose from and each print costs £5.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY: Information for Parents/carers

Persistent absence:

From September 2015 persistent absentees will be all pupils who miss 10% of school. This school year it would have equated to 19.5 days. Attendance data is collated and available publicly. It is also used to form judgements about a school.

Most absences are unavoidable but there are unfortunately still some which can be avoided. Any absence has a very negative impact on a child's ability to achieve and to feel settled and happy at school.

Late arrival before the register has closed:

Our school policy is that registers will close by 9.15 am. By this time, children have already missed 15 minutes of the school day if they are late. Over a week this is 75 minutes of learning. A pupil arriving after the register has closed is marked as late and how many minutes late is entered.

School Uniform

There are still many variations to school uniform! We are seeing:

- Jeans – even black Jeans are not school uniform. Our uniform, agreed by Governors, is black or grey trousers, not leggings, shorts or jeans.
- Coloured footwear – our uniform, agreed by Governors, is black shoes, without heels or large logos.

Sports Day, Friday, 10th July

We are having a joint sports day this year with Glaisdale, at Castleton Cricket Field, on Friday, 10th July at 1.30pm and we expect it to finish at around **3.45pm**. Please make sure that children have their PE kit but they will need to wear a t shirt corresponding to their team – red, green, blue or gold (yellow). The children will know which team they are in. The PTFAs from both Schools will serve refreshments and we would be grateful for any help you can give on the day and donations of biscuits etc.

Reports and Parents Evening

Pupil Reports will be sent home on Friday, 10th July and Parents Evening is on Wednesday, 15th 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

Building Work - New Entrance/Reception Area

At the beginning of the summer holidays we are having building work done in school to create an open office area/reception near the main entrance. The office and staff room will swap positions, with a staff room door leading into the KS2 cloakroom corridor. One of the girls’ toilets will be made into a staff toilet, which will mean that KS2 lessons are not disturbed. The existing staff toilet will become the second girl’s toilet.

Next Week

Pupil from Whitby Community College on work experience all week

Monday	KS2 Tri Golf Festival, Caedmon College Whitby, 1pm to 3pm Sumdog Club
Tuesday	KS1 Trip to SeaLife Centre, Scarborough Sewing Club
Wednesday	September new starters in for morning and lunch (to include talk to Mrs Douglass first thing and meeting with Mrs Barber at 12.45pm. New teacher Miss Garbutt will be visiting and doing some activities with the children) Years 5 & 6 Athletics, Eskdale School, 1pm to 3pm Netball Club
Thursday	Years 5 & 6 to finish Bikeability Training, morning
Friday	Year 6, Stokesley School transfer Netball Matches with Glaisdale at lunchtime Football Club
Saturday	Play Area Coffee Morning, 10am to 12 at Village Hall