



GOATHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Believe you can
Together we will*



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8th April 2022

Diary Dates

- 8th April – End of Spring Term
- 25th April – Return to School
- 2nd May – Bank Holiday
- 3rd May – Return to School
- 4th May - Year 3/4 Quad Kids
- 9th May – SATS Week
- 27th May – Half Term
- 4th June – Village Jubilee Celebrations
- 6th -8th June – Yr6 Residential
- 7th June – Return to School
- 8th June – Base 1 Quad Kids
- 16th June – Survival Day at the Forest School
- 23rd June – Yr6 Trip
- 24th June – Base 2 Quad Kids
- 29th June – Base 2 Athletics
- 6th July – Base 2 Rounders
- 8th July – Sports Day
- 11th July – Year 6 Transition Week
- 21st July – Break up for summer

Dear Parents,

It is with genuine sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Knight who will be leaving us to begin her new position at Ruswarp. Mrs Knight is a wonderful teacher whose care for and dedication to the Base 1 children has enabled them to flourish emotionally, socially and academically. All the children and staff will miss her very much but we wish her all the best for the future.

Base 1

We have loved having our chicks. It was a little stressful in the early stages when we were willing them to be strong enough to hatch. In the end, we were lucky enough to have 12 chicks to care for. I am delighted to say that May has adopted 5 of them and Milly adopted 6. The suspected cockerel has returned safely to the company! Don't forget to look on Facebook to see photos of the children with the chicks they named.

In Literacy, we have been continuing our work on Instructions. We have learned to identify different types of sentences e.g. commands, statements and exclamations. We are experts at spotting 'bossy verbs' now! The children have enjoyed designing their own fantasy lands and we have written instructions linked to this.

We have been very busy completing our topics for this half term. In computing, we have finished our unit about keeping safe online. In the last couple of weeks, we have looked at what personal



information it is safe to share and who we might share it with. We have also looked at why emails are a good thing and how to send them.

Mrs Knight is feeling very proud of her children this week – They have completed their half termly phonics assessments and they all continue to make fantastic progress.

In our play, we have continued with our building site and have enjoyed making ‘cement’ and using the crane!

Mrs Knight would like to add. “I can’t quite believe this is my last newsletter at Goathland! I just want to say thank you so much to all the children, staff and parents alike. I have loved my time at Goathland and will miss being part of your very special ‘family’ and I will miss everyone in it! Here’s to the next exciting chapter for us all.”

Base 2

In Literacy the children have been comparing bombed out London and peaceful Little Weirwold, the two settings in Goodnight Mister Tom and used figurative language to write descriptions of both places. They also wrote very personal letters in the role of Willie to his friend Zach, who sadly gets killed by a bomb in London. Linking this story with our History topic has really enabled the children to understand the effects of WWII. Fortunately, the story has a very happy ending and the children have enjoyed both the book and watching the film based on it afterwards.

To draw our World War Two topic to a close we revisited some of the main events of the conflict then learnt about how the war came to an end, looking both at Victory in Europe day and the final ending when America dropped atomic bombs on Japan. The children also spent a fabulous day at Eden Camp immersing themselves in the sights, sounds and smells of life both on the Home Front and the Front-Line during WWII. A big thank you to Mrs Wiggins who came with us for the day.

The children have also finally completed their textile project and created some amazing patchwork panels. Thank you Mrs Watson for your additional help with this last Friday afternoon.

Music lessons are continuing on Wednesday afternoons and the children are becoming quite confident clarinet players. These lessons will continue during the summer term, then there will be a performance to look forward to at the end of the year. Thank you to all the parents who have coped with clarinet practice at home!

Sport

On Friday 25th March the Base 2 children took part in the third and final leg of the Primary Cross-Country competition. Unfortunately, we didn’t have enough children taking part to qualify for a place in the league tables but all the children ran brilliantly. Special congratulations go to Milly and Lewis who both came 4th in their respective races. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support the children.

This week was the children’s last swimming session and after a short lesson, they all had a great time playing in the pool. All the children have made super progress this term, some overcoming their initial nerves about water, others becoming more confident swimmers able to swim longer distances and some



developing their life saving skills. Every child will be awarded their individual swimming certificates during our final assembly at the end of the year.

PE at the hub will begin on Tuesday 26th April. Please bring PE kits and suitable outdoor trainers for athletics and rounders. Please also remember to collect your children from the Hub at 3.15 pm.

Easter Egg Competition

The children made some amazing egg designs and backdrops to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This competition was open to all the children in the village so thank you to all those who took part. Although we would like to congratulate everyone for their stunning and imaginative creations, not everyone can win. Our School Governor, Mrs Atkinson had the tough job of judging the competition. Her winners for each category were:

Best Under 4's Design – Fleur Brown

Best Under 7's Design – Sol Brown

Best Under 11's Design –Eva Wiggins

Funniest Design – Rohan Brown

Most Patriotic – Martha Nicholson

Best in Show – Milly Watson

Mrs Turford

We are sorry to announce that Mrs Turford, our cook, will be retiring at the end of the Summer Term after 18 years at Goathland Primary School. Due to the sudden loss of her husband Steve, Mrs Turford has decided to retire early, buy a campervan and travel the country (maybe the world)! Mrs Turford's job is now advertised on the NYCC Job page. The job is 3 hours per day (10 am - 1.00 pm) but could be made 4 hours per day if the candidate wishes to cover lunchtime service and playtime too. Full training will be provided. <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/cook-goathland>

