



14<sup>th</sup> December 2018



# Goathland Primary School

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### Dates for your Diary

14<sup>th</sup> December – School Nativity @ 6pm  
17<sup>th</sup> December – Whitby Leisure Centre Party  
18<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Lunch  
20<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime  
21<sup>st</sup> December – Crib service @ 2pm  
21<sup>st</sup> December – Break up for Christmas  
  
8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Swimming Lessons Start

### Attendance for this week

was  
100%

★ *Star of the week - Base 1* - Awarded to Finn Williamson for trying really hard with his sounds and reading

★ *Star of the week - Base 2* - Awarded to Joshua Lonsdale for his precise work on symmetry and explaining his understanding clearly.

Dear Parents,

**Ofsted** I'm sure many of you will have heard the news that following an Ofsted inspection of the school on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November we have now received the official report in the form of a letter. I am pleased to say the inspector, Mr Daniel Murray, concluded that safeguarding is effective and the school retains its grading of "good". We are naturally delighted and it is a testament to the pupils, yourselves, governors and staff that he was impressed. He thought the children were "confident, self-assured and enthusiastic." In the letter Mr Murray outlined the next steps for the school – all the aspects are already in the school development plan and we are working to address them to make sure Goathland is an even more wonderful place for children to grow and learn.

Thank you, for taking the time to talk with Mr Murray and completing the online questionnaire. Our visitor was left in no doubt that as one parent put it "we love our school". I want to assure you that all the staff and governors are committed to ensuring continuous development and improvement.

The full text of the letter to me, which forms the report, will be available on the Ofsted website from Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December or you may request a paper copy from the office.

### School field – Thank you from the Chair Of Governors

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all Pupils, Parents, Staff and the Village Community for coming together on Saturday to help with the clear up of the 'School Field', unfortunately I was unable to attend due to being away on holiday. It's made a great start to the early stages of this fantastic project. I am certain it will be of great benefit and enrichment to the education of our school children both now and in the years to come.

**Nativity – We look forward to welcoming you all to St Marys Church this evening for our Nativity, Stable Manners. Please make sure that children arrive at church dressed in their costumes for 5.50pm.**

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**Whitby Leisure Centre Christmas Party.** – Ashton won the Leisure Centres drawing competition this month. One of his many prizes was a Christmas Party for his school. On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December the children will be travelling by minibus to The Leisure Centre for their party which is to consist of Christmas games, bouncy castle and ball sports. The children will arrive back to school at 3pm. All refreshments will be provided.



**Christmas Lunch – 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Mrs Turford will cook and serve Christmas Lunch to children, staff and volunteers next Tuesday.

**Pantomime - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – The coach will be leaving school at 9.10am prompt. Please could you make sure both children and extra adults arrive at school by 9am as unfortunately **we will not be able to wait for any late comers.** Can all children bring a soft drink in a re-sealable, plastic bottle. (no fizzy drinks or cans) For those of you meeting us at The Spa the Pantomime starts at 10am.

**Crib Service Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Please could parents pick their children up from school at 1.30pm to transport them to the Church for the Crib Service which starts at 2pm and then the children can be taken straight home from there. **Please let us know if you are unable to do this.**

**Bags for decorations** – Please can children bring a carrier bag in which to put all their Christmas craft items ready to bring home next Friday.

**Stamps** – We are collecting stamps in aid of The Bone Cancer Research Trust Stamp Appeal. Please save your Christmas Stamps and bring them into school. Thank you.

**Christmas Cards** - The school Christmas Post Box is now in the shared space. The Base 2 children will sort and deliver the cards twice a week.

**Tea Towels** – The NEW 2018/2019 School Tea Towel is now available to purchase from the school office. These are £3.50 each or 4 for £12. They make great Christmas Presents!

**The Hub – School Fundraiser** - The Hub has very kindly organised an evening of entertainment and all proceeds will be gifted to our school. The nearly New Year's Eve Dances are always a fantastic night. Tickets are available from the school office. Please spread the word.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Swift.