



# GOATHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Believe you can.  
Together we will.*



20th November 2020

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Dear Parents,

**Parent Consultations** Our arrangements for parents' consultations have been carefully considered with regard to current Covid restrictions and we would like to update you with our plans.

**Mrs Bordoli** will provide telephone consultations for Base 2 on Tuesday 24th November between the hours of 4 and 6 pm. If any parents are unavailable on the Tuesday they will be contacted on the Wednesday.

**Mrs Knight** will provide telephone consultations on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 5 and 8 pm.

It is not possible to book appointments, but teachers will endeavour to call back if there is no reply. Families should therefore expect a call between those times with 'No Caller ID' displayed, as staff will be using their own devices. The meetings should last between 5 and 10 minutes, but families who need a longer appointment can make separate arrangements by emailing [admin@goathland.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@goathland.n-yorks.sch.uk).

**Forest School** We had our final fire at Forest School this week & baked sweet treat cones using a delightful mixture of chocolate, caramel, marshmallows & a bit of fruit! The ice-cream cones were a bit narrow so it was not easy to fit quite as much filling in as perhaps the children would have liked but everyone seemed to enjoy eating the final results.



The children have requested an afternoon 'sorting out' their dens next week on what will probably be our final visit to the school



## Diary Dates

24<sup>th</sup> November - Base 2 Parents' Consultations 4 – 6 pm

26<sup>th</sup> November – Base 1 Parents' Consultations. 5 – 8 pm

17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day

18<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of Term

5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Return to School



field this term. Regular Forest School lessons will begin again in Spring, but we intend to continue to use the field for some fun activities during the winter months too.

**Base 1** – We have had a good week in Base 1. We have been looking at activities and information, as part of the national Anti-bullying Week. We have learnt about friendly and unfriendly behaviour and what to do if we or someone else is being bullied. The children enjoyed using drama to explore different scenarios.

We are working hard to learn our number bonds to 10 off by heart. The children should be able to show you how to use sleepy fingers and awake fingers to help. If you can practise at home too, just briefly in the car on the way home would be perfect. eg. 0 add ? makes 10? (0 sleepy fingers and 10 awake fingers) , 1 add ? makes 10 (1 sleepy finger and 9 awake fingers) Learning them off by heart and being able to recall number facts instantly, makes a massive difference when working out a range of calculations. If a child knows  $3 + 7 = 10$ , then they can work out that  $13 + 7 = 20$  and  $23 + 7 = 30$  etc.

We have managed to finish our bird houses and they will be on their way home next week. I wanted to keep them at school, but the children were desperate to bring them home!! We used child friendly paint, so they will probably need a coat of varnish to weather proof them.

We have been doing 'special jobs' in school this week (tests!!). The children in Base 1 have worked so hard and tried their best. I couldn't ask any more of them. I am so proud of how hard they are working and the progress they have made in the last couple of months.

Well done to those parents who have already accessed 'Teams'. Sorry to nag, but if you haven't already, it would be great if you could. I want to start communicating with you more on there.

I am on a paediatric first aid course on Monday and Tuesday, the children will be in Ms Brown's safe hands and I will be leaving pre planned work and activities, so everything will carry on as normal for the children.

**Base 2** – It has been assessment week in Base 2 so the children have been working hard to show what they have learnt this term. Lockdown and the closure of schools has had an impact on children's education all over the country but the incredible hard work our children have put in this term has meant they are all forging forward. The children have all had an extra 6th catch-up maths lesson each week and made fantastic progress - Mrs Bordoli is very proud of every single member of Base 2 for their efforts and their achievements.

Alongside Literacy and Numeracy, the children have been continuing their topic on France and its culture. This week they have begun researching famous landmarks and will shortly be painting their chosen landmarks in the style of another famous French artist. They are also continuing with their 3 PE challenge activities & trying to beat their own scores in a virtual competition with other schools in the Esk Valley. Finally, as this week is National anti-bullying week, the children have spent some time considering how the behaviour of groups of children can have a positive or negative effect on others and how they, as individuals, can make a positive difference.

**Reminder** Please remember to return **Swimming Consent** and **Data Collection** Forms next week.

Kind Regards,

*Helen Isaac*, Headteacher

