



GOATHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Together we will.*



6th November 2020

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Dear Parents,

Lockdown For education settings teaching pupils in year 6 and below, there is no change to the existing position on the use of face coverings following the announcement on the new national restrictions. It is not mandatory for staff and visitors to wear face coverings. In situations where social distancing between adults at Goathland is not possible (e.g. when moving around in corridors and communal areas), we have the discretion to recommend the use of face coverings for adults on site, for both staff and visitors. We are in a unique position here at Goathland School and we will continue to operate as we have during the previous half term. All our Covid -19 policies, procedures and our Parent/ Pupil Guidance can be found on our website under the heading School Information and Covid-19.

Robert Goodwill MP – Today at 2pm Base 2 have a very important Zoom meeting with Mr Robert Goodwill MP.

Each child has prepared a question for him, see below – we will let you know the answers next week!

1. How did you become an MP?
2. Can you try and stop plastic in shops?
3. What other packaging do you think can be used instead of plastic?
4. We want to know what you and the government are doing to try and stop littering.
5. How can you, as our MP, get more bins put on countryside roads?
6. If you saw someone drop litter what would you do?
7. We know that plastic causes pollution, but there are many industries that cause pollution, what are the government doing to reduce this?
8. How are the government going to stop people using non electric cars and do you have an electric car yourself?
9. How are the government going to stop Covid-19 for the future?



Diary Dates

9th November – Christmas Card Orders to be returned.

13th November – Spots 'n' Stripes

17th December - Christmas Day

18th December – Last Day of Term



Forest School - This week at Forest School the children had their first experience of open blade tools - bowsaws, knives, peelers and bradawls. Firstly, they learnt how to safely use a bowsaw and then all had a go at using it to saw logs into pieces. We were going to saw discs from the logs for some wood art, but the wet weather had made the

wood in our wood pile somewhat rotten. Fortunately, this situation had been predicted and our thanks go to Phil Watson, who had kindly 'pre-sawn' a number of wooden discs for the children to use for their carving activity.

After a safety talk and demonstration, the children used the knives, peelers and bradawls to carve a character into their individual wooden discs. This was not an easy process as the wood was quite hard, but the children persisted and by the end of the afternoon had all created a unique, character face on their wooden discs.



Next week Jonathan from the NYM rangers will be returning for our second attempt at willow weaving. He has promised that this time the willow will be 'bendy'! The children will be learning how to make willow dragon flies and dream catchers so should have some lovely creations to bring home.

As you know whilst leading our Forest School, Mrs Bordoli has also been busy completing her Level 3 Forest School Teacher qualification. The qualification includes a written portfolio recording all the activities the children have participated in, risk assessments and much more. Her final portfolio has to be submitted for marking at the end of this month, so Mrs Bordoli will be working at home on Thursday 12th & Thursday 26th of November to complete the final draft. Mr Colin Palmer will be covering Base 2 on both of these occasions.



Base 1 The first week back has gone so quickly! We have been learning how to use non-fiction books and have enjoyed learning facts about sharks. We have also been birdwatching, looking at nests and made our own bird houses.

I have been trying to get to grips with 'Teams'. Although Base 1 children will not be accessing it in the same way as Base 2, I think it is important that the grownups start to become familiar with it, in preparation for a potential lockdown or isolation. Please log on and then I can start communicating with you! Thank you. Mrs Knight.

Christmas Cards - This year our children are designing their own Christmas Cards. This is a school fundraising event as well as an opportunity to turn their art work into beautiful Christmas cards and keepsakes. Please return all orders to school by the **9th November**.

Remembrance Day - During PHSCE we have made poppies and wreathes which Mrs Watson has very kindly displayed on our noticeboard and the office window as part of our tribute to those who lost their lives during the World Wars.

Children in Need - Friday 13th November - Please send your children to school wearing spots, stripes or yellow for a suggested donation of £1. Mrs Knight and Base 1 will be making treats to sell at break time so please give your child a maximum of 50p to allow them to buy a tasty treat. All monies raised will be donated to Children in Need.

Kind Regards,

Helen Isaac,

Headteacher

