



GOATHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Covid Update

As you know we have had 1 confirmed case of the Covid virus in school this week and so have had to ask all the children and staff to take PCR tests. We hope that the majority of these tests show negative results but in the meantime we ask families to be very vigilant if they suspect their child might be unwell and to follow NHS guidance regarding testing and isolation.

Home learning activities are being made available by Mrs Bordoli and Mrs Knight for any children who are unable to come into school. The Base 2 children's activities will be largely through the Espresso platform which the children find much easier to navigate than Teams. The work for Base 1 will be on Teams, as it was in Lockdown. Once again small laptops will be made available to any children who need to borrow them.

As before both Mrs Knight and Mrs Bordoli will be in daily contact with families whose children are not physically in school.

Base 1 In PSHE, we have been working on our listening skills and thinking about which 'Teams' are important to us. These include our home and school teams. In science we have been testing absorbency. We have been carrying out experiments to find out if our hypotheses are correct. Some of our results have surprised us. We looked at building materials and were surprised to find out that bricks absorb water!



Diary Dates

1st Oct – Base 1 Trip to Playdale Farm

8th Oct – Harvest Festival – 6pm at St Mary's Church

14th Oct – Base 2 – Scarborough Spa for Science & Engineering Week (all day)

22nd Oct – All the school - Grand Opera House, York – Horrible Histories Show (AM)

22nd Oct – Base 2 X-Country at Whitby 6th Form (PM)

22nd Oct – Half Term

1st Nov – Return to school

19th Nov – Children in Need

30th Nov – Flu Jabs

1st Dec – Base 1 Danby Moors Centre – One Snowy Night (all day)

3rd Dec – Base 2 Dodgeball at CCW (PM)



On Friday Base 1 will be travelling to Playdale Farm as part of their science project. Please return slips and money by Thursday.

Base 2

Base 2 have now begun their History topic on World War One and learnt it was initially started by the assassination of just one man before escalating to include many countries. They have been exploring the propaganda used to recruit men to fight and discussing how these young soldiers might feel. The older children investigated the huge amount of kit each soldier had to carry and tried to work out what all the items were for whilst the Yr3/4 children made their own propaganda posters.

The Base 2 children will now be Sword Dancing every Friday 3.00 – 3.30 pm. Whilst the extra 15 minutes are not compulsory it is hoped that all children will stay until the end of each lesson and parents are welcome to watch.

Forest School

Last week at Forest School the children did some wild weaving. The older children made their own frames by tying sticks together whilst the younger children found Y shaped twigs to use as scaffolds. All the children then used wool to make a warp across their frames before weaving in grasses, leaves, feathers and the occasional flower. It was quite a fiddly process as the materials were quite fragile but their final creations were uniquely beautiful.

This week we have begun looking at leaves to try and identify the different varieties of trees and shrubs which grow within and around our Forest School. Once the children had identified many different leaves they used them to construct their own “leaf bowls” which was a sticky job! Their final bowls are quite delicate but because of the different shapes, textures and colours they chose they look stunning.

Sports Events

The Base 2 children did brilliantly at the local cross-country event last Friday with the Yr6 girls team coming first out of the 8 schools which took part. The Yr3/4 children also did very well (4th overall) considering we were competing against much larger schools who had taken their ‘best’ runners. Special congratulations go to Martha and Lewis who both came second in their races. Well done everyone.



Kind regards, Goathland Staff