



**GOATHLAND  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

*Believe you can  
Together we will*



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9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents,

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*We, as a school are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II. We thank HM the Queen for a life time of duty, love and service, and we mark her passing with reflection.*

*The government has announced that the country has now entered a period of national mourning that will continue until the end of the State Funeral. Once details of the funeral are confirmed by the Royal Household, we will let you know how the school will mark this historic occasion. School will remain open as usual to all children throughout this time.*

*Today we held a school assembly and staff will be providing opportunities over the coming days for children to discuss and respond to the news if they wish to do so.*

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**From Mrs Armstrong - It is the end of a great first week back and it has been a real pleasure to meet children and families and get to know the school. Thank you to children, staff and families for making me feel**

## Diary Dates

- 15<sup>th</sup> Sept – School Pictures (am)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Sept – X Country - Base 2
- 21<sup>st</sup> Sept – Multi Skills - Base 1
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Base 2 Trip
- 30<sup>th</sup> Sept – Rugby Mega Fest – Base 2
- 13<sup>th</sup> October – Base 2 Science and Engineering Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> October – Base 1 – Spooky Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> October - X- Country - Base 2
- 21<sup>st</sup> October – Half Term
- 31<sup>st</sup> October – Return to School
- 9<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Immunisation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Dodgeball - Base 2



so welcome. There has been a lovely purposeful buzz around the school, with children clearly enjoying their learning, and I have been very impressed with the hard-working attitude, good behaviour and good manners of all children. We are all looking forward to a really enjoyable and productive school year.

Although the children have only been back four days, it has been a busy week. On Wednesday we went to Grosmont to watch the Tour of Britain Bike Race. We only caught a short glimpse of the cyclists as they flew by but it was a great experience, especially as so many of our children are very keen cyclists themselves.

Because this term began on a Tuesday, we didn't go to the village hall for gymnastics this week, but will be doing so as from next Tuesday. Please can we remind parents to ensure your children have P.E. kit with them on **Tuesdays and that the 3.15pm collection will be from the Village Hall.**

### Forest School



Thursday afternoon brought the return of Forest School. After a reminder about safety the Base 2 children did a little site upkeep then, as an introduction to their new History topic, became

Stone Age hunter gatherers looking for, collecting, identifying and discussing some of the edible plants that grow on our field. We decided we could possibly survive a day or two on what they had gathered but that it was probably safer not to eat it.

As part of their topic on Seasons, the younger children focused on looking at how the plants are beginning to change as we move from Summer to Autumn, something they will keep returning to over the next six weeks.

### Base 1

Welcome back to the Autumn Term in Base One, it has been wonderful to see our new children settle in so well! The older children have been kind and caring to show them our classroom and our routines. Our main focus this week was to ensure the children were settled and we focused on reading stories about friendships and sharing. The children had lots of opportunities to share how they were feeling this week and to practise their listening skills in circle time. We also had a little visit from the 'Worry Monster' this week, which the children enjoyed very much.

Literacy is all around us in Base One, all children have started their Read, Write, Inc Phonics work in small groups as well as lots of listening games.





In Maths we have been subitising and exploring numbers and what they are made from, for example  $3+2$  makes 5. Year 1 children are trying hard to learn their number bonds.

We were lucky to have some new resources delivered to our classroom, including some wonderful number trays which can be used by all the children in many challenging ways. We enjoyed exploring these with different resources. Over the summer we have repainted our stage area and we have started to perform nursery rhymes and songs on the stage to the rest of the class.

## **Base 2**

In Literacy we have begun by using the short story, I'll Take you to Mrs Cole, to practice lots of descriptive writing techniques. This week the children focused on the use of expanded noun phrases and prepositional phrases to describe the scary creatures they imagined might lurk in the dark cellar under Mrs Cole's house.

Next week, alongside Literacy and maths, we will begin our History topic on the Stone Age to the Iron Age, start thinking about Healthy, Happy Friendships in PSHE, continue learning new computing skills and possibly start preparing for the church Harvest Festival!

League 1 of the Cross Country at Whitby Sixth Form is also expected to take place next Friday afternoon, 16th September. Once this is confirmed, more information will follow.

## **Lunch and Milk Money is now due for this half term**

Lunch £96.90 (Base 2 children)

Milk £6.12 (5 years and above)

**School Photographs** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 9am. If your child attends Nursery and it isn't their normal day but you would still like their picture taken, please let Mrs Watson know.

*Goathland School Staff*

