



# GOATHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Together we will*

7<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Families,

A huge welcome back to all our families for the start of the Autumn Term at Goathland Primary School. It is lovely to see everyone again and we extend a warm welcome to our new families and new staff member Mrs Wood. In true Goathland fashion everyone started on the first day with energy and enthusiasm and we have had a highly enjoyable and productive first week back. We all look forward to working closely with you and making this a really great year. As our school motto says: "Believe you can: together we will!"



## Diary Dates

5<sup>th</sup> September – Return to School

29<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church 6.00 pm.

27<sup>th</sup> October - Break up for Half Term

6<sup>th</sup> November – Return to School

10<sup>th</sup> November - Yr 5&6 Bikeability



## Safeguarding at Goathland School

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Safeguarding is our highest priority. Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Bordoli and can be contacted at any time in complete confidence by telephone, at the school gate or by appointment, or on [headteacher@goathland.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@goathland.n-yorks.sch.uk) or [v.bordoli.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:v.bordoli.n-yorks.sch.uk). You can also contact our Safeguarding Governor Mrs Nicola Atkinson on [natkinson@goathland.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:natkinson@goathland.n-yorks.sch.uk). If you have any questions or worries, or have any suggestions for how our safeguarding provision might be improved, please do not hesitate to get in touch at any time.

One safeguarding area that came up last year was online safety. We enjoyed police visits for children and parents and a few people said that they would like more information, so we have subscribed to a monthly online safety newsletter. The September edition is provided with this newsletter.

### **Attendance**

Attendance is part of our safeguarding work and you may have seen in the news that it is also a big government priority for this year. Once your child is of school age (the term after they turn five), it is essential that unless your child is genuinely too ill to attend, or there are extreme extenuating circumstances, they are in school every single day. For children below school age, we want to encourage good attendance habits right from the start and ask you to ensure that your child attends on all the days that they are registered.

Professor Christ Whitty, the Chief Medical Officer, has written to schools about illness and school attendance and says that it is usually appropriate for pupils to attend school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms. More information about illness and attending school can be found at [www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/](http://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/)

Mrs Armstrong is the Attendance Lead for the school and Mrs Bordoli is the Deputy Attendance Lead - please ask if you have any questions and we will be very happy to help.

### **Reception Baseline Assessment**

Reception children will be working with Mrs Rigg on their Reception Baseline Assessment activities next week. Information leaflets have been provided for parents separately and Mrs Rigg is very happy to answer any further questions about this. There is a Privacy Notice to explain how your child's personal data is handled by the testing agency and this can be found on our school website [www.goathland.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.goathland.n-yorks.sch.uk)

### **Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)**

As you all will be aware there has been a lot of news coverage of the topic of RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete). North Yorkshire Council has been carrying out surveys and investigation into this area in line with the DfE guidance and methodology and there is no RAAC at Goathland School.

**Base One** have settled in well, we have been establishing classroom rules for the new term and getting to know each other by working in small groups.

Our topic this term is Chocolate! I am sure the children will enjoy this. We have already started reading some 'Chocolate' books which the children have enjoyed.



In EYFS our topic is 'All about me.' Our youngest children have been talking about things they like based on the 'You Choose Book' this week. They have worked really hard when collating their thoughts and mark making.

In Maths we have made a good start to place value in KS1. In Nursery we have been practising number rhymes and showing different numbers on our fingers. In Reception our children have been gaining a secure understanding of place value within 10.

Base One parents – If you have 2 family photos please bring them in for our home corner wall.

**Cardigans and jumpers** - Please can everyone check that you have your child's cardigans and jumpers, we are already missing one cardigan. Please make sure ALL new uniform is labelled clearly.

**Water bottles** - must only contain water.

**Creative Area** - Please donate small yogurt pots, small boxes and kitchen roll rolls. This would really help us!

**Toys** - Please leave all toys at home. We have plenty at school.

During the summer holidays we were really excited to receive our new large summerhouse/ shed, plus a new smaller shed. The project isn't quite finished but we hope to complete our changeover to the new and improved building next week.

**Base 2 - Lunch money is now due for the first half of the Autumn term. £111.15 or £11.40 this week and then £14.25 per week.**

**Children 5 and over need to pay for milk. This is 18p per day / 90p per week**

#### **BACS details**

**NYCC Goathland Primary School BAFS A/C**

**Sort Code 050979**

**Account Number 27975898**

Have a great weekend.

Goathland School Staff.

