



**GOATHLAND
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**
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Together we will*



23rd June 2023



Dear Parents,

Teachers in both classes are hard at work at the moment with their statutory assessments and we have carried out the following:

Reception: End of year profile for Early Years Foundation Stage

Completing the profile involves Mrs Rigg and the Base 1 teaching team carefully observing and working with children to decide whether or not they have met the end of Reception year targets. These are known as the Early Learning Goals. There are no tests involved and all evidence is gathered through observation of 17 different areas of the curriculum.

Year 1: Phonics Screening Check

The phonics screening check has been taken individually by all children in Year 1 in England. It is designed to give teachers and parents information on how your child is progressing in phonics. We already have detailed assessments of your child's phonics attainment, so this has not told us anything new, but is a check to ensure that your child is working at a nationally agreed age-appropriate standard.

Year 2: End of KS1 Assessment

The class teacher carries a formal Teacher Assessment of Year 2 children in Maths, Reading, Writing and Science using the independent work that your child has produced. The judgement for Maths and Reading is also informed by the compulsory KS1 SATs tests in these subjects.

Year 4: Multiplication Tables Check -

The purpose of this check is to help determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. There is no pass mark for this test.

All outcomes from these statutory assessments will be reported to you in our end-of-year reports which will be sent home by Mrs Watson and you will have the opportunity to discuss the report with your class teacher at parents' evening on Monday 10th July 2023.

Safeguarding at Goathland School

Following our very interesting and informative visits from our PCSO to talk about online safety, we have signed up for a monthly online safety newsletter to keep you really up-to-date with information and developments in this area. I hope that you will find this useful.

Diary Dates

PE – Tuesday afternoons

Forest School - Friday afternoons

26th June – Assessment Week

4th July – Base 1 Trip

5th July – Base 2 Rounders at CCW

6th July – Base 2 Trip

14th July – ProRide Bike Race - Base 2

18th July – Sports Day

20th July – End of Year Assembly

21st July – Break up for Summer



You can always discuss any online safety concerns with our Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Bordoli, even if it is something happening outside school.

Attendance and punctuality are part of safeguarding and we are very grateful for your support with both of these. Our school attendance for the year is excellent. We will be working right up to the end of term, so please keep up the good work by ensuring that unless your child is genuinely too ill to attend, they are in school every day.

Music Lessons with North Yorkshire Council Music Service

I can't speak highly enough of the benefits of learning a musical instrument. Lessons are available via the North Yorkshire Council Music Service and are carried out in school – you can find out more information and apply for lessons by going to <https://www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk/instrumental-tuition/general-information-nycc-music-service/> The cost is cheaper for a group lesson, so it is well worth two or three families getting together and sharing a lesson. Please ask Mrs Armstrong if you would like any help with the application process.

Free violin lessons

The Music Service is also currently providing free violin lessons. These take place on Saturday mornings during term time at Whitby 6th Form, from 9.30-10.00 am. Instruments and music copies are provided. Teaching is in a group, with a maximum 5 students. In the second year, pupils join the music centre (currently £51.80 per term), for which they have a 30 minute group, a break of 15 minutes, then 30 minutes rehearsal with the string ensemble. After that, they can either apply for lessons with a Music Service string teacher in school, or have lessons with a private teacher. It is hoped that they will continue to come to music centre for the ensemble rehearsal.

For information about this, please contact Music Service teacher Bob Butterfield on Bob.Butterfield@northyorks.gov.uk

Our Goathland School family has grown again recently as we have welcomed two new Yr5 girls into Base 2. We are enjoying getting to know them both and hope they quickly feel settled and at home.

Demon Dentist



Last week the KS1 and KS2 children enjoyed a trip to watch the Demon Dentist at York Opera House. It was a great production and the children enjoyed the theatrical effects used. All the children were exceptionally well behaved in the auditorium and this was noted by the people who worked there. Well done! Our packed lunch was enjoyed overlooking the river Ouse.

Base 1

Base One are enjoying stories based on the Seaside, last week they enjoyed 'The Singing Mermaid', our youngest children were able to retell the story and write initial sounds.

This week we have enjoyed reading The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and the Year 1 children have been using conjunctions and adjectives to write setting descriptions.

In computing the children have enjoyed using a Word document to type and use features such as the shift key and space bar.

In Maths place value within a 100 was a super challenge especially when counting backwards from any given number. We have now moved onto Money work this week. Please practise coin recognition at home, as this will help greatly.

We have enjoyed using our new resources such as our playdough area. A huge thank you to the '200 Club for our new unit, a superb piece of furniture allowing children to self-select I believe that this will last for many years to come. A super investment!

The children performed their own singing and dancing routines on the stage last week with their new pom, poms. This was a delight to see!

Base 2

With a number of Base 2 children being away on holiday, starting our new literacy text has been postponed until next week. Instead, we have continued with our spelling focus exploring the use of different suffixes and word endings. As always, the children have also been working hard on their reading comprehension skills.

In Science the children have been introduced to the theory of evolution and explored how animals adapt to enable them to live in different environments. We also looked at the physical differences between predator and prey species and considered how these different characteristics and abilities help the animals survive.

The children have been learning about some of the Ancient Egyptian gods in History. We focused on finding out about twelve of the more important gods (there were over 2000!). The children then each chose a different god to portray in the style of an Egyptian tomb painting. They are now working on their paintings and written descriptions of these gods, which will eventually be displayed in the classroom.

Muslim festivals were the focus in RE last week. The children learnt about Ramadan, Eid-al-Fitr and Mawlid and discussed similarities between these and some key Christian festivals.

This week in PSHE the children explored what commitment within families means and the importance of kindness, trust and loyalty in all relationships. We revisited the fact that both families and friends fall out at times and discussed ways to say sorry and restore friendships when this happens.

In Art the children have continued developing their sketching techniques by drawing pictures of the school building and natural objects in the environment.

Forest School



Forest School resumed today after a brief break for the trip last week. Our focus was small native mammals so the children learnt about stoats, weasels, hedgehogs and wood mice. They then worked in pairs and small groups to make appropriately sized, safely camouflaged homes for one of these animals using the natural materials around them. We have left these designer homes in situ and shall be keeping an eye out in case anyone takes up residence!

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Enjoy your weekend.

From all the Staff at Goathland School.