



# GOATHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Believe you can  
Together we will*

19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents,

## Our Vision Statement

Thank you once again for the great contributions to our Vision Statement consultation. It is clear that the whole school community has a strong shared ambition for our children and we have distilled this into the following statement:

*Our Children are ambitious, confident and ready for the world. They flourish as part of a strong community*

This is very nicely supported by our motto: **Believe you can: together we will** and we will use both these statements as a basis for all the work we do in school, in and out of the classroom. We all look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you to give the best possible opportunities for every one of our children.

## School Day Timings

Children can arrive at school from 8:45am-8:55am ready to start work promptly at 9:00am. If you need to be in earlier, please contact Mrs Watson to book into Breakfast Club. School ends at 3:15pm and this term we will dismiss on a Tuesday from the Goathland Hut, which we are using for PE lessons.

We are investigating after-school clubs and hope to be able to offer activities soon.

## Safeguarding at Goathland School

Thank you to everyone for coming to our police visit last night to talk about online safety. It was a fantastic turn-out and really shows the partnership between home and school to help keep our children safe.

Please ask any questions at any time. If you would like to read more, you can find some good resources at <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

**Attendance** is part of safeguarding and it is great to see such excellent attendance at Goathland School. You can see here the percentages for each year group Year 1 – Year 5 and I am pleased to report that these are above the national attendance figures for these year groups and nearly all beating our school target of 96%. Thank you – it makes a real difference to children's education. Please keep up the good work throughout the summer term!



## Diary Dates

24<sup>th</sup> May – Liz Million Visit in school.

25<sup>th</sup> May – deadline for Scarecrow Birds to be returned to school

**Forest School starts after half term on a Friday afternoon**

13<sup>th</sup> June – Tennis – Base 2 at WSF

16<sup>th</sup> June – School Trip

26<sup>th</sup> June – Assessment Week

5<sup>th</sup> July – Base 2 Rounders at CCW

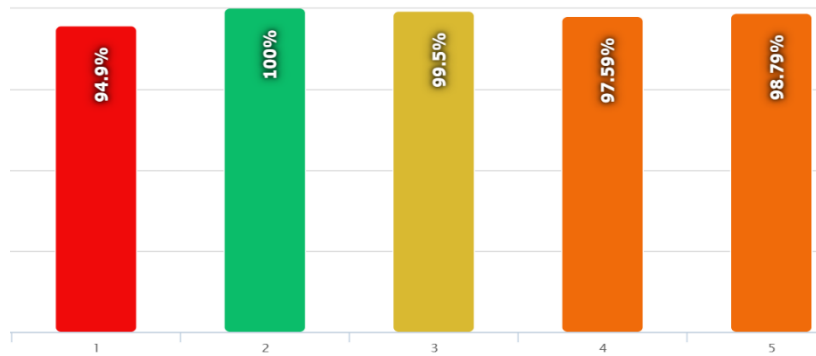
6<sup>th</sup> July – Base 2 Trip

14<sup>th</sup> July – Proride Bike Race – Base 2

18<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

20<sup>th</sup> July – End of Year Assembly

21<sup>st</sup> July – Break up for Summer



If you ever have any concerns about a child, even if you are not sure or the child is not your own, please ask to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Leads Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Bordoli in complete confidence.

### Music Lessons



I can't recommend learning an instrument highly enough and encourage all children to take music lessons if they can. Details of lessons through the North Yorkshire County Music Service can be found at [www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk](http://www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk). Check out the price list – you can save money by having a group lesson, and if you are eligible for free school meals, you can have group music lessons completely free.

### Free School Meals

Could you be eligible for free school meals? You can save a good amount of money over the year and are also eligible for things like free group music lessons and holiday activities. The school will also receive extra funding to spend on education. You can apply online and receive an instant decision about whether you are eligible on: [www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals)



### Parking outside school

Thank you for considerate parking. Please can you make sure you do not block any driveways along the road at busy times.

### Base 1

The children have been continuing to learn about The Great Fire of London and have been discussing whether information from different sources are reliable or unreliable.

In Literacy children have been enjoying traditional tales and have started to think of their own adapted versions, such as 'The Three Little Kittens'. Well done Year 1!

In Maths KS1 have been exploring position and direction and enjoyed some exercise whilst learning, quarter turns, half turns and full turns!

Our younger children are becoming more accurate at counting and matching numicon. We are also practicing writing numbers accurately.

EYFS children have been encouraged this week to draw animals from 'Handa's Surprise' we have been teaching the children to add more detail to their paintings.

Our Birds on the Edge Project continues to be interesting, the children are 'bird spotting' everyday, the birds are certainly enjoying the new feeding station!

In PSCH KS1 have been learning how to stay and keep themselves healthy and safe. The children were very aware of keeping safe regarding medicines, I was very impressed.

## **Base 2**

During the last fortnight the children have started new topics in Science, History and RE. The Science topic is 'Evolution & inheritance' and so the children began by exploring what biological inheritance means. They learnt about both the physical characteristics we inherit from our parents and the acquired characteristics that may come from our parents or could be learnt from others around us.



Ancient Egypt is our new History topic and the children began by investigating where Egypt is and where this period of time belongs in world history. They then looked at pictures of some Ancient Egyptian artefacts and did their own research to find out exactly what these were and what we, as historians, can learn about the Ancient Egyptians from the objects they left behind.

In RE the children are focusing on the Muslim religion, Islam. In their first session they learnt about where and when Islam began, its founder Muhammad and looked at the Islamic holy book the Qur'an. They also discovered that Arabic is written from right to left and had a go at writing their own names in Arabic.

Last week in literacy the children were learning about subordinate clauses and how to use these within their own writing. The older children also explored relative clauses. This week they have been busy improving, editing and publishing their Frostheart inspired fictional

adventures. They have worked really hard on these and are suitably proud of their final stories.



In the last of our PSHE sessions on mental and physical health we have been discussing the wide range of emotions everyone experiences and thinking about strategies to manage different types of feelings. The older children extended this by looking at how some physical symptoms can relate to or be caused by their emotions and thought about important it is to look after ourselves and each other both emotionally and physically.

This week in their coding lesson the younger children have been writing and using code which includes start events and click events to control moving objects. The Yr4 children began exploring sequence and animation by creating a simple program in which objects perform a series of actions in a specific order and the Yr5's continued their work on using repetitions and loops.

In Art last week the children concentrated on adding details to complete their individual collages of the school building. Each of their pictures is quite unique, but they are all excellent and show how hard the children worked. They have now begun exploring texture by taking rubbings of both natural and man-made objects in the school grounds.

These rubbings will be used later to create some contemporary collage pieces by combining shape, texture and colour in innovative ways.

#### **P.E.**

Last week's PE afternoon was a rather wet affair so after some running about outside we moved inside the Hub and played a mixture of games. It really is wonderful to have such a great local facility to use. This week, although it was a little damp at times, the children ignored the weather and had a great afternoon playing games and improving their cricket skills.

#### **Whole School.**

On Wednesday afternoon we took all the children to Green End, Goathland to ring two Tawny owl chicks with Wilf Norman. This was an incredible experience and we feel very lucky to be able to share these experiences with our pupils.

From all the Staff at Goathland.