



# NEWSLETTER

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*"Outstanding Together"*

## News from the Classes

We had a lovely day of Forest School on Thursday – KS1 in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon. The weather was surprisingly good compared to the beginning of the week. Everyone kept their eyes peeled for any changes that may have come about after the high winds on Monday. In this session, we had the chance to use bow saws, hand drills, peelers and paint to make some Christmas creations (as well as some personal, random creations). Forest School sessions will resume in the New Year when we will need to do fire-lighting to help keep us warm.

In **KS1** this week we have been creating new Islands that Pirate Pete might want to explore and search for gold. There were some great ideas and lovely descriptive writing. In Geography, we have been looking at the weather in Australia and comparing it to the UK. We could tell that we had had a lot of rain when our rain collector overflowed!

We have enjoyed learning our "bakers" song for the Christmas play and well done to all those children who are busy practising their lines. Costume requests will be sent out next week.

**KS2:** Starting last Friday, and for the next few weeks, we are very lucky to have Miss Keogh from Caedmon College Whitby coming to teach PE to KS2 from both Schools. They are working in the Village Hall and she is teaching them the Key Steps of Gymnastics, with a view to some children taking part in the Gym Festivals at Whitby in the New Year. The children worked excellently last week and really enjoyed it.

Year 4 attended the "Passport to the World", Maths Morning, at Egton Village Hall, as year 3 had done last week, on Tuesday morning. Again, it was a great opportunity for the children to mix with the other local schools and to work on maths challenges and problem solving. Thank you to Mrs Dowson for going with the children.

On Thursday afternoon, at Glaisdale, we took part in the second round of the Netball League against Glaisdale, St Hedda's and Danby. Unfortunately, Goathland were unable to attend so we may need to play them at a later date. Both Glaisdale and ourselves played fantastically and won our matches. Well done to Rueben who had to step in yesterday after only just joining the netball team! Thank you to all parents for their support and we look forward to finding out where we have finished in the League.

Of course, as the play gets ever closer, then the rehearsals become more frequent. There has been the humming of the songs all week as well as working on them whenever we could. We now need to get the flow of the play and the decorative bit (costumes) sorted so thank you in advance for the strange costume requests that are coming your way. If the children bring in extra for others please could it be clearly named (then it will get back to you.) Feather boas are particularly in demand. Also, are there any ball dresses/dressing up dresses that would be suitable for Cinderella/Fairy Godmother? We want to do a costume run through on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, so it would be great if costumes can be sorted by then (with grateful thanks!)

### Questionnaires

We have been discussing the Questionnaires with a few parents and they have pointed out, quite rightly, that Questionnaires in a small school are not anonymous enough. We are therefore providing a box in reception to "post" them into. Please do contact us if there is anything you are not happy with so that we can help to sort it out.

### Children in Need

It was lovely to see so many "Spots" in school last Friday and donations for Children in Need amounted to £46. Thank You.

### Advance Notice - Christmas Play ("Cinderella Rockerfella")

The Christmas Play will soon be upon us. There will be an afternoon performance for the "Over 60's" on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm and then the main evening performance on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. As in previous years, to cover costs of setting up the play (including Licence fees, Village Hall and lighting hire, costumes etc) there will be donations on the night (we would suggest £2 per adult) and if there is any profit this will go to School Fund. **Children will need to be at school by 6pm for costumes and make up on the Tuesday night.**

### Next Week

<b>Monday</b>	Sumdog Club
<b>Tuesday</b>	Member of Health Team to see Year 6 re Questionnaires, 10am Open Afternoon for 2017 new starters, 2pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Netball Club

### News from Glaisdale

**Class 1** has been thinking about a new island location for Pirate Pete to visit in English. On Wednesday they had their first PE session with Mr Wilson, who is going across from here to deliver PE to them every Wednesday afternoon from now on. They enjoyed a great Forest School session on Wednesday morning when, thankfully, the torrential rain from previous days had stopped, although they still managed to find plenty of mud! On Thursday the classroom was opened up for a "Play & Stay" afternoon which was a nice opportunity to meet the younger members of the community.

**Class 2** has been looking at creative writing in Literacy, with a particular focus on clauses and the role of editing in improving their work. In Maths they have been using co-ordinates to locate points in all four quadrants and to map changes made during reflection and translation. In DT they have begun to make mechanisms out of card and other materials and in Science have begun a topic on light.