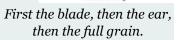
Collective Worship Theme this half term = Respect

Attendance this week is: Explorers: 94.3 Adventurers: 95% Navigators: 94.4% (Overall: 94.5% target is 96%)

26 Jan 2023



Gillamoor C of E Primary School



School News and Message from the Headteacher

This week, we have been excited to launch the KS2 Archbishop of York Young Leader Awards (AYYLA) which will be completed this year by our Year 4 pupils. Their mission is to 'Be the change you want to see' and it was great to hear the buzz of ideas as they began to explore the 'individual' element of their challenges. For many years, the school has been part of the Children's University, and our Year 5 and 6 pupils are still working to complete their awards for this scheme. However, we felt that the AYYLA programme fit really well alongside our Christian vision and values and a real strength is the leadership and positive action which the programme helps nurture. Our Year 2 pupils will be beginning their AYYLA awards in the coming weeks as we offer up leadership opportunities for our younger pupils too, focusing on Kindness, Perseverance, Teamwork and Action in their Leadership award with the motto 'Small steps make BIG changes.' It will be great to see the community-focused projects that these groups develop over the coming terms.

We continue to look for other leadership opportunities for our pupils in all year groups and many of our pupils are members of the pupil-lead groups such as Sports leaders and Church Council. If anybody is interested in working with and lending their time/experience to the school Eco Team, we would very much appreciate the help to get our newest group up and active!

JOB VACANCY

School Administrator required

Due to a change of circumstances we are re-advertising. Previous applicants are welcome to apply.

We require a School Administrator to work 6.5 hours on a Friday. Ful details and application form is on our school website and on the northyorks.gov.uk job page. If anyone would like any further information please contact Mrs Hugill.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26 Jan—Film Night

29 Jan—Second Hand book stall. 3:20pm

1 Feb-School Administrator closing date

2 Feb-Y5/6 Dodgeball, Ryedale

6 Feb-School Administrator interviews

9 Feb—Careers Event

9 Feb-Break up

19 Feb-Pupils return to school

19 Feb-Bewerley Park deposit deadline

22 Feb-Learning mean the World Culture Exhibition 2.45 pm

1 Mar-KS2 football, Ryedale

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT WE ARE A NUT AWARE SCHOOL. WE KINDLY REQUEST NO NUTS OR NUT DERIVATIVES ARE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL IN PACKED LUNCHES OR AS SNACKS. .

Film night—Tonight! 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start. The film is Yes Day.

Adventurers' Book Sale

Thank you to those families who have sent in book donations for our Adventurers' fundraising project. They are still eager to receive any more unwanted books. They will hold their first sale on Monday 29th at 3:20pm in the school playground. Please feel free to arrive a few minutes early to browse their stall. The children want to use all proceeds to buy more books for the school.

Y4/5 Bewerley Park

Our current Y4/5 pupils are going to Bewerley Park in October, for our outdoor residential visit. Please can the £30.00 non-refundable deposit be paid by the 19 February to secure your child's place.

Cost of Living We have been asked by North Yorkshire Council to share the following message with our community: If you're struggling to pay for food and other essentials, there are local schemes and organisations in North Yorkshire which may be able to help or point you in the right direction. You'll find information about emergency financial support, managing debt, benefit entitlement, energy bills and staying connected all in one place at www.northyorks.gov.uk/costofliving



Attendance

Attendance so far this year is at 94.01%. Our school target is 96%. As you may have seen on the news recently, school attendance is closely scrutinised and so your ongoing support is greatly appreciated. If your child takes too much time off school they will

I become categorised as PA or Persistently Absent. (Attendance below 90% = Persistent Absence). Children who take exceptional leave will often become PA for the whole year depending on the number of days missed.

What is Persistent Absence? A child who only attends school for 90% or less of the time is classed as a Persistent Absentee. 90% might sound okay, but Emily's story shows us why it's not: Emily attends school for 90% of the time. Her parents think this is quite good. 90% attendance is the same as being absent from school for a half day every week. If Emily's attendance for all the years she went to school was 90% she would have missed 209 days of school, that's more than a whole school year!

So why does persistent absence matter? Missing school has a huge impact on how well a pupil gets on at school. The more school a child misses, the harder it is for them to get into a routine of attending regularly and catch up on the work they have missed. There is also a huge social and emotional impact. All Year 6 attendance information has to be passed to their secondary school.

Staff Training/meetings

Safeguarding training

Poverty Awareness in School Training

SEND Champion

School Lunches

Week beginning 29th Jan is Week Two of our menu





Online Safety is a serious subject and as teachers, we are keen to help parents understand ways they can act to keep their children safe online. Each week, I will share a link to materials from the National Online Safety organisation. This week's topic is Fortnite.



