

# GLEADLESS WEEKLY NEWS



## **Headteacher's News**

*Dear Parents and Carers*

*I am delighted to say that last week the Year 5 Bake Sale raised a fabulous £165.20 in aid of the Australian wildlife affected by the recent bushfires. There was a wonderful buzz around school as families poured into the hall to support this cause. We all feel very proud of the children who planned and carried out this initiative!*



*I have been very proud of other children at school recently as well. In the past few weeks, members of the public have contacted us to comment on how well behaved our children have been when they are out and about on recent educational visits. The Year One children who visited the library, the Year Six trip to Crucial Crew and the children who have cycled along through to Rother Valley with Mr Turner and Mr Malkin have all been praised for the way they have engaged with and enjoyed their learning. What super examples of our core values.*

*As you know, improving our school's attendance is a focus for us this year. There are 190 school days each year and every single day counts, every lesson counts. If children aren't at school, then they are less likely to achieve well, because they are missing important learning opportunities. We are working closely with the local authority attendance team to improve attendance and ensure that every child is well-supported to be in school.*

*Children who have minor ailments, such as a cold, a sniffle or a headache are encouraged to come to school if they can - parents can give them Calpol or paracetamol in the morning and bring them in as normal. When making appointments for the dentist or optician, we ask that parents do their best to make these appointment outside of school hours. If your child is out of school for a medical appointment, we will ask to see a record of this appointment, e.g. an appointment confirmation text or a letter from the GP.*

*Our goal is to reach over 96% attendance across school. Our numbers are improving this half-term which is excellent, and together we will be able to ensure that every child is making the best progress they can.*

*Have a wonderful weekend everyone.*

*Ms Gaffney*

## **Corona Virus**

**We have received information from the Government and the NHS confirming that they are well prepared to deal with the Coronavirus and have issued some useful hygiene guidelines to slow the spread of germs for not just the Corona Virus, but any virus or infection –**

- **Always use a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes. Then bin the tissue and clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser.**
- **Anyone arriving from China within 14 days must follow specific advice given for returning travellers.**

## Diary of Events

Date	Year Group	Event
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 2	Y2 Whirlow residential trip.
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Reception – Year 6 <b>(not Y2)</b>	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.00 pm. Please make sure you arrange an appointment time with your child's teacher.
	Year 5 & Year 6	Y5 & Y6 boys and girls football training is cancelled.
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Reception	Reception Reading Bay Meetings 2.30 – 3.00 pm and 6.00 – 6.30 pm. Please come and join us to find out how you can support your child with their reading.
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Reception	Reception Stay & Play, 9.00 – 9.30 am. Please come and join the children with their learning.
	Year 4	Next instalment of £40 due for the Y4 Castleton residential trip.
	All Year Groups	Last day of term.
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	All Year Groups	Half term holidays.
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All Year Groups	All children return to school.
	Year 4	Last instalment of £45 due for the Y4 Castleton residential trip.

## Sparkle & Shine

Well done to all our Sparkle & Shine stars for this week. We are so proud of your excellent behaviour, being good role models and all your hard work. You can see them below proudly showing off their special awards.



Infant stars



Junior stars

## Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance target this year is 96.5% and our whole school attendance since September now stands at 94.0%, which is a jump of 0.2% from last week. That is brilliant. Let's keep up the good work to improve our attendance even more.

### Class Attendances for last week:

REC Carr-Colliver	92.4%	Y3 Bowyer	95.0%
REC Gore	91.3%	Y3 Carver	97.1%
Y1 Herrington	95.9%	Y4 Ratcliffe	96.2%
Y1 Hunt	97.7%	Y4 Thornback	95.9%
Y2 Smith	99.7%	Y5 Biggs	97.1%
Y2 Taylor	98.6%	Y5 Danby	92.4%
		Y6 Wilson	100%
		Y6 Smith/Holdaway	97.4%

Thank you to all our pupils for working hard at raising our attendance levels. This week once again all our classes had attendance levels over 90%. A massive well done to Mr Wilson's class for managing to get 100% attendance last week. Remember being in school, every day means children do not miss valuable school lessons.

### **Pupil Voice**

When our Year 3 children visited Creswell Crags recently for their school trip, they had lots of fun and learnt many new skills too. Here are a few comments from the children about what they enjoyed the most.

**I enjoyed learning how to throw spears at an ox! That is how they would kill their food. If you hit the heart, this was the best way to kill the animal. - Ronnie**

**I liked putting the animal skeletons back together like real palaeontologists! - Tyler R**

**I liked it when they taught us how to put tents together using leather and animal skin. - Connie**

**I liked how we went into the caves and we made music to dance to using animals' bones and drums. - Summer**



### **Reception Stay And Play**

Last week our Reception children invited relatives into class to join them with their maths learning. The children showed how they learnt maths-using lots of different fun activities.



### **Football Training**

Due to it being parents' evening and Mr Briddock, being at Whirlow with the Year 2 children, the Y5 and Y6 football training will be cancelled on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February.



