

GLEADLESS WEEKLY NEWS



Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have had the second of our parents evening meetings and it has been great to see so many families come into school to learn more about how their children are progressing at school. Do remember that we are available at other times to speak with you and you can make appointments to meet with teachers or myself throughout the year, if there is something you would like to discuss. Good communication with children's families is important for their learning and we are always working to improve so you feel well-informed about your children's learning at school.

Next term when we return, each year group will be focusing on the theme of 'Healthy Me' in their PSHE learning. The children will learn and talk about the importance of exercise, eating well and how to keep safe. We will share each year group's plans for this with you during the first week back. Each class is continuing their history-focused topic next half term too.

This week we have had children out at Whirlow all week and we are now getting ready for our Y4 Castleton trip after the half-term too. It really is wonderful to be able to offer three residential trips a year to our pupils and I would like to extend a massive thank you to our hardworking staff who pull together so well to make the visits not just happen, but they ensure the children have a wonderful time too.

It has been a busy half-term for everyone so I hope you all enjoy a restful week off and we will see you back, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, on Monday 24th February.

And finally, it is with sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Ratcliffe today. We wish her well in her new post and look forward to welcoming Mr Williams.

Thank you everyone!

Sinead Gaffney

Diary of Events

Date	Year Group	Event
Fri 14 th Feb	Year 4	Deadline for the next instalment of £40 due for the Y4 Castleton residential trip.
	All Year Groups	Last day of term.
Mon 17 th Feb – Fri 21 st Feb	All Year Groups	Half term holidays.
Mon 24 th Feb	All Year Groups	All children return to school.
	Year 4	Deadline for the last instalment of £45 due for the Y4 Castleton residential trip.
Tue 25 th Feb	Year 6	Y6 Kelham Island trip.
Wed 26 th – Fri 28 th Feb	Year 4	Y4 Castleton residential trip.

Little Ninjas

We still have a few spaces in our Little Ninja Boot Camp that runs after school from 3.15 – 4.00 pm on Tuesday evenings. This fun activity session incorporates boot camp style fitness and martial arts activities. It is an excellent and enjoyable way to keep fit. Sessions are £4 per session. If your child is interested in joining, application forms are available from the school office.

Sparkle & Shine

Well done to all our Sparkle & Shine stars for the last week of this half term. We are so proud of you for keeping up your excellent behaviour, for being good role models and working hard right

up to the end of term. We also celebrated with our Reading Champions that have received their trophies for working extra hard on their reading throughout this term. You can see them all 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 still stands at **94.0%**. Let's work hard to improve our attendance even more after the holidays.

Class Attendances for last week:

REC Carr-Colliver	94.1%	Y3 Bowyer	94.6%
REC Gore	98.7%	Y3 Carver	92.5%
Y1 Herrington	94.1%	Y4 Ratcliffe	93.4%
Y1 Hunt	94.0%	Y4 Thornback	95.5%
Y2 Smith	91.3%	Y5 Biggs	90.4%
Y2 Taylor	95.7%	Y5 Danby	91.5%
		Y6 Wilson	96.2%
		Y6 Smith/Holdaway	97.8%

Even though some of our class targets had dropped last week, once again all our classes had attendance levels just over 90%. When we return after the holidays we need to continue to keep our attendance levels high. Remember being in school, every day means children do not miss valuable school lessons, which helps you to reach your targets!

World Book Day Celebrations

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 5th March. All children will receive a World Book Day voucher after half term, which can be used towards the purchase of a book at participating bookshops. Below are some of the activities that will be taking place in school during that week to celebrate the joy of reading.

Tuesday 3rd March: Share a Story for World Book Day

Parents, carers and families are invited to join us from 3:15 - 4:30 pm to take part in some fabulous story sharing activities! There will be book crafts, storytelling and the opportunity to share a story with friends and family members in a comfy corner!

Wednesday 4th March: Year 4 storytelling event

Parents and carers of pupils in Year 4 are invited to join the children between 8:45 and 9:30 am to listen to their very own stories based on their class book 'Varmints'.

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Instead of fancy dress this year, children are invited to paint a potato to represent their favourite story or story character and bring it into school. They can enter it into our Gleadless 'Share a Story Potato Heads' competition!



