



# Glasshouses Community Primary School

*Learning Together, Achieving Together, Respecting Each Other*

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## Weekly Newsletter

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### Bumper Edition – Focus on Safeguarding & Welfare

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff, Volunteers & Friends of the School

It's been another busy week at Glasshouses with Christmas preparations galore...only 19 days to go....

The children in Class 1 have been practising really hard ready to delight you all next week with their version of the nativity. We hope that you will all come and watch them perform. The Community performance is at 10am on Wednesday and there will be two performances for parents on Thursday at 9:30am and 2:30pm. The children are very excited and I am sure that a good time will be had by all!

The Christmas Fair is about to start as I type...thank you so much to the PTFA for all their hard work in organising it again this year and also to everyone for their very generous donations. The hall is looking busy and I am sure it will be a great success.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Nicola Thornber  
Headteacher



Please see the website for the whole year diary. Below is the diary for the current term.

AUTUMN TERM (2 September – 20 December)	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> HALF TERM (4 November – 20 December)</b>	<b>SWIMMERS: Mr Caswell's Class (every Wednesday) 6 November – 18 December inclusive (7 weeks)</b>
<b>11 December</b>	<b>10am Nativity Play for the Community and School</b>
<b>11 December</b>	<b>Bag2School Collection (by 9:00am)</b>
<b>12 December</b>	<b>9:30am &amp; 2:30pm Nativity Play for Parents</b>
<b>13 December</b>	<b>3:30-5:30pm Christmas Film Night (pyjamas &amp; hot chocolate) - PTFA Event</b>
<b>19 December</b>	<b>2:00pm The Selfish Giant (Riding Lights Theatre Company performance)</b>
<b>20 December</b>	<b>7:00pm Carols on the Green (mince pies &amp; mulled wine at Broadbelt Hall after)</b>
<b>20 December</b>	Winter Walk (weather permitting) <b>2:30 School Closes for Christmas</b>

## CLASS NEWS

### CLASS 1

Class 1 have been really busy getting ready for the Nativity. I am really proud of how hard the children have worked to learn their lines and to learn all the songs. I am sure that you have heard some of the songs at home.

We have also been learning all about different animal habitats. We have learnt a lot about the habitats of animals in the North and South Pole this week.

### CLASS 2

We have started planning our stories and have been discussing everything we've learnt this term to see what we want to include in them to make them as good as we can!

In guided reading we worked in our inference skills using Pixar short films. Doing this helps the children recognise that they use these skills all the time and so helps them apply it to their reading too.

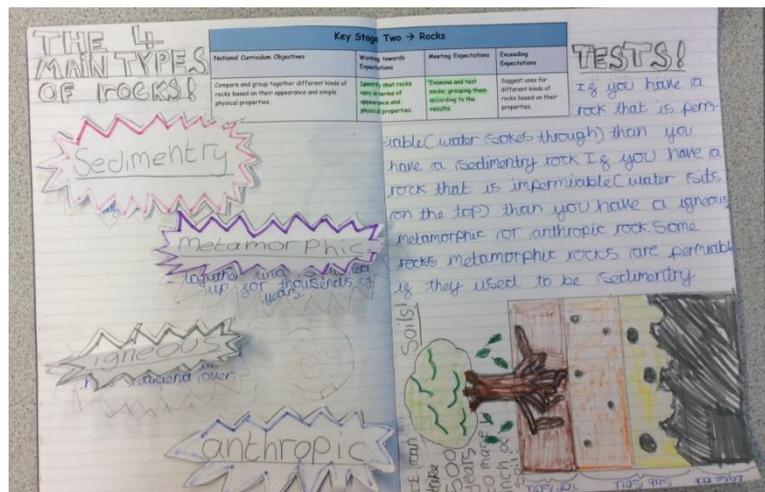
In maths we've started our unit on measurement and look forward to exploring it in detail over the next couple of weeks as we move towards the holidays.

### CLASS 3

Another great week in Class 3!

We have completed our end of term assessments this week in Maths, Reading and Spelling. All the children have done a fantastic job and the progress from September until now is astounding. I am very proud of every individual in the class and they definitely deserve an extra treat this weekend!

We have also completed our learning logs for our rock topic. This is the school's unique way of showing children's new knowledge in topic sessions. One fantastic example is Pippa's; take a look below!





# Special Recognition Awards



## CHAMPS of the Week

Class 1 - Connor

Class 2 - Mylee

Class 3 - Jude

## Star of the Week

Class 1 - Ollie

Class 2 - George

Class 3 - Daisy

## Maths Maestro of the Week

Class 1 - Isla

Class 2 - Sonny

Class 3 - Poppy

## Reading Champion of the Week

Class 1 - Aura

Class 2 - Emily

Class 3 - Halle

## Writing Whizz of the Week

Class 1 - Liam

Class 2 - Teddy

Class 3 - Pippa

## Sports Star of the Week

Class 1 - John

Class 2 - George

Class 3 - Ewan

## Pupil Leadership Team News

Eco Team

**The Eco Team needs your help!** We will be collecting non-recyclable plastic to make Eco-Bricks. These are made from plastic bottles (any size) which are stuffed with the plastic to make hard bricks that we can use to decorate paths and walls instead of leaving it all to waste.

Please bring into school any clean bottles or clean non-recyclable plastic that could help us make the bricks.



## Sunflowers Day Nursery – New Starter 2020 Transition Visits

Mrs Cryer had a very successful visit to sunflowers nursery on Wednesday afternoon. She met lots of children who will be starting school at Glasshouses next September. They shared lots of different books and even did some counting and colour recognition. This is a really good opportunity for the children to build relationships in order to make the transition from nursery to school seamless.

# Safeguarding & Welfare

## How does School keep your children safe?

- All staff volunteers are trained in safeguarding and receive regular updates
- We teach children about their rights as a child through our Rights Respecting Schools work
- We teach children about friendships and healthy relationships through weekly wellbeing sessions
- We train Key Stage 2 children as anti-bullying ambassadors

## What you can do if you are worried about your child or just need a bit of help or guidance.

- Speak to school staff
- Contact Early Help – The Early Help Consultant for Ripon and Rural Harrogate is **Angela Charlesworth**. Her direct line is: 01609 535321 or you can email her at: [angela.charlesworth@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:angela.charlesworth@northyorks.gov.uk)

## North Yorkshire County Council – Children and Families: Early Help

**Early Help** is North Yorkshire's new approach to ensure children, young people and their families receive the right support at the right time to stop problems escalating.

In North Yorkshire we believe **Early Help** is a collaborative approach, not a provision. All children and young people will receive universal services; however some children and young people because of their needs or circumstances will require extra support to achieve their potential. Therefore the purpose of **Early Help** is, to work together to resolve problems before they become overwhelming, long term and costly to the child, young person, family and the wider community. **Early Help** enables children, young people and their families that have become overwhelmed by difficulties to make better choices, learn new skills and have aspirations to turn their lives around.

### Who should offer Early Help?

As a basic principle, the first person to offer support to a child or young person and their family should be the professional identifying the issue; Early Help Champion.

In North Yorkshire every professional working with or engaging with children and families, regardless of organisation, status or position has a responsibility to deliver **Early Help** and support the family to access appropriate services to enable positive parenting. **Early Help** can be provided by a range of staff in different organisations, such as health services, schools, early year's providers and a range of voluntary, community and faith sector services. **Early Help** is the term used by all agencies to describe North Yorkshire's approach to providing early support to families so that children, young people and their families are safe, happy and ready for school, work and life's challenges. **Early Help** is the right help, at the right time, in the right place.

### What does the Children and Families: Early Help Team do?

The Early Help Champion will talk to professionals, parents, carers and young people to find out what their concerns are and help them to find the right solution as quickly as possible, they may be supported by the Early Help Consultants to look at what support is available. Sometimes issues can be addressed by talking to someone who is already familiar with the family – such as a Midwife, 0-19 Healthy Child Practitioner, Teacher, and Early Years Practitioner. However some issues need more targeted support from someone who has experience of dealing with similar situations and could require more intensive support, this is where the Early Help: Children and Families Workers support the children and families using a number of evidence based strategies.

### How does it work?

After completing an **Early Help** assessment with the families the Early Help Champion will identify what the difficulties are and work with children, young people and their families to put together a package of support to ensure the right support is offered at the right time. It might be that one professional or service can help or that the family need a range of different professionals at different times. This is known as Team around the Family (TAF).

## SAFEGUARDING

Just a reminder about the morning routines:

**8:45am** – All Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants will be out in the playground. They are available for a quick chat but they are very busy at this time and their main concern will be to bring the children safely in to school. If you need to speak to the teacher privately, please arrange a meeting at this point.

*Please **do not share information about collection arrangements, illness, ETC, with the teaching staff – instead, please contact the Office.** Tania will take responsibility for letting the relevant staff member(s) know.*

**8:55am** – The children line up in Class lines to be taken into school.

**NB - Anyone arriving after 8:55am needs to report to the office and be signed in as late in the register by the accompanying parent/carer.**

**ABSENCE** – must be reported **by telephone or in person before 9:30am**. If you leave a message on the answer phone, please state your name, your child's name, the reason for their absence e.g. they have been sick, they have tonsillitis, they have a hospital appointment, etc (*not just that they are 'ill', 'won't be in today', etc*) and when you expect them to return to school. If you are unsure, you must telephone each day that your child is going to be absent.

Please do use email to report absence as emails are not always picked up early enough and can result in unnecessary telephone calls, etc.

## Attendance

Our whole school target is set at **98%**.

PLATINUM 100%	GOLD 97% <sup>+</sup>	GREEN 95-96%	AMBER 90-94%	RED Below 90%
	Class 2 – 98.3%	Whole School – 96.1%	Class 1 – 94.6% Class 3 – 94.8%	

**Winning Class this week with 98.3% is Class 2**

NB, in order to qualify for a Dress-down Monday, the winning class must have achieved Gold attendance with at least 97%. **IMPORTANT NOTE: On dress-down days, clothing must still be appropriate for the school environment; no crop tops, short skirts, etc**

Attendance results are announced during assembly on a Friday afternoon.



## Flu-like illness and diarrhoea/vomiting in schools

### Information for pupils, parents and staff

#### Introduction

Illnesses such as diarrhoea/vomiting and flu-like illness are common at this time of year. They are usually self-limiting and, for most people, can be easily treated at home.

#### General hygiene

The spread of most infectious illnesses is reduced through good hand hygiene. Please ensure that you and your child wash your hands frequently with warm water and soap, particularly after using the toilet, after using a tissue to catch a cough or sneeze, and before eating.

#### Influenza (flu)

Flu and flu-like viruses spread easily between people from coughs and sneezes. They can live on hands and surfaces for up to 24 hours. Symptoms of flu may develop quickly and can include:

- Sudden fever
- Dry, chesty cough
- Sore throat
- Aching body
- Headache
- Tiredness
- Diarrhoea or tummy pain
- Nausea

For most healthy people flu is an unpleasant but self-limiting illness. However, some people can be more at risk of developing severe illness or complications including the following groups:

- those aged 65 years or over
- pregnant women
- those with a long-term medical condition – for example, diabetes or a heart, lung, kidney or neurological disease
- those with a weakened immune system – for example, because of chemotherapy or HIV
- those resident in long term care facilities

**If you or your child are in an at-risk group AND develop symptoms of flu, please seek prompt medical assessment via NHS 111, by a GP or a nurse who will be able to provide further advice.**

If you or your child are in an at-risk group AND have not had the seasonal flu jab AND are concerned that you or your child have had contact with someone with flu, please seek prompt medical assessment via NHS 111, by a GP or nurse.

If you or your child are not in an at-risk group but develop flu like illness and are concerned about your symptoms, please consult NHS 111, your GP or nurse in the normal way.

Staff members and pupils should not attend school or other communal settings if they have symptoms of flu and should only return once they have recovered.

The flu vaccine is the best form of protection that we have against influenza (flu). There are several strains of flu and even if there has been illness at school, the vaccine may offer further protection against other strains of flu.

Please continue to engage in the school-based immunisation programme and to attend mop-up clinics if your child misses the scheduled sessions due to illness.

Toddlers aged two and three, children and adults who are in risk groups for flu (including those aged 65 years and over, pregnant women, people with long term medical conditions or weakened immune systems) should attend their GP or pharmacy for vaccination as soon as possible if they have not already been vaccinated.

For more information about any of the above and advice about treating flu please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu/>

### **Viral gastrointestinal illnesses**

It is not uncommon for viruses which cause vomiting and diarrhoea to circulate among children (for example norovirus, also known as the 'winter vomiting bug').

If pupils or staff members develop vomiting or diarrhoea, it is important that they stay off school and away from other communal settings until 48 hours after they last had diarrhoea or vomiting. As always, please contact NHS 111 or your GP if you are concerned about your child's illness.

Further information, including advice on treatment, can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

### **School closures**

Public Health England does not routinely advise that schools close when pupils and staff are affected by diarrhoea / vomiting or flu-like illness; this is because the viruses that cause illness are circulating in the community, so children will continue to be exposed to them even if not at school.

However, schools may need to close for other reasons e.g. not enough staff to safely stay open, or closing for a short time to allow a deep clean of the school buildings. Any decision about school closure will be taken by school management and any enquiries should be addressed to the school.

# WHAT'S ON IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY?



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## Midwinter storytelling

## at Brimham Rocks

**Saturday 28 - Sunday 29 December  
11.00am - 4.00pm**

Join storyteller Noel Watkins for interactive storytelling as he sparks your imagination through stories and songs inspired by the winter season. We'll also have some milk and cookies for you to enjoy. Event tickets £7 per child with one free accompanying adult. Booking essential. Check out our website for more details and to book. You can also call 0344 249 1895. Each session lasts 30-40 minutes with sessions suitable for different age groups.

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