

NEWSLETTER

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News from the Classes

KS1: Year 1 have planted a variety of vegetables in the planters in the front playground this week. They will be responsible for taking care of them so please join us in watching their progress.

We have all enjoyed making the most of the lovely, sunny weather and taking lots of our learning outside. With this in mind, could all children come to school with sun protection applied and perhaps some in their school bags (or stored with teachers) that can be applied during the day if the need arises? Thank you.

We have today been to sing/film with Alistair Griffin in Whitby, with other children from the Whitby area, of his song "The Road" which he wrote last year to begin the "Tour de France". Watch out for us on" North East Tonight"!

KS2 are beginning to appreciate how amazing the Ancient Egyptians were to build Pyramids out of stone. We've had a first attempt with newspaper – really tricky, especially when you have to work cooperatively and have unlimited sellotape! The aim is to learn how to improve the structures and make stronger and more impressive Pyramids.

Barbara Anderson came today, along with Polly, to practice Samba for next Friday. Polly and Helen Medcalf have also practiced Maypole Dancing with the children – let's hope the weather is kind for all the celebrations next week!

Appointment of Infant Teacher

You will be pleased to hear that we have appointed Miss Vicky Garbutt for our infant class in September. Miss Garbutt has six years teaching experience and has worked in two other schools. The children will really enjoy working with her and we know you will like her and have confidence that your children are in good hands. Miss Garbutt will take up her post at Castleton in September after the summer holiday.

At this point I feel it is important to say that the children have been exceptionally well taught and cared for with Mrs King. Although Miss Garbutt will be the children's teacher, Mrs King and Mrs Barber will still work at some level with both classes, so we feel we are not losing key staff, but gaining another key person for our school.

North Yorkshire Healthy Child Programme

Please find enclosed letter from NHS Harrogate & District Foundation Trust, which they have asked us to pass on to all parents, regarding the new 5-19 Healthy Child Service.

NYCC Children & Families' Service: Prevention

NYCC have set up a new service, bringing together staff currently working in separate departments within NYCC, to offer early help for children, young people and families (0-19 age range). They have left leaflets about sessions they are running on Toddlers (starting 1^{st} May) and also for supporting parents with children aged 3-11 years (starting 28^{th} April) – copies of both in the Noticeboard outside. There is also a leaflet detailing Programme of Events from April to July in Whitby & District (copies on the "News & Events" board in the foyer). If you would like any further information please ask at the school office.

<u>"Tour de Yorkshire", Friday, 1st May</u>

Please see separate letter regarding arrangements on the day and Guide to the Tour. Please remember the bike painting after school on Monday. Gaby is also doing a "special" fish and chips dinner next Friday.

Cancellation of re-arranged final Swimming Session, Monday, 1st June

Loftus have now cancelled the swimming session that we had re-arranged as another school has our swimming slot next half term. It may have been possible to arrange a session on a different day/at a different time this half term

but as there are so many things happening which must take precedence (SATs, summer sporting activities etc) we will not be having this final session now.

Information from Mr Prytherch for Years 5 & 6

We have received the following, to pass on, from Mr Prytherch, Caedmon College Whitby:-

"I would like to thank all families that attended our recent Open Evening, for making the time to do so and for their very generous feedback. If you want to see the College during a normal working day, whether you attended Open Evening or not, then all you have to do is ring us and book in a suitable day and time; you will probably need about 1½ hours to see both sites. This is best arranged through Mrs Carter who will be the Director of Learning for Years 7 and 8 next year. Many of you were asking about the use of sites and the crossing of the road. I can now tell you the following:

- it is our longer term aim to create an 11-16 site and a Post 16 site, but this will not happen until we can find enough money (probably from the DfE) to make adjustments to some teaching spaces
- in September 2015 Year 7 and Year 8 will have all (or nearly all) lessons on the Scoresby site. There might be some occasions where the teacher takes the class to the Normanby site to access specific facilities e.g the Sports Hall or 21st century Science laboratory; if this happens the class would always travel with the teacher.

Another question that was raised was about which members of staff would be involved with your child. I can tell you now the following:

Senior staff and roles are:

- Keith Prytherch Principal
- Vicki Rahn Senior Assistant Principal, Teaching & Learning (and day to day matters for Year 7 & Year 8)
- Samantha Jones Senior Assistant Principal, Standards & Outcomes
- Hazel Kirk Assistant Principal, Inclusion (SENCO)
- Jonathan Bond Assistant Principal, Behaviour, Standards & Welfare
- Alison Dimbleby Assistant Principal, Post 16
 Susan Boyd Senior Teacher , Curriculum
- Steve Graham Senior Teacher, Outdoor learning and Personal Development
- Andrew Whelan Senior Teacher, Digital Learning.

The team specifically looking after Year 7 and Year 8 are:

- Mary Carter Director of learning
- Sarah Teasdale Assistant DoL and Primary Liaison teacher
- Dianne Wood Head of Year Year 7 and Year 8
- Year 5 & Year 6 form tutors to be confirmed.

A full list of staff, many of who will be teaching your child can be found at www.ccwhitby.co.uk/contact-us/full-staff-list
More details on day to day matters will be discussed with you when you attend the next Parents' Evening on 2 July at 6.30pm on Scoresby site. Also available is the opportunity for your child to be fitted for College uniform from 6.00pm onwards. In the meantime please enjoy the memory of the last Open Evening by viewing the videos and other materials found at www.ccwhitby.co.uk/parents/year-6-transition

Best wishes Keith Prytherch Principal

Caedmon College Whitby "

Drama Workshops May Half Term

Please find attached details of Drama Workshops on Monday 25th May at The Robinson Institute.

<u>Next Week</u>

Years 5 & 6 Peat Rigg money **must** all be paid by the end of next week please.

If anyone would like to order from the School Book Club Catalogue, please bring orders in on Monday.

Monday Years 5 & 6 Cricket at Whitby Cricket Club, 10am to 3pm

Painting of old bikes for Tour de Yorkshire, after school

Tuesday Year 6 Booster Class

Sewing Club

Wednesday Netball Club

Friday Fish & Chips Dinner

Tour de Yorkshire Bike race KS2 not going to Glaisdale

NO Football Club