



# NEWSLETTER

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## Parents Evening, Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30pm to 5.30pm

There is a Parents Evening on Tuesday. Lists are up in each classroom for you to make appointments. Please give us a ring if you will not be in school and you would like us to make an appointment for you.

## News from the Classes

### **Outdoor Learning - "Teaching Trees" at Rosedale Intake**

On Thursday morning KS1 visited the woodland at Rosedale Intake, Danby and met with Julia from the Royal Forestry Society who taught us lots of things about trees, how they grow, what they need to survive, how to tell how old a tree is and how they spread their seeds etc. We found deer tracks in the mud, collected minibeasts and made habitat hotels! Everyone enjoyed themselves, some did feel the cold a bit but we had some "magic" biscuits which did a good job of warming people up! Thank you to Helen Medcalf, Adele Bradley and Mrs Burns for giving up their time to accompany us.



In the afternoon it was KS2's turn to visit Rosedale Intake. They identified different types of trees by looking at leaves, they also identified and calculated in groups how old certain trees are, and looked at different habitats, making their own minibeast hotels.

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, Mrs Barber is hoping to do outdoor learning with the children every Thursday in the school grounds or nearby areas. Children should come to school in uniform but **must** bring with them warm trousers/jogging bottoms (not just leggings), thick socks, waterproof coats/trousers or overalls, a hat, gloves and wellies that fit. We want to make sure that everyone is warm and cosy and able to get the most out of the sessions.

**KS2** - On Wednesday afternoon all KS2 went to Caedmon School to take part in Cross Country. As expected, it was chilly and a little muddy! All the children showed great sportsmanship and behaviour, encouraging each other.

Mrs Rachel Grace, new KS2 teacher, was able to spend the day with the KS2 children yesterday and managed to meet some of you before and after school. This is a great opportunity to get to know everyone – thank you for making her so welcome. Mrs Grace will be in school some Thursday afternoons so do look out for her and say hello!

Please note that there has been a change to the timetable for marking KS2 homework – on Tuesday it will be Maths and on Thursday, Comprehension.

## Teaching School Alliance Business Manager

The Esk Valley Alliance has appointed Mrs Sharon Markham to the above post. Mrs Markham has considerable experience working in schools in a business capacity. Her office is based at Lealholm School and she is working on behalf of the whole Esk Valley Alliance. The Alliance now consists of at least 20 schools working in partnership to improve outcomes for children, with the original eight Esk Valley Schools remaining at the heart of strategic management. Mrs Markham's role is to co-ordinate much of our work, develop partnership links and support our Educational and Teaching School priorities.

## Children in Need, Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November

The theme for this year is "Be a Hero." Children will be able to come to school dressed as a Super Hero and make a donation to Children in Need. Thank you.

## School History Book Launch Invitation and Twilight Tea

You are cordially invited to Castleton School at 1.30 p.m. on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November when Lady Downe will launch the history book "*Our Village School*", written by Carol Wilson to celebrate the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school. Please let us know if you will be attending by ringing 01287 660496.

**Twilight Tea** at Westerdale Village Hall on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 3 to 5pm. Tea, mince pies and crafts available. "*Our Village School*" on sale, £12 per copy. All proceeds for School Fund.

## New List of Dates up to Christmas

Please find enclosed an updated list of dates leading up to Christmas.

## Next Week

Emily Barrett, Whitby Community College sixth form student, in all week on work experience

<b>Tuesday</b>	Parents Evening – please make appointments Sewing Club
<b>Wednesday</b>	Netball Club
<b>Thursday</b>	Outdoor Learning
<b>Friday</b>	Children in Need Football Club