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NEWSLETTER



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Dear Families and Friends,

SATs Week

This week, it was our Year 2 children who took their end of key stage assessments. Like their Year 6 friends, they approached these with positivity and maturity, showing their very best! We are very proud of all our children and their efforts leading to these assessments. We consistently remind children that these assessments, although a little daunting, are nothing to worry about – they are a marker of how far they have come in their key stage and show their current/next teachers what they need to learn next.

Road Safety – 20s Plenty Campaign and Petition Arranged by Whitby Community Network

Whitby Community Network, alongside Dr Ian Suckling (Cycling UK area representative) and Dr Margaret Jackson (General Practitioner) are running a petition to apply pressure on North Yorkshire Council to reduce speed limits in Whitby and the Esk Valley to 20mph. This is part of the 20s Plenty for us scheme which has been used in other areas of the county.

On Monday 12th June, the organisers are hoping to deliver a letter, by bicycle, to all Whitby and Esk Valley schools and GPs. They will also be leaving a paper petition and suitable lesson materials regarding road safety and active travel. There is, however, an electronic version of the petition available for those of you who support a speed reduction in our villages. If you would like to complete this, please do so by Monday 12th June, using this link: <https://www.change.org/p/change-to-a-20mph>

Key Stage 1 Trip to Comondale

Our youngest children got their second trip in as many weeks on Friday! This time they got to take a 'real' train to Comondale where they visited 'Beyond Boundaries' at Fowl Green Farm, to enhance their geography learning on how to contribute positively to the local environment – which is one of our school oaths!

Year 6 Sailing Trip

Year 6 had a fantastic afternoon of sailing at Scaling Dam on Wednesday. Considering it was the first sailing experience for almost all of them, they showed great confidence, skill and teamwork. We were very proud of them. Thanks must go to the team of volunteers at Scaling who gave up their free time to coach and support our pupils. SDSC run various sailing and waters port programmes throughout the year; it's great to have such a wonderful facility so close to home. For more information please visit: <https://members.scalingdam.org/>

Key Stage 2 Trip to Newcastle

A letter has been sent out regarding the Key Stage 2 visit to Newcastle (Thursday 25/06/23). Children will be visiting a Hindu Mandir and visiting the Angel of the North, as part of their RE and art learning, as well as experiencing several of our oaths. Please ensure consent and voluntary donations are completed promptly. Any child who is not attending (i.e. due to religious grounds) will still be required to attend school.

Choir Club Cancelled

Due to the Newcastle trip, there will be no Choir Club next Thursday. The club will recommence after half-term.

Art Club (Y2-6) – Fridays

The final Art Club (Y2-6) takes place on the date of this newsletter. This club has now concluded for the year. Mr Sellers will be running a club for Y1-3 after half-term (subject to demand).

Year 1, 2 and Year 3 Sport Club – Wednesdays (after half-term)

There has not been significant interest in this Year 1-3 club which was advertised this week. We understand some parents had issues accessing the form below – these have now been rectified. If your child is interested in attending, please complete this permission form by Thursday 18th May. If we do not have enough interest, we will not go ahead with the club and/or seek alternatives. <https://forms.gle/64MSHcLqrRMJ4d3D6>

Board/Table Games Club

This club, which has kindly been run by Mrs Dixon and Mrs Beadnall, will conclude next Monday 22nd May. Our children have really enjoyed this club and we are very grateful to our volunteer family members for giving up their time.

Clubs after half-term	
Monday	Acorns Crafter School Club (Until 12/06)
Tuesday	Wellbeing Club (selected children only) Signing Club
Wednesday	Year 1-3 Sport Club (subject to demand)
Thursday	Choir
Friday	None – please contact school if you require paid-for childcare or if your child is now on the taxi

Outdoor Learning/PE

There will be no outdoor learning next week for either class.

Acorns will have PE on Tuesday. Oaks will not have PE due to their trip to Newcastle.

PTFA and Community Events

Please see the end of this e-mail for posters regarding an upcoming local events, including the Castleton PTFA 'Ukrainian Feast' which being held at Westerdale Village Hall on Saturday 10th June (7pm). We hope you can attend.

End of half-term

As a reminder, school breaks up for half-term next Friday (26th May). We return to school Monday 5th June.

Have a great weekend,
Mr Cooper



Stars of the Week:

Oaks: Dexter – for showing excellent listening skills and confidence at our sailing experience!

Hordiy – for being an excellent self-manager, working hard and displaying wonderful manners!

Acorns and Headteacher: All of Year 2 for their fantastic attitude and effort during SATs Week!

Attendance: This week's attendance was **97.6%** which is significantly above the national average – well done!
Our attendance this year is: 94.6% (National average: 93.9%)



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Headteacher timetable for upcoming week

Mon	am – Lealholm pm - Castleton
Tues	Supporting School in Scarborough
Weds	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
Thurs	am – Glaisdale pm – Castleton
Fri	am – Glaisdale pm – Castleton

Next Week's Events

- Monday** **Acorns Crafter School Club**
Board Games Club – Final session
- Tuesday** **Music Lessons** with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments
Signing Club
Wellbeing Club
PE for Acorns Please arrive in PE kit
- Wednesday** **No Outdoor Learning**
- Thursday** **No Choir Club** – due to Newcastle trip
KS2 Trip to Newcastle – please arrive at 7.50am; return 4.15pm
No PE for Oaks due to trip
- Friday** **Final day of half-term**

Term Dates 2022/23

- ★ ~~Half Term – Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October~~
- ★ ~~Staff Training Day – Friday 9th December~~
- ★ ~~Last day of Autumn Term – Friday 16th December~~
- ★ ~~First Day of Spring Term – Tuesday 3rd January 2023~~
- ★ ~~Half Term – Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023~~
- ★ ~~Staff Training Day – Friday 24th March 2023~~
- ★ ~~Last day of Spring Term – Friday 31st March 2023~~
- ★ ~~First day of Summer Term – Monday 17th April 2023~~
- ★ ~~Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May 2023~~
- ★ ~~Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May 2023~~
- ★ Half Term - Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023
- ★ Last day of Summer Term - Monday 24th July 2023

Term Dates 2023/24

- ★ Staff Training Day – Monday 4th September 2023
- ★ Staff Training Day – Tuesday 5th September 2023
- ★ First day of Autumn Term – Wednesday 6th September 2023

- ★ Half Term - Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November 2023
- ★ Staff Training Day - Friday 15th December 2023
- ★ Last day of Autumn Term - Friday 22nd December 2023
- ★ First Day of Spring Term – Monday 8th January 2024
- ★ Half Term - Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024
- ★ Staff Training Day - Friday 15th March 2024
- ★ Last day of Spring Term - Friday 22nd March 2024
- ★ First day of Summer Term - Monday 8th April 2024
- ★ Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May 2024
- ★ Half Term - Monday 27th May to Friday 31st 2024
- ★ Last day of Summer Term - Monday 22nd July 2024

14th: Stay and Play for new starters 2023 – incl lunch with their parents
15th: School meal ‘Taster’ session
21st: Whitby Come and Sing
26th: Oaks rehearsal week for summer production
30th: Oaks dress rehearsal

Future Diary Dates

Please note: some of these events may still need to be confirmed.

May

25th: Key Stage 2 Trip to Newcastle (Angel of the North and Hindu Mandir)
26th: End of half-term

June

Year 4 times table check takes place this month
5th: Children return to school
10th: A Ukrainian Feast
12th: Phonics Screening Week (Year 1)
14th: Oaks geography trip to the coast (TBC)

July

3rd: Oaks afternoon and evening performance (1.30pm and 6pm start respectively)
6/7th: Year 6 Trip to Edinburgh
10-14th: Whitby secondary school transition week
12th: Year 2 transition day into Oaks
13th: Year 2 transition day into Oaks
13th: New starters 2023 taster morning and lunch
17th: Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit (pm)
18th: Sports Day (pm)
19th: Sports Day (reserve)
20th: Leavers’ Assembly (9.45am)
20th: Summer Fair (2.30-5pm)
24th: YEAT Sports Festival at Whitby Town FC
24th: School finishes for summer holiday



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**SATURDAY
10th JUNE 7PM
WESTERDALE
VILLAGE HALL**

CASTLETON SCHOOL PTFA PRESENTS

A UKRAINIAN

FEAST

IN AID OF PTFA FUNDS

**FOOD BY LILLIES CATERING
CASH BAR BY PTFA**

£25

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CASTLETON SCHOOL.



SATURDAY 3 JUNE 2023
12 NOON – EARLY EVENING
THE ROBINSON INSTITUTE
GLAISDALE YO21 2PW

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SHORT PERFORMANCES

Winning 3-minute Plays & Storytelling | Jazz, Folk, Bands, Clog Dancing | Whitby Area Strings Concert Party | Harmonies from Henwen and Patchwork | Interactive Poetry, Story and Art | Young musicians | Fortune Telling with The Terrible Tarot Twins | Poetry and Story Tent | Face Painting | Downe & Outs Jazz | Earth Cafe and Picnic areas | Locally produced food, beverages

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