



"Outstanding Together"



NEWSLETTER



09/06/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

School Timings Questionnaire

Thank you to the parents that have completed our current questionnaire on proposed new school timings (based on government requirements). There is one more week to complete this if you haven't already (only complete once per household please). Currently, the majority of families are in favour of continuing with the current arrangement of a school day starting at 9am and finishing at 3.30pm. If this continues to be the case, we will work with the small number of individual families that may have had plans affected by the later finishing time where possible.

Please complete this questionnaire to share your views: <https://forms.office.com/e/wDET4VJrH0>

School Meal Prices (from September 2023)

For the last two years, the school has been able to maintain its current meal price of £2.60. This is despite rising costs and an increase in what North Yorkshire County Caterers charge the school per meal (which has been £3.05 per meal since January 2023), meaning the school has been making a 'loss' of 45p per meal since that increase. This loss is significantly more for children that receive free school meals in Key Stage 1 as the government only provides funding up to £2.41 per meal (a 64p loss per meal).

To reduce the impact of this on school budgets, all Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust schools will raise its meal prices to parents to £2.75 per meal from September 2023. This represents a yearly increase of £28.50 (if a child has a school meal every day). Whilst we are reluctant to increase our prices during these difficult times, we hope you appreciate that the school is continuing to subsidise a significant proportion of this charge, ensuring children have as much opportunity to a hot school meal every day.

If you feel that your child is eligible for free school meals, please follow this link to details on how to apply for this: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

On Thursday 15th June, North Yorkshire County Caterers will be hosting a 'tasting session' in school for all children (including those who have packed lunches), to encourage children to continue having, or switch to, school provided meals. Please see the posters below for more details. Please note: All children (regardless of whether they usually have a school meal or packed lunch) may engage with this at no additional cost. Children will be able to eat their regular meal for that day, as well as have the chance to taste the options listed below.

Edinburgh Visit – Parent's and Children's Virtual Meeting

On Thursday 15th June (6-6.30pm), a virtual meeting will be held for Year 6 parents and children regarding the Edinburgh visit in July. This will be an opportunity to go through the logistics of the trip, as well as an opportunity to ask questions.

Attendance is not mandatory; you will have received an itinerary which may have given you the information you require. Children are welcome to attend too. For anyone unable to attend, the session will be recorded, and, as ever, you can direct any questions you have regarding the trip to school.

Please follow this Zoom link to access the meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81407344229?pwd=Ykd6T1N0UXFDcEZyNG0wdDFqTmR1Zz09>

Acorns Crafter School Club – Final session

Next Monday will be the final Acorns Crafter School Club session. It has been wonderful to see the children's 'journeys' around the world, exploring different cultures and their crafts. A massive thank you must go to Mrs

Kevan, Mrs Patterson and Mrs Speight, our parent volunteers, who have given up their time and put lots of effort into making this an exciting and popular club with our younger children!

Spare Uniform

Next week, our stock of 'nearly new' uniform will be available for you to take/swap. Tables will be out from 8.30am and after school at 3.20pm. This will include items of summer uniform. Open to all families.

Phonics Screening Week

Next week, our Year 1 children will take part in a phonics screen. Information regarding this was sent out earlier in the week. The activities involved are low-key and designed not to put any unnecessary pressure on some of our youngest pupils. The children simply have to read the words shown to them, some of which are real words, some 'alien' words, using their phonic learning from the year to decode them. We will report their results later in the term.

Multiplication Tables Check – Year 4

Our Year 4 children will be taking their multiplication check next week. This asks children to complete 25 times table questions on the screen, similar to those they practise daily. Our children are well prepared for this, having this daily practice. The results of this will be shared later in the term.

Sports Club – Year 1-4

At the end of the last half-term we were gauging interest in a new sports club for our younger children. Unfortunately, we did not have enough interest for this.

Therefore, we are proposing to extend the offer of this club to children in Year 1-4. We also understand some children may now be able to attend who were unable to previously due to changes in other clubs they attend. Please complete this form as soon as possible to give your consent for your child to attend this club: <https://forms.gle/GXrmTzZ8bBF1uABdA> (if you are unable to access this form, please contact the school office to reserve your place).

The club will be run Mr Sellers on Wednesdays (3.30-4.30pm) starting from 14th June until the end of term.

Children previously signed up for the club do not need to complete the above form. Your consent is assumed.

Quad Kids

Our Year 1 and 2 children had a great time taking part in the Quad Kids athletics event at Whitby Sixth Form on Wednesday. The children worked well as individuals and as a team, enjoying a range of events, achieving 6th and 11th place in their respective teams!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper



Stars of the Week:

Oaks:

Poppy – for super work in PE and for being kind and helpful!

Acorns:

Henry – for amazing work 'reading scales' in maths and for being so enthusiastic about learning!

Archie – for fantastic reading progress. You are getting so speedy with green words!

Headteacher:

Hordiy – for fantastic commitment to learning, completing his Ukrainian studies each night over the last year whilst managing his Castleton learning and commitments!

Nancy – For excellent explanation of her work in science this year!

Matthew – For excellent explanation of his work in science this year!

Attendance: This week's attendance was **91.4%** which is below the national average.

Our attendance this year is: 94.7% (National average: 93.9%)



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Headteacher timetable for upcoming week

Mon	Castleton all day
Tues	Glaisdale all day
Weds	am – Castleton pm – Glaisdale
Thurs	Supporting schools in Scarborough
Fri	Supporting schools in Scarborough

Next Week's Events

Monday	Acorns Crafter School Club Final session
Tuesday	Music Lessons with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments Signing Club Wellbeing Club PE for Acorns Please arrive in PE kit Outdoor Learning – Y3/4 – please arrive in kit
Wednesday	No Outdoor Learning - Acorns PE for Oaks Please arrive in PE kit Year 1-4 Sports Club Please bring PE kit to change into
Thursday	Choir Club School Meal 'Taster Session' Whitby Rotary Club Competition – Y6 children attending with parents and Mr Wadley
Friday	No events

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
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- ★ 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

Future Diary Dates

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

June

Year 4 times table check takes place this month

10th: A Ukrainian Feast

12th: Phonics Screening Week (Year 1)

14th: Stay and Play for new starters 2023 – incl lunch with their parents

15th: School meal 'Taster' session

15th: Rotary Club Competition

21st: Whitby Come and Sing

26th: Oaks rehearsal week for summer production

30th: Oaks dress rehearsal

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



Tasting Station

Try a tasty sample of:

Beef Enchilada
or
V Cheesy Potato Bake

+ Don't forget to get your sticker after you've tried the delicious food!

NYES | Catering



Tasting Session

with **Pea-ter Pod**

Come and try a sample of the tasty food served on your lunch menu

Join us at lunchtime on **Thursday 15th June 2023**

+ Stickers & Activity Sheet

NYES | Catering



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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,
PTFA MEMBERS & OFF THE SCALE**

**ALL PROFITS TO CASTLETON SCHOOL PTFA, SUPPORTING EQUIPMENT
& ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN OF CASTLETON SCHOOL**



A Time 4 Your Mind



A Time 4 Your Mind project is an outreach service for children and young people aged between 10 to 16 years old who live in North Yorkshire and Redcar and Cleveland.

It is brought to you by Redcar & Cleveland Mind and A Time 4 You Psychological Services, and is fully funded by The Woodsmith Foundation.

We offer a safe place where young people can open up and be listened to.

What services we offer:

- ~ Group and 1-1 Support
- ~ Lego-based Play Therapy
- ~ Friendship and Resilience Sessions
- ~ Support with School Transitions
- ~ Mental Health Psycho-Education
- ~ Mindfulness and Relaxation
- ~ Art Based Therapy and Exploration

Upcoming Drop In Sessions:

Date: Every Wednesday in August starting 02.08.2023

Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Location: Danby Lodge National Park Centre, Lodge Lane, Danby, Whitby YO21 2NB

If you are feeling that you need support, please contact us to book at time4you@rcmind.org

Or

Alison Holmes (A Time 4 You) 01642294383

Emma Davison (Redcar and Cleveland Mind) - 01642296052

We look forward to seeing you there!

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