



NEWSLETTER

13/10/2023



Dear Families and Friends,

New School Oaths

You may have noticed on our front gate that we have changed two of our oaths, based on the feedback parents gave us last year. We have introduced two new oaths (see below) which are personal to Castleton and reflect what our community thinks is important at school. We have created these to replace two previous oaths of 'Explore the local area' and 'Have a cultural experience' as these were felt to duplicate other oaths we have already.

We were pleased, this week, to be able to see these oaths in practice (see below for information on Tub-up Workshop and Harvest Festival).



Tub-up Music Workshop and Parent Performance – Wednesday 11th October

We were delighted to be joined by Steve and Dave from 'Tub-up' on Wednesday. Our children had the opportunity to make their own ukulele out of recycled materials which they then used to perform to an audience (one of our new oaths) of family members.

A special thanks must go to Miss Wilson for organising another fantastic music event and to our parent volunteers who supported during the day.

Harvest Festival

Our children will get another opportunity to perform to an audience on Friday 20th October during our Harvest Festival. All family members are invited to join us in church at 2pm for our Harvest service led by Reverend Sally Wilson. Donations of food are welcomed again this year. These will be collected in church and sent to Whitby Food Bank.

Children may be collected at the end of the service from church. Any remaining children (e.g. those attending clubs or taking the taxi) will be brought back to school for 3.30pm).

Oaks PE and Sports Club – 20th October

There will be no PE or Sports Club for Oaks children on Friday 20th October due to Harvest Festival.

Stay and Play – New Reception Starters September 2024

We will be hosting our first 'Stay and Play' sessions for children starting school in September 2024. These will take place in school on Wednesday 8th November (1.30-3pm) and Thursday 8th December (1.30-3pm). If you are interested in attending, please contact the school office to inform us that your child will be attending. Please feel free to share this more widely with other parents who are not connected with the school.

Mr Wadley's Absence

Unfortunately, Mr Wadley's current absence is likely to extend significantly. He is recovering and sends his best to everyone at Castleton. We have taken the decision to employ a supply teaching assistant to cover Mr Wadley's roles. We will be joined by Ms Beth Page in the Oaks Class. Ms Page is a recently qualified teacher and has experience of supporting children in whole-class groups and on a 1-to-1 basis. I know you will all make her feel welcomed to the Castleton Family.





NEWSLETTER

13/10/2023



Flu Immunisations – Wednesday 25th October

On Wednesday 25th October, we will be joined by the immunisations team who will be offering a nasal spray flu vaccine for all children who have parental consent. You should have received an e-mail from the school office with details on how to give consent. It would also be useful for parents who do not give consent to complete this, if there is a clear wish that they do not want their child to receive this.

Castleton PTFA Coffee Morning – Saturday 21st October (10am-12pm) – IN SCHOOL

Our PTFA will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 21st October (10am-12pm). This will take place in school, as the village hall is still unavailable. The PTFA would like volunteers to support the event, as well as raffle prizes. If you are able to support/donate, please approach Alix Lillie or Emma Speight.

Halloween Party at Glaisdale's Robinson Institute – Tuesday 24th October (4.30-6pm)

Glaisdale School PTFA is arranging a Halloween party for all children in the local area under the age of 12. This is open to children including those who do not go to Glaisdale School so that we can bring our communities together. Please see the poster (below) for more details.

School Photos

Thank you for those parents who have ordered school photos. The deadline for orders is: Wednesday 18th October.

Pre-loved Uniform

On dry days next week, we will leave our pre-loved uniform out in the school front playground for parents to access (except during break and lunch times). We will lock the wooden gate to the side of the building during the day, to ensure we comply with safeguarding protocol.

Boys Football – Friday 6th October

We were very proud of our boys' football team last Friday. They managed to advance from their group by winning two of their games against St Hedda's and Lealholm. This allowed them to compete in the playoffs. However, unfortunately, despite a spirited performance, our boys lost 3-2 to Oakridge. All the boys showed great resiliency, sportsmanship and a positive attitude to the whole event – well done, boys!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

Attendance: Our attendance this week was: 95.1%

Our attendance this year: 96.4%

National average this year: 95.4%

Stars of the Week:

Oaks: Kobie – for outstanding resiliency, sportsmanship, performance and commitment at last Friday's football event!

Acorns: Grace - for approaching everything she does with determination and a smile. She particularly shone during our music workshop this week.

Headteacher: Ivan – for excellent and thoughtful contribution to class and assembly discussions!





NEWSLETTER

13/10/2023



Headteacher timetable for the upcoming week	
Mon	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
Tues	am – Glaisdale pm – Castleton
Weds	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
Thurs	Supporting schools in Scarborough
Fri	am – Glaisdale pm – Castleton

Next Week's Events

Monday	Year 5/6 Forest School please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear Acorns PE please arrive in PE kit
Tuesday	Wellbeing Club Year 5/6 only Oaks PE please arrive in PE kit Music Lessons
Wednesday	Acorns PE please arrive in PE kit Signing Club
Thursday	Choir Club Great North Air Ambulance Assembly Tag Rugby Tournament (selected Oaks children)
Friday	No Oaks PE due to Harvest Harvest Festival No Sports Club due to Harvest

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





NEWSLETTER

13/10/2023



Future Diary Dates

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

October

16/10: Y5/6 Forest School
19/10: Great North Air Ambulance assembly
19/10: Tag Rugby Event
20/10: Harvest Festival in Church (2pm)
23/10: Year 3/4 Forest School
23/10: Acorns & Oaks Parents Evening
24/10: Oaks Parents Evening
24/10: Oaks – Paralympian Visit @ Oakridge School
24/10: Halloween Party at Glaisdale Institute (all children under 12 welcome) *Glaisdale PTFA event*
25/10: Acorns Forest School
25/10: Flu Vaccinations

25/10: Acorns & Oaks Parents Evening

26/10: Year 6 Playground Leader Training

26/10: Acorns visit to Danby Fire Station

November

08/11: Reception 2024 Stay and Play (2-3.30pm)

Future Dates

07/12: Reception 2024 Stay and Play (2-3.30pm)

20/03-22/03 – Year 3/4 Peat Rigg Visit

13/05-17/05 – Year 6 SATs Week

10/06-14/06 – Year 1 Phonics Screen Week

03/07 – Choir Really Big Sing Event

22/07 – YEAT Arts Extravaganza

Please avoid booking term time holidays, especially during assessment weeks.



Dear Parent/Carer and Student

You are invited to our Open Evening to meet colleagues and children from Eskdale and Caedmon School.

We are open on Wednesday 25 October on the Caedmon site from 4.30-6.30pm. Please join us if you can.

Susan Boyd and Phil Nicholson

