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Dear Families and Friends,

Christmas Events

I am sure that the word 'Christmas' was not what you expected to read in a newsletter written in October. However, I know some parents will be keen to know when our festive events will take place. We have confirmed the dates of our Christmas performances (which all children will take part in) and our Carols round the Tree event. See the diary dates section below.

Year 6 SATs Buster Sessions

Thank you to Year 6 parents who returned their responses to the online form regarding the SATs Buster Club. This will start after half-term on Tuesday mornings (8-9am). Breakfast will be provided free-of-charge to any children that would like this. Our Year 6s will be provided with a task to complete over half-term in preparation for the first session on Tuesday 7th November. This club will predominantly be led by Mr Cooper, however Mr Sellers will be leading the first session and any others Mr Cooper cannot attend.

Key Stage 2 Paralympian Visit – Tuesday 24th October – Oakridge School (plus visit from performance poet!)

Next week, our Key Stage 2 children will visit Oakridge Primary School, alongside their friends in the other trust schools. They will have two exciting opportunities. The first of these is to meet Stephen Miller, a Paralympic gold medallist. He will run an assembly for all children followed by a fitness workshop.

We have also just been given the opportunity to meet a performance poet, named Adisa, on this date too. Children will get the chance to take part in an interactive poetry performance. We are looking forward to a fun-packed day!

Children should come to school in weather appropriate sports kit with their own packed lunch. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide packed lunches to children on this occasion. No consent is required for this visit as it will take place during the school day.

As a reminder, we are raising money to support the Paralympian running this event. You can donate through the following link: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/oakridge> or by bringing cash to school.

Acorns Visit to Danby Fire Station

Acorns will be visiting Danby Fire Station on Thursday as part of their learning on the Great Fire of London. They do not need to bring any additional clothing/resources for this (other than regular uniform and a coat) and no consent is required.

Parents' Evening

We will be holding parents' evening appointments next week. These will have been pre-booked with the school office. Please ensure you arrive at your allocated slot. We hope you find these meetings a useful way to receive the latest updates on how your child is finding school and to celebrate their achievements in the first half-term of the school year.

Sports Club

There will be no Sports Club next week due to it being the end of half-term and due to parents evening.

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.



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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.

Playground Leader Training

On Thursday 26th October, our Year 6s will have the opportunity to take part in playground leader training with staff from Lady Lumley's Secondary School. They will learn how they can lead games safely and responsibly on the playground, so that all children can actively maximise their enjoyment of break and lunchtimes. Children do not need any additional clothing for this.

Music Lessons – Next Week

Next week, due to Oaks being out of school on Tuesday, music lessons will move to Thursday. Please ensure instruments and music notes are brought on this day.

End of Half-Term

School will close for half-term next Friday 27th October at 3.30pm. We will reopen on Monday 6th November. Please see term dates below for any future holidays and training days.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

Attendance: Our attendance this week was: 97%

Our attendance this year: 96.4%

National average this year: 95.4%

Stars of the Week:

Oaks: Gabriella – for listening carefully and taking a dedicated approach to improving her writing!

Acorns: Thea – for gaining the confidence to contribute during class and assembly discussions and for super knowledge of number bonds in maths!

Headteacher: Hordiy – for demonstrating excellent confidence and for excellent progress in speaking English!



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Headteacher timetable for the upcoming week	
Mon	am – Glaisdale pm – Castleton
Tues	am – Glaisdale pm – Castleton
Weds	Glaisdale all day (Castleton parents evening)
Thurs	Castleton all day (Glaisdale parents evening)
Fri	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale

Next Week's Events

Monday

Year 3/4 Forest School please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

Acorns PE please arrive in PE kit

Acorns Parents Evening (2-5pm)

Oaks Parents Evening (3.30-6pm)

Tuesday

Oaks visiting Oakridge (Paralympian and Poet Visit) Please arrive in appropriate sports kit

Wellbeing Club Year 5/6 only

No Oaks PE Due to visit to Oakridge

No Music Lessons Moved to Thursday for this week

Oaks Parents Evening (3.30-6pm)

Wednesday

Acorns Forest School please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

Signing Club

Flu Vaccinations

Acorns Parents Evening (3.30-6pm)

Oaks Parents Evening (3.30-6pm)

Thursday

Choir Club

Acorns Visit to Danby Fire Station

Music Lessons Moved to Thursday for this week only

Year 6 Playground Leader Training From Lady Lumley's staff

Friday

Oaks PE Please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

No Sports Club Due to end of half-term and parents evening

End of Half-Term School reopens on Monday 6th November

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



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- ★ 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.

October

- 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

- 06/11: Year 5/6 Forest School
- 08/11: Reception 2024 Stay and Play (2-3.30pm)

- 13/11: Year 3/4 Forest School
- 15/11: Acorns Forest School
- 20/11: Year 5/6 Forest School
- 27/11: Year 3/4 Forest School
- 29/11: Acorns Forest School

Future Dates

- 07/12: Reception 2024 Stay and Play (2-3.30pm)
- 15/12: Training Day – School Closed
- 18/12: Christmas Performance (2pm)
- 19/12: Christmas Performance (6pm)
- 21/12: Carols round the Tree (6pm)
- 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



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