

Dear Families and Friends,

#### **Parental Survey**

We are currently running a parental survey on issues including uniform, children's progress and wrapround care. This was shared in last week's newsletter and thank you to those who have completed this already. If you have not yet had a chance to complete this you can do so by following this link: <a href="https://forms.gle/x9rGE1n1sW5cLyE99">https://forms.gle/x9rGE1n1sW5cLyE99</a>

#### **Year 6 Bikeability**

Our Year 6's enjoyed an important 2-day workshop this week, developing their cycling and road safety skills. Our course instructors were impressed with how well the children developed over the two days and commented on the children's good manners and respect for each other, the instructors and the road users around them.

#### **Sports Events**

This week, our Year 5/6 boys took part in a Whitby area football tournament. I was delighted to have an opportunity to take our budding footballers along to the competition – as I do not always have the chance to do this. Our boys joined forces with Glaisdale School, performing superbly. The team won all their group matches, scoring several goals through great teamwork and determination. This meant the team advanced to the quarter finals where, thanks to a 'golden goal', they beat West Cliff and advanced to the semi-finals. Despite their best efforts, the boys lost this match, however we are very proud that they ended up in the final four schools in the area, coming up against teams made up of students from much larger schools!

#### **Sing-up and SeeSaw Online Platforms**

Oaks Class will have received an individual login to their online learning platform, SeeSaw. This will allow them to more easily share their learning to adults at home, as well as interact with their peers by commenting on each other's work. We hope that this will help keep you better informed as to what children are learning in school.

Our school choir will also be receiving an online login. This will be to the Sing-up platform they use in their after-school club. This will allow our budding musicians and singers the chance to access more of the music and activities they experience at Choir Club.

#### **Trips and Events**

We are pleased to announce that we have arrange a number of trips and events, as you will be able to see in the diary dates section of this newsletter. This includes: Year 5/6's visit to Peat Rigg; Key Stage 2's visit to York; the whole school trip to a Christmas pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' at Billingham Theatre; as well as a range of singing events. More information about these visits will be distributed in due course. However, as explained during the Meet the Head Evening, transport cost/availability is rising. We are indebted to our excellent PTFA that help subsidise the cost of some of these visits. We have also applied for ArtsMark grants to help further. However, we may need to request further parental contributions for some visits, so we hope, by giving prior notice, that parents are aware of these upcoming trips and can budget accordingly.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

Headteacher timetable for next week		
Monday	Glaisdale all day	
Tuesday	am – Castleton	
	pm - Glaisdale	
Wednesday	am – Castleton	
	pm – Glaisdale	
Thursday	am – Glaisdale	
	pm – Castleton	
Friday	Castleton all day	

Castleton School Office – until October 2022			
	AM	PM	
Monday	Miss	Miss Gosling	
Tuesday	Miss	Miss Gosling	
Wednesday	Miss	Miss Gosling	
Thursday	Miss Gosling	None – Mr Cooper/Mr Sellers	
		will manage any queries	
Friday	None – Mr Cooper/Mr Sel	None – Mr Cooper/Mr Sellers will manage any queries	

**Attendance:** This week's attendance was 97%, which is equal to our target of at least 97% - well done! Our attendance this year is: 97%

#### **Term Dates 2022/23**

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

#### Next Week's Events

**Monday PE for Acorn pupils.** You can come to school in kit and wear it all day.

**Tuesday** Music Lessons with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments.

Wednesday All pupils Outdoor learning. Children to come to school dressed in warm outdoor clothing,

including gloves, waterproofs and wellies.

**Gardening Club** 

Thursday Choir Club

**Friday PE for Oak pupils** You can come to school in kit and wear it all day

Multi-Sports Club Tag Rugby Event





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#### **Future Diary Dates**

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

#### October 2022

14th: Tag Rugby event

20th: NO CHOIR DUE TO STAFF TRAINING

21st: End of half-term

31st: Children return to school

#### November 2022

4th: Sportshall Athletics

7th-11th: Parents' Evening Week

W/C 14th: Brazilian drum, dance and culture workshop (TBC)

16th: Flu Immunisations

30th: Choir singing at Danby Christmas Market

30th: Y5/6 Peat Rigg Residential

#### December 2022

1st & 2nd: Y5/6 Peat Rigg Residential

2<sup>nd</sup>: Dodgeball (inclusive competition)

6th: Acorns Nativity Performance (afternoon) 7th: Acorns Nativity Performance (evening)

8th: Whole School Signing at Abbeyfields (afternoon)

13th: Pantomime

Christmas dinner/party (date TBC)

15th: Key Stage 2 York Trip (Jorvik and Van Gogh Expo)

16th: End of term

# REVIVAL North Yorkshire

Join us for a

Mini Christmas Market

Danby Village Hall

Wednesday 30th November

10am - 3pm

A variety of lovely stalls for some Christmas shopping

Tea, Coffee and Cakes available with donations towards Revival North Yorkshire

Contact Amy for further details 07458314552 amy@revivlanorthyorkshire.com





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## REVIVAL North Yorkshire

Revival Welcomes Back

# Whitby and District Astronomical Society

## DARK SKIES EVENT Westerdale Village Hall



Friday 14th October 7pm - 9pm



The North York Moors are one of only 18 International Dark Sky
Reserves in the World!

Enjoy Star Gazing through the Astro Teams telescopes! If the skies are cloudy, learn about the planets and constellations in the hall.

Tea, Coffee and Hot Chocolate available Donations to Revival North Yorkshire.

Booking is advised please contact Amy for more information 07458314552

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Westerdale Village Hall, YO21 2DT - Disabled access available