



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families and Friends,

## Christmas Performance

Following feedback from parents and children, both of our classes will be taking part in our annual Christmas performance/nativity. Our Acorns children will be performing the traditional nativity, supported by our older pupils who will be providing singing, musical accompaniments and performing their own talents. The performances will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December (afternoon) and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December (evening) – start times will be confirmed in November.

As it is a very busy term for our older pupils with trips, workshops and class projects, we have decided to let the Oaks perform their own summer performance later in the year, so they have the opportunity to take centre stage. This will be an excellent project for our Year 6s as a final post-SATs projects.

## Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who attended our magnificent Harvest Festival last week. I am sure you will agree that our children did an amazing job performing and singing. Thank you to all those who donated food. This has been collected and gratefully received by Whitby Food Bank. And a final thank you to Revered Sally Wilson and the Church for hosting us.

## School Photos – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October

On Monday (17<sup>th</sup> October), children will have their annual school photos. Our photographer, Richard Saltmarsh, will be arriving at 8.30am. He will, therefore, be able to take sibling photos from 9am, if you would like your child to have these.

## Outdoor Learning – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

There will be no outdoor learning for Oaks class next week as they will be completing a Van Gogh art project. Acorns class will continue to have outdoor learning on this day and should come to school in the usual kit.

## Staff Training – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Next Thursday (20<sup>th</sup> October), the staff will be taking part in positive handling training to help us support all our children, especially those with additional needs. As a result, **Choir Club will be cancelled** on this evening.

## Halloween-themed Non-uniform day and PTFA Movie Evening – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Our wonderful Castleton PTFA have organised a whole-school Halloween-themed non-uniform day (**£1 donation** to PTFA funds if you dress up). Oaks class will still have PE lessons, so this should be considered when choosing an outfit (e.g. children may wish to wear their PE kit under their costume or bring a change of clothing).

Castleton PTFA will also be hosting a movie evening for the children on this same day (3.15-5.15pm). Children will be supervised by school staff and some of our PTFA volunteers, who will provide sweets, popcorn and face paint. Children attending should let their teacher know at the start of the day. An additional **£2 donation** to PTFA funds is requested for those attending.

The PTFA plan to run similar movie evenings at Christmas, Easter and the end of the school year. This time, Autumn House will be able to choose the movie, with other school houses choosing in their relevant season.

As a result of this movie evening, there will be no multi-sports club next week.

Please see below for the annual PTFA Chair's report.

### Student Teacher

Next week, Acorns will be joined by Cerys Simpson, a part-time PGCE teacher training student. Ms Simpson will be in class between Monday-Wednesday, supporting Mrs Barber and the Acorns with lessons, taking small groups initially before delivering some whole class teaching later in the term, under the supervision of Mrs Barber and Mr Sellers.

### Uniform Swap

School has an abundance of spare uniform which is in good condition. Parents are able to access this at any time by coming to the School Office or asking a member of staff. We keep this in a PE store in appropriately labelled boxes around the back of school. There is no need to 'swap' uniform if you do not have any to swap (but this is appreciated). We hope this is a more environmentally friendly way of managing our uniform. In the new half-term, I hope to update you about a new/cheaper uniform supplier.

### New Parent Governor

Following our parent governor nominations, I am pleased to announce that Mr Joe Culley has been elected to our local governing body as one of our parent governors. For more information on our governors, please refer to our website: <https://www.castletonprimaryschool.co.uk/about-our-school/our-governors/>

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

Headteacher timetable for next week	
<b>Monday</b>	Glaisdale all day
<b>Tuesday</b>	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
<b>Wednesday</b>	am – Glaisdale pm – Castleton
<b>Thursday</b>	am – Pickering (Training) pm – Glaisdale
<b>Friday</b>	Castleton all day

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

**Attendance:** This week's attendance was 98.9%, which is above our target of at least **97% - well done!**  
Our attendance this year (to date) is: 97.4%



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## News from the Classes

### *Acorns*



**Star of the week:**

**Katie:** Using clues in her reading to make thoughtful predictions.

### *Oak*



**Star of the Week:**

**Ivan:** Great use of English and wonderful manners.

### *Headteacher Awards*



**Vasylii** – For setting well into his new school. *за приєднання до його нової школи*

**Rosie** – For always setting the example to all children.

## Term Dates 2022/23

- ★ Half Term - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October
- ★ Staff Training Day - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023
- ★ First day of Summer Term - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- ★ Bank Holiday - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>PE for Acorn pupils.</b> You can come to school in kit and wear it all day.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Music Lessons</b> with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Outdoor learning for Acorns <u>only</u>.</b> Children to come to school dressed in warm outdoor clothing, including gloves, waterproofs and wellies. <b>Gardening Club</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>No Choir Club</b> Staff Training
<b>Friday</b>	<b>PE for Oak pupils</b> You can come to school in kit and wear it all day <b>Halloween Non-Uniform Day</b> £1 donation to PTFA funds <b>No Multi-Sports Club</b> Due to PTFA Movie Evening <b>PTFA Movie Evening</b> After-school (3.15-5.15pm) £2 donation to PTFA funds <b>Half-term Break Begins</b> School re-opens on Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022

## **Future Diary Dates**

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

### **October 2022**

- 17<sup>th</sup>: School Photos (Individuals and Siblings)**
- 19<sup>th</sup>: No outdoor learning for Oaks**
- 20<sup>th</sup>: NO CHOIR DUE TO STAFF TRAINING**
- 21<sup>st</sup>: Halloween Fancy Dress (£1 donation to PTFA)**
- 21<sup>st</sup>: PTFA Movie Evening (3.15-5.30pm) (£2 donation to PTFA)**
- 21<sup>st</sup>: End of half-term**
- 31<sup>st</sup>: Children return to school**

### **November 2022**

- 4<sup>th</sup>: Sportshall Athletics**
- 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>: Parents' Evening Week**
- W/C 14<sup>th</sup>: Brazilian drum, dance and culture workshop**
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Flu Immunisations**
- W/C 21<sup>st</sup>: Islamic Diversity Centre Assembly and KS2 Workshop**
- 21<sup>st</sup>: Men's World Cup: England v Iran (1pm kick-off)**
- 30<sup>th</sup>: Choir singing at Danby Christmas Market**
- 30<sup>th</sup>: Y5/6 Peat Rigg Residential**

### **December 2022**

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>: Y5/6 Peat Rigg Residential**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dodgeball (inclusive competition)**
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Whole-School Nativity/Christmas Performance (afternoon)**
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Whole-School Nativity/Christmas Performance (evening)**
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Whole School Signing at Abbeyfields (afternoon)**
- Carols by the Tree (date TBC)**
- 13<sup>th</sup>: Pantomime Trip**
- 14<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Dinner**
- 15<sup>th</sup>: Key Stage 2 York Trip (Jorvik and Van Gogh Expo)**
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Party Lunch and Afternoon**
- 16<sup>th</sup>: End of term (Children return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January)**



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## Castleton Primary PTFA Chair's Report 10.10.22


We have had a most successful year and I'm very proud and thankful for all our hard work and all the money we've raised and the fun we have organised.

From our initial meeting in October we have successfully organised the following events:

- Two coffee mornings
- A Halloween party
- A Halloween trail
- Several quiz sheets
- Refreshments at Carols round the Tree and Sports Day
- A stall and treasure hunt at Castleton Show
- Given every child in the school a commemorative jubilee 50p
- A beetle drive
- Organised and updated the uniform exchange
- Filled Smarties tubes
- Organised Christmas presents
- BBQ and ice creams at Summer Fair.

Quite a list! Moving forward I'm sure the PTFA will go from strength to strength and we will have another successful year.

This year, in total we have raised: £1489.90!



# 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

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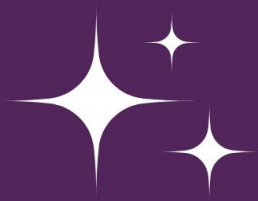
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## REVIVAL North Yorkshire

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  
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Westerdale Village Hall, YO21 2DT - Disabled access available