



NEWSLETTER



20/01/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

Phoebe Update

I am pleased to say that Phoebe has now been transferred to York Hospital where she is doing well and will continue to stay until (approximately) her due date: 27th March. This has made it much easier for me to work in school. It has been nice to see all the children, staff, parents and wider school community and to see that the schools have continued to move on.

For the next two months, whilst Phoebe is in hospital, I intend to be around school during normal opening hours, leaving at an earlier time of 3.30pm, so that I can continue to see her on an evening. I will still be contactable during this time via the school office or e-mail. For any urgent concerns, as usual, refer to Mr Sellers.

Thank you again for your compassion and understanding.

Astro Turf Installation

I am pleased to say that one of our School Council projects has continued to move forward in my absence. On Tuesday, contractors will begin work on laying astro turf on our main playground at the rear of school. This will, of course, mean that this area will be inaccessible to students whilst this work is carried out (likely to be completed by Friday), however, I am sure they will all be very pleased with the end result.

Clubs

Board Games Club starts next Monday. There are still spaces on the club, so please complete the following form if you would like your child to attend: <https://forms.gle/Nyw7JzGSKQUyyqBJ9> (If you have already completed this form, there is no need to complete again – your information will be saved.)

Upcoming Clubs

We will soon have the services of Alan Everson (West Cliff School) on Monday or Friday afternoons. He is hoping to start a gardening club with some of our children. More details will follow when Mr Everson has started his work with us.

Redcar & Cleveland Mind are also hoping to start a wellbeing club after February half-term for children aged 9-11. This club will aim to give children a safe space to talk about their mental health as well as the opportunity to speak 1:1 with a trained counsellor about any issues they may be having. This club will take place on Tuesdays and be open to children aged 9-11 but will likely prioritise those children who would most benefit from this support.

If you are interested in signing your child up to this club, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/TJ3M5cS1iWMveSQx6> (Please note that this form does not guarantee a space in the club – it is a signal of interest. Final space allocation will be communicated in due course.)

After School Care

As discussed in previous newsletters, we are hoping to provide after-school childcare in the very near future. We have now secured staffing for this and are in the process of confirming other logistics. We hope to have this in place in February.

The service will run from 3.15-5.15pm each day. Mrs (Sophie) Wilson will co-ordinate the club.

We would appreciate if parents could complete the following form, to let us know what time slots they would like to book when this service becomes available: <https://forms.gle/JFCy1vtXizVKQwBWA>

Please note: this will be a paid for service. For children attending between 3.15-4.15pm, parents will be charged £3. If a child attends after 4.15pm (until 5.15pm at the latest) the total charge for that child will be £5. There will be small discounts for additional siblings attending the club. Children will be provided with a small snack/drink as part of this service.

Please note: this club will be provided on a trial basis, so that we can understand its viability. This will continue until the end of the summer term, although we may make changes sooner if there are time slots that are not popular.

We will confirm the start date of this service in due course.

Swimming

Unfortunately, due to the weather on Monday, our transport provider was unable to take us to swimming. We are hoping to make up for this session later in the term by adding an additional date. We will confirm this once arrangements have been confirmed with the pool/transport provider.

Possible Teacher Strike Action

You may be aware that the teaching union NEU has balloted members on strike action. The union received enough response from its members to enact this action on the dates listed below. However, as it stands, we are not envisaging that this will affect provision at Castleton and that school will be open for all pupils on these dates. This is subject to change and will inform you as soon as possible of any changes. Possible strike dates:

- Weds 1st February 2023
- Tues 28th February 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

Questionnaire

Our parental questionnaire is now closed. Thank you to all who completed this and provided valuable feedback. This will be summarised in the future newsletter.

Key Stage 2 Teaching Assistant

Our vacancy for an additional teaching assistant in Oaks has now closed. We have received applications for the position and hope to shortlist next week. Should we be unsuccessful in shortlisting an appropriate candidate for the role, we will look at alternative support for our largest class.

NSPCC – Listen up Speak up Campaign

The NSPCC have launched a new campaign named 'Listen up, Speak up' which aims to provide short, free training for adults to help keep their child safe. For more information and to sign up for the training please follow this link: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2023/listen-up-speak-up-campaign-provides-training-to-spot-and-report-abuse/>

Long hair

Please can all students with long hair have their hair tied back, especially for PE, thank you.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper



Attendance: This week's attendance was **98.3%** which is significantly better than the national average of 93.5%
- Well done!

Our attendance this year is: 94.1%



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Headteacher timetable for next week	
Monday	am – Glaisdale pm – Lealholm/Castleton
Tuesday	Castleton all day
Wednesday	Supporting schools in Scarborough – Mr Sellers taking Buster Club
Thursday	am – Glaisdale pm - Castleton
Friday	Glaisdale all day

Next Week's Events

Monday	Swimming for all children – please bring swimming kit and towel in a bag Board/Table Games Club
Tuesday	Music Lessons with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments Signing Club
Wednesday	No Outdoor Learning Due to cricket lessons and swimming beginning again Year 6 SATs Buster Club (8-9am) With Mr Sellers this week Cricket Lessons Children may come to school in PE clothing Website/Journalism Club
Thursday	Choir Club
Friday	Art Club

Future Diary Dates

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

January

23rd: Board/Table Games Club begins

February

10th: End of half-term

24th: Year 3/4 Hockey Coaching

March

7th: Year 3/4 Hockey tournament

14th: Straws Cup Football competition (4-6pm)

24th: Training day

31st: End of term

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