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NEWSLETTER



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Dear Families and Friends,

Newsletter Takeover – Journalism/Website Club

This week, our budding journalists have taken over parts of our school newsletter! You can find the author's name next to each article's heading. You can find more of our children's news stories on our new Castleton Gazette website: <https://castletongazette.com/> Please find the time to feedback to the children on their articles!

Year 6 Edinburgh Trip – written by Rosie and Holly

As many people know the year sixes are very excited to be going to Edinburgh in the summer term. To be able to go, we have to raise £50 each, to go towards the £50 already deposited by parents and the additional £50 being provided by the school or PTFA.

The reason we are so excited is because we are going with our fellow year sixes from Lealholm, Glaisdale and Oakridge. We may be excited but we are not excited about what time we have to get up on this day. The year sixes will start by getting a bus or staff cars to Northallerton train station. From there we will get the train. This will take about two and a half hours.

When we get to Edinburgh we will jam pack our days with activities such as going to museums and Scottish Landmarks. We will be staying at a youth hostel for the one night we will be staying in Edinburgh.

When we are going to leave Edinburgh we will be back at school very late and we will be very tired it will all be worth it though.

We would be very grateful if you could support year six in their Edinburgh trip. There will be more about fundraising in the near future.

Astro Turf Installation – written by Nancy and Hordiy

Castleton pupils are loving the new astroturf that has been put down on the back playground. It is not only enjoyed by the students but even by the headteacher! Everyone loves the updated floor especially in football. It was released on Tuesday 31st January and all of the children went mad when they were finally allowed on the fake grass. Most people like the astroturf. It is still sandy at the moment but it is still the most amazing thing that happened since we came to this school. It is used for a lot of sports on the school ground such as: dodgeball, football and sharks and fishes.



To find out more on what we do at break times, Hordiy has written further, asking students and teachers for their thoughts: <https://castletongazette.com/2023/02/08/primary-school-break-times/>

Clubs – written by Emily, Lilly and Nancy

Emily and Nancy have written articles on some of our newest clubs!

Board Games Club: <https://castletongazette.com/2023/02/08/board-game-club-released/>

Art Club: <https://castletongazette.com/2023/02/08/345/>

Website/Journalism Club: <https://castletongazette.com/2023/02/08/britains-best-biscuit/>

Reading Corner in Oaks – written by Stella

On Wednesday, there was a new reading corner adding to the Oaks' classroom.

The group that created, designed and built the reading corner did a really good at making our new reading corner.

Our previous reading corner wasn't looking that good but our new reading corner is way better than the last reading corner so it will draw more attention and it will encourage children to read more often.

Report from Acorns Class – written by Kobie and Ted

I spoke to a member of the Acorns about what they have been learning this term and here's what he said.

In art the acorns have Matisse. Ted said "Matisse's Mum got him a painting kit when he was 10, he got ill at 95.

He couldn't paint standing up so he cut up pieces of paper then he would layer it up and paint a portrait."

In history, the Acorns have been learning about old toys. Ted said "Old toys were very interesting and were made out wood and metal. They were very delicate and fragile."

Acorns have been doing French Madame Cordingley. Ted said "French was very interesting and she taught us words like au revoir and renarde which is fox in French."

Cricket Sessions – written by Emily

As part of P.E, on Wednesdays Acorns and Oaks have been having cricket lessons with Owen. Oaks have improved on catching and whacking tennis balls in last batter standing.

ACORNS you can join All-stars cricket after school on Thursdays!

OAKS You can join Dynamos cricket after school on Thursdays!

Cricket sessions have now finished for the term.

PE and Outdoor Learning

As our cricket sessions have now finished, our only PE session for the upcoming half-term will be swimming on Mondays.

Outdoor learning will recommence in March – we will keep you posted with the exact start date. We may be looking for a parent to help volunteer during these sessions, so that we can place children in smaller groups, giving them more opportunity to take part in more outdoor activities. If you are interested in supporting on Wednesdays, please contact Mr Cooper or Mrs Barber.

World Book Day – 2nd March 2023

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 2nd March 2023. Children may come to school dressed as their favourite book character! Our School Council will be helping to decide some of the in-school activities that we will do to mark this date and encourage positivity around reading.

Term Dates (2023/24)

Our term dates and training dates have been confirmed for the next academic year. You can find these at the end of this newsletter or on our website: <https://www.castletonprimaryschool.co.uk/for-parents-and-carers/term-dates/>

Wellbeing Club

Wellbeing Club will begin on Tuesday 21st February 2023. Children whose parents have signed them up for this club will have received additional consent forms from Redcar & Cleveland Mind (the organisation running the club). Please ensure these are completed and returned to school ahead of the first club session.

After School Care

Additional, paid-for after-school care will be trialled after half-term. This will be run by Mrs (Sophie) Wilson each day at the cost of £3 between 3.15-4.15pm and £5 for any child attending after 4.15pm (up until 5.15pm). Please note: all other school clubs will still be free of charge. This is provision for those children that are not attending a club and/or requiring care after a club has finished.

If you would like to book your child in for this provision, please contact the School Office.



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Phoebe Update

Several of you have been asking for a Phoebe update, so here it is!

Phoebe is now 6 weeks old (33 weeks by gestation) and is now old enough and big enough to have been transferred to Scarborough Special Care Baby Unit where she continues to make good progress. She is now out of her incubator and in a cot where she is maintaining her temperature. Phoebe is still being tube fed but now weighs 4lbs 14oz (2lbs 4oz more than her birth weight!) She still requires a small amount of oxygen support but she is slowly weaning off this.

With all this progress, if it continues, we are hoping that Phoebe will be able to make an earlier return to home than anticipated, possibly the end of February! When she is able to return, I intend to take flexible paternity leave to suit the needs of myself and the school. This may mean I will be away from school for parts of a week, rather than a full two weeks, attending essential meetings and being contactable in emergencies, so that school is not disrupted but giving us time as a family to share the first few weeks at home.

Thank you again for all your support and kind words over this challenging period. I would also like to say a massive thank you for those of you who very generously bought gifts for Phoebe – this was certainly unexpected but very much appreciated.

Half-Term Weather Forecast - Emma

School is now closed until Monday 20th February 2023. Emma has kindly written a weather forecast for the week! <https://castletongazette.com/2023/02/08/whats-the-weather-going-to-do/>

Have a great half-term,

Mr Cooper

Attendance: This week's attendance was **93.7%** which is just below the national average of 93.8%. Our attendance this year is: 94.3%

Stars of the Week/Awards

Acorns: Connie – For always showing great interest and dedication in her work and asking thoughtful questions to further her understanding

Oaks: Emma – for showing resiliency in maths and for working hard in all areas of the curriculum.

Headteacher's Award: Kobie – for showing enthusiasm for learning by completing work at home off his own back.

A special mention to Emily this week who passed her Grade 1 recorder exam!

If your children achieve any awards out of school, we would love to know and celebrate this in school and in our newsletter! Please let the school office know.

Headteacher timetable for next week	
Monday	am – Glaisdale pm - Castleton
Tuesday	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
Wednesday	am – Castleton/Glaisdale pm – Scarborough (supporting schools)
Thursday	Glaisdale all day
Friday	Castleton 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 start again in March Year 6 SATs Buster Club (8-9am) Website/Journalism Club
Thursday	Choir Club
Friday	Art Club

Future Diary Dates

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

February

20th: Children return to school

24th: Year 3/4 Hockey Coaching

March

1st: Key Stage 1 Trip to Preston Park

2nd: World Book Day

7th: Year 3/4 Hockey tournament

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

17th: Red Nose Day

24th: Training day

W/C 27th: Parents Evenings

31st: End of term



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- ★ ~~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

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
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- ★ Last day of Spring Term - Friday 22nd March 2024
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