

03/03/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

Message from the Head (Phoebe Update)

I am pleased to say that Phoebe was discharged from hospital on Sunday afternoon, two months to the date that she was born and a month and a day earlier than her due date!

This week, we have spent time as a family, getting used to new routines (especially at night!) I have continued to work from home for large parts of the week (when Phoebe is asleep) as well as visit school for essential meetings. This will continue to be the flexible approach to working/paternity that I will take over the next couple of weeks. As stated in the previous newsletter, I am contactable in an emergency but, as usual, in the first instance, please contact Mr Sellers with any queries you may have.



Key Stage 1 Trip – Preston Park

Our Acorns were delighted to go on a trip to Preston Park Museum this week! The children enjoyed dressing up in Victorian era clothing, as well as learning about what it was like to live in these times. The class then had the opportunity to look at toys from this period which links with their recent history learning.



Outdoor Learning

Oaks Class began their outdoor learning sessions again this week! Acorns Class will be beginning their sessions next week, attending these on a fortnightly basis.

Please see the schedule below (noting that Oaks Class will be split in some future weeks):

08/03 – Acorns and Year 5/6

15/03 – All remaining Oaks children not going to Eskdale Festival (not Acorns)

22/03 – Acorns and Year 5/6

29/03 – Year 3/4 only

PTFA Coffee Morning – Saturday 4th March (10am)

The PTFA will be holding a coffee morning at Castleton Village Hall at 10am this Saturday (4th March). Please come along and support us.

Eskdale Festival

Our school choir will be performing at the Whitby Spa as part of the Eskdale Festival on Wednesday 15th March (10am). We would love to see as many parents/family members join to support our children. There will be a small fee on the door. We look forward to seeing you there.

World Book Day – 2nd March 2023

Our children really enjoyed our World Book Day activities and dressing up!



Acorns Class History Provision

Our Acorns class would really appreciate some donations of some older/interesting objects for their history provision area. If you think you have anything that fits this loose description, please bring into school. Please note that these items will be regularly handled by children.

Student Teacher

From next week until mid-May, Oaks Class will be joined by student teacher Sophie Freeman. Initially, Ms Freeman will be supporting Mr Sellers in the class but will progress to planning and teaching lessons to larger groups of children (under the supervision of Mr Sellers) as her placement progresses. I know you will all make her feel welcome to our Castleton Family.

Have a great weekend,



Mr Cooper

Attendance: This week's attendance was **98.3%** which is a big improvement and significantly above the national average of 93.8% - well done!

Our attendance this year is: 94.3%

Stars of the Week/Awards

Acorns: Ted and Esmae – both for demonstrating excellent history knowledge during the trip to Preston Park!

Oaks: Ryan – for fantastic role model behaviour, helping a new student settle into our school.



"Outstanding Together"



NEWSLETTER



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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	Outdoor Learning (Acorns and Year 5/6 only) Year 6 SATs Buster Club (8-9am) Website/Journalism Club
Thursday	Choir Club
Friday	Art Club

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

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
- ★ 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.

March

7th: Year 3/4 hockey tournament
8th: Acorns start outdoor learning (weekly)
8th: Year 5/6 outdoor learning
14th: Straws Cup football competition (4-6pm)
13-15th: Eskdale Festival
15th: Outdoor learning for all Oaks children not at Eskdale Festival (not Acorns)
17th: Red Nose Day
20th: Parents Evening – Oaks and Acorns
22nd: Acorns and Year 5/6 outdoor learning
23rd: Parents Evening – Oaks and Acorns
23rd: Stay and Play for new starters 2023 (1.30-3pm)
24th: Training day
28th: Parents Evening – Oaks Only
29th: Year 3/4 outdoor learning
31st: End of term

April

17th: Children return to school
20th: Stay and Play for new starters 2023 (1.30-3pm)

May

1st: Bank Holiday
5th: Coronation Party (1pm)
8th: Bank Holiday
9-12th: Year 6 SATs Week
17th: Year 6 Scaling Dam Sailing Experience (TBC)
19th: Acorns trip to Comondale
26th: End of half-term

June

Year 4 times table check takes place this month
5th: Children return to school
12th: Phonics Screening Week (Year 1)
14th: Oaks geography trip to the coast (TBC)
14th: Stay and Play for new starters 2023
21st: Whitby Come and Sing
26th: Oaks rehearsal week for summer production

July

3rd: Oaks dress rehearsal
4th: Oaks afternoon and evening performance (1.30pm and 6pm start respectively)
6/7th: Year 6 Trip to Edinburgh
10-14th: Whitby secondary school transition week
12th: Year 2 transition day into Oaks
13th: Year 2 transition day into Oaks
13th: New starters 2023 taster morning and lunch
17th: Sports Day (pm)
18th: Year 6 Crucial Crew visit (TBC)
19th: Sports Day (reserve)
20th: Leavers' Assembly (9.45am)
20th: Summer Fair (2.30-5pm)
24th: YEAT Sports Festival at Whitby Town FC
24th: School finishes for summer holidays