



"Outstanding Together"



NEWSLETTER



10/03/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

School Day Extension Trial – Summer Term

As discussed in previous newsletters and following the last parental survey, the school will be trialling a new finish time of 3.30pm after the Easter holiday. This is to move the school in-line with the government requirement to provide a 32.5-hour day by September 2023. We welcome any feedback you may have on this once it begins.

The start time will remain the same with children being dropped off from 8.50am, ready for a 9am start to the school day. Any arrivals after 9am will be marked as late.

All clubs will continue to run for 1-hour, finishing at 4.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

Snow Closure

Unfortunately, for the first time this academic year (in March!) we have had to close the school due to the weather conditions. This is not a decision we take lightly but we will always act in the interests of staff and student safety. Many apologies to the parents that did not receive a message through MCAS immediately. We hope that our follow-up e-mail and text reached you in good time to avoid any inconvenience.

Poverty Proofing

We recognise that the cost of living crisis affects people in different ways. To help us better understand the impact of this (and other financial hardships), Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust has commissioned a poverty proofing audit of the school. This will involve two trained auditors visiting the school to help us understand how we can reduce the impact of school related costs on those suffering financial hardship. This process will involve a questionnaire for parents, staff and governors, as well as informal conversations with children. We hope to share the findings of this after Easter, alongside any immediate actions we will take to reduce financial burden on parents/students.

Upcoming Training Day

Please note that Friday 24th March 2023 is a staff training day and school will be closed to students. Our staff will be using this day in a variety of ways (depending on their job role) including: planning for summer term; language acquisition training; leadership conferences and health and safety training.

Outdoor Learning

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

Year 6 Edinburgh Fundraiser: Coffee Morning – Saturday 15th April (VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED)

Our Year 6s are in the process of raising funds for their trip to Edinburgh in July. One form of fundraising may come through running a coffee morning at Castleton Village Hall, similar to those run by the PTFA. We are, therefore, looking for some parent/family member volunteers to run this on Saturday 15th April. Ideally, these will be family members of the Year 6s, so that these children can also help run the event, although we would

appreciate any other volunteers, especially those that may have run the PTFA coffee morning previously. If you are interested in this, please contact the school office or Mr Cooper by Friday 17th March. Unfortunately, if we do not get enough volunteers, we will be unable to run the event.

Year 6s are welcome to raise funds in any other *safe* way they see fit.

Parents' Evenings

You are now able to book your parents' evening appointment via MCAS. These take place on several dates over the last two weeks of term.

We understand that there have been some system errors for some parents who have tried to book appointments, with some parents being allocated appointments automatically or not being able to make appointments at all. We have, therefore, endeavoured to contact all parents to confirm appointments. You may receive a telephone call from us (if you have not done so already). If you feel that there are errors with your appointment, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Red Nose Day

Next week, we will be celebrating Red Nose Day by holding a wear something red day. There is a suggested voluntary donation of £1 for this.

Eskdale Festival

Good luck to all children taking part in the Eskdale Festival next week! Thank you to all the parents that have helped to arrange transport to/from the event. If your child is being collected by a different adult, who does not regular do this, please inform your child's teacher or the school office.

Our school choir will be performing at the Whitby Spa as part of the Eskdale Festival on Wednesday 15th March (10am). These children will be taken by minibus (provided by school). 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.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper



Attendance: This week's attendance was **97.1%** which is significantly above the national average of 93.8% - well done!

Our attendance this year is: 94.5%

Next Week's Events

Monday	Swimming for all children – please bring swimming kit and towel in a bag Board/Table Games Club Eskdale Festival
Tuesday	Music Lessons with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments Signing Club Eskdale Festival
Wednesday	Outdoor Learning (All remaining Oaks not at Eskdale Festival) Year 6 SATs Buster Club (8-9am) Website/Journalism Club Choir at Eskdale Festival
Thursday	Choir Club
Friday	Art Club Red Nose Day Dress in red (£1 suggested donation)



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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

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
28th: Year 3/4 hockey tournament (TBC)
29th: Year 3/4 outdoor learning
30th: Poverty Proofing Audit
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