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Dear Families and Friends,

World Down's Syndrome Day – Odd Socks – Tuesday 21st March

On Tuesday 21st March, we will be marking and raising awareness for World Down's Syndrome Day. We will be doing this by allowing children to come school wearing 'odd socks'. There will be no donation for this as we are mindful that we have requested donations for other events recently.

However, if you are interested in donating to a Down's Syndrome charity, you may do so by following this link:

<https://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/get-involved/donate/>

Straws Cup Football Competition

On Tuesday our boys football team, joint with Lealholm and Glaisdale, took part in the local school football competition. After a slow start, where we lost two and drew one in the group, we eventually went into the Barclays Shield. In the Quarter Final we came up against East Whitby where two well-taken goals saw us through to the semi-final.

In the semi-final we faced Fylingdales. In a close encounter the game ended 0-0 resulting in extra time. However, five minutes into golden goal, our boys managed to pip in the winning goal and send us through to the final! The final will be held at Whitby Town FC later in the year. Well done to all the boys who represented our school so well!

Eskdale Festival

I was so proud and fortunate to see our young musicians/performers at Eskdale Festival this week. For a small school, we were extremely well represented across the different classes with students excelling and placing in the top 3 across the board. In total, Castleton had 27 entries into the various classes. We had three 1st places; nine 2nd places and 2 3rd places – a fantastic achievement!

A massive well done must go to our young performers for their efforts in preparing and confidence in displaying their talents. A big thank you must also go to all the adults that have helped prepare our children for this event, in particular Miss Wilson and Alix Lillie who have worked tirelessly to encourage and develop children's talents in the arts at Castleton.



Acorns 'Crafter' SchoolClub

We are pleased to announce that, after Easter, Acorns will have the opportunity to take part in an arts and crafts club! This be led by Mrs Kevan, Mrs Patterson and Mrs Speight on Mondays (3.30-4.30pm) from 17th April until 12th June (excluding bank holidays)

If you are interested in your child attending, please complete this online form:

<https://forms.gle/w1G7oQVeqcqprio86>

Clubs after Easter

After Easter, the following clubs will be running:

Monday: Art Club (Acorns Only) & Board/Table Games (Oaks)

Tuesday: Wellbeing Club (selected children only) & Signing Club

Wednesday: SATs Buster Club (Y6 Only) **No afternoon club – Journalism Club will finish at the end of this term**

Thursday: Choir

Friday: Art Club (Oaks Only) – this will conclude in May.

PTFA Coffee Morning – Saturday 4th March

Thank you to our PTFA and all those who attending the coffee morning on Saturday 4th March. We managed to raise a total of £237.45 – a fantastic amount! Thank you for your support.

SATs Information Meeting (Virtual) – Wednesday 29th March (6pm)

We will be hosting a joint SATs information meeting on Zoom on Wednesday 29th March (6pm). A link for this will be sent out in next week's newsletter. This virtual meeting will be hosted by Mr Sellers but will also be available for children at Glaisdale, Lealholm and Oakridge Schools. We will record the meeting for parents that are unable to attend.

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 week 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.

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.

The date of our audit is: Thursday 30th March

Upcoming Training Day

Please note that next 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

22/03 – Acorns and Year 5/6

29/03 – Year 3/4 only



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Year 6 Edinburgh Fundraiser: Coffee Morning – Saturday 15th April

Thank you to the parents that have kindly volunteered to run a coffee morning in aid of the Year 6 Edinburgh trip. This date has now been confirmed. If you have not yet had a chance to express an interest in volunteering, and wish to do so, please get in touch with school.

The Year 6 children involved in this event will now be coming up with their own ideas for stalls/fundraisers to support the event.

Any Year 6 child not involved in the event will have future opportunities to raise the £50 funding for their trip activities. This may be through activities taking place at school or ones they conduct outside of school (with parental permission). If your child has already raised their funds, you may send these to school.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening appointments will take place over the next two weeks. Despite the confusion and glitches with our booking system, we believe all parents have received an appointment slot, if wanted. However, if you are unsure if you have an appointment, please contact the school office.

Woodland Clear Up – Saturday 25th March (AM)

We are very lucky to be able to use an area of woodland at the bottom of the Castleton Village, near the Railway Station to enhance the children's learning through forest school work. On the morning of Saturday 25th March we will be working to help clear some of the area. We would welcome the help of any parents/carers and children if they would like to join us. Please contact school for location details.

Movie Night – 31st March 2023

As in previous terms, we will be hosting a movie night for children. This will take place on Friday 31st March after school. This time, Spring House will choose the movie!

Red Nose Day

We really enjoyed celebrating Red Nose Day this week in school. Well done to all the creative costume/clothing choices! In total we raised £35.57

Have a great weekend,
Mr Cooper

Attendance: This week's attendance was **92.1%** which is below the national average of 93.8%. Our attendance this year is: 94.4%

Stars of the Week:

Acorns: Rue – for always taking great pride in her work and for being so helpful in class!

Oaks: Joe – for showing determination with his writing and representing the school confidently in the Straws Cup!

Headteacher timetable for upcoming week

Mon	Castleton all day
Tues	am – Whitby pm – Glaisdale
Weds	am – Castleton pm – Working from home
Thurs	am – Glaisdale pm - Castleton
Fri	Training Day

Next Week's Events

- Monday** **Swimming** for all children – please bring swimming kit and towel in a bag
Board/Table Games Club
Parents Evening Oaks and Acorns
- Tuesday** **Music Lessons** with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments
Signing Club
World Down's Syndrome Day Dress in odd socks (no donation)
- Wednesday** **Outdoor Learning** (Acorns and Year 5/6)
Year 6 SATs Buster Club (8-9am)
Website/Journalism Club
- Thursday** **Choir Club**
Parents Evening Oaks and Acorns
- Friday** **Training Day** School closed to pupils

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
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Future Diary Dates

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

March

- 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)
- 23rd: Poverty Proofing Audit
- 24th: Training day
- 28th: Parents Evening – Oaks Only
- 28th: Year 3/4 hockey tournament (TBC)
- 29th: Year 3/4 outdoor learning
- 31st: Movie Night (after school)
- 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: Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit (pm)
- 18th: Sports Day (pm)
- 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