



"Outstanding Together"



NEWSLETTER



24/03/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

Acorns 'Crafter' School Club

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/WJe7yVC5RNfMqv926>

Woodland Clear Up – Saturday 25th March (10am – 12noon)

We are very lucky to be able to use an area of woodland at the bottom of the Castleton village, 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. If parents/carers and children would like to help, please join us at our meeting point which is the area in front of the football pitch, adjacent to the cricket field.

School Meals

Unfortunately, due to a system error, some parents have been undercharged for school meals this term. This has now been rectified and reconciled but will show as a significant debit on your MCAS account. We apologise for this error and will be understanding if parents require longer to settle this balance.

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.

Please note: paid after-school care may be available on nights where there are no clubs available, subject to demand – please contact the school office if this is of interest.

Staying Safe whilst Gaming

One of our parents has kindly shared the following links to guides for parents/carers as to how to keep their child safe when gaming, especially online. We hope you find these useful:

<https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/apps/family-settings-app>

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/safety/>

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

We will be hosting a joint SATs information meeting on Zoom on Wednesday 29th March (6pm). 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.

To access this meeting, please follow this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82069213968?pwd=d0NVbjFuSkIzSDFIT3ZMWFkrRkZqdz09>

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

This week, we were joined by two Poverty Proof auditors from within the Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust. They analysed information in school, spoke to parents, staff and children about how the cost of living crisis is affecting them (especially in school). Their report recommendations will be made available after Easter which we will look to share with you all. Thank you to all those that responded to the survey sent out earlier in the week.

Parents' Evenings

It was great to see so many of you at this week's parents evening appointments. We hope you enjoyed discussing your child's progress over the term. As with last term, we will be sending out a short termly report of your child's attainment and attendance progress. These will arrive after Easter.

We look forward to seeing those parents with appointments next week.

Non-Uniform Day in Support of PTFA Raffle Prizes

On Friday 31st March, we will be holding a non-uniform day. A suggested donation will be a 'bottle' towards future PTFA raffles/fundraising events. The 'bottle' could constitute any appropriate raffle prize, not necessarily just the traditional alcohol prize (e.g. beauty, cleaning products, soft drinks).

Please note: all bottles containing alcohol must be brought to school by an adult and handed to a staff member (rather than given to children). If you wish to bring this at a later date (i.e. because your child gets the taxi to school), this is also possible and preferred. Thank you in advance for your support!

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!

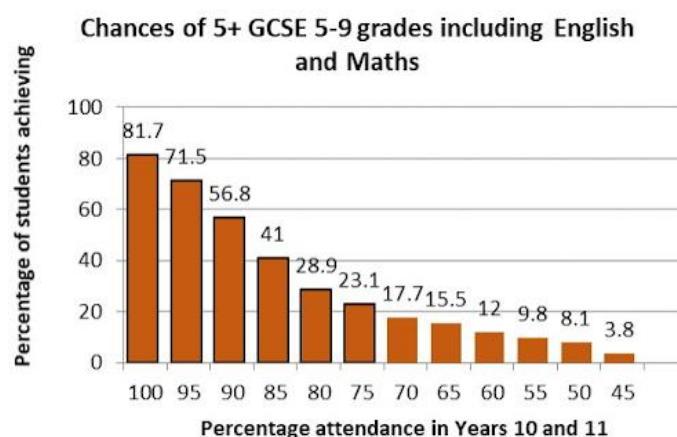
Have a great weekend,
Mr Cooper



Attendance: This week's attendance was **98.8%** which is significantly above the national average of 93.9% - well done!

Our attendance this year is: 94.5%

Evidence from a Department for Education study shows a strong correlation between school attendance and GCSE success. The chart below illustrates this:





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Headteacher timetable for upcoming week

Mon	Castleton all day
Tues	am – Glaisdale pm - Castleton
Weds	Castleton all day
Thurs	Glaisdale all day
Fri	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale

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
Parents Evening Oaks only
- Wednesday** **Outdoor Learning** (Year 3/4 Only)
Year 6 SATs Buster Club (8-9am)
Website/Journalism Club Final session
- Thursday** **Choir Club**
- Friday** **No Art Club**
Movie Evening 3.15-5.15pm

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

- 28th: Parents Evening – Oaks Only**
- 28th: Year 3/4 hockey tournament**
- 29th: Year 3/4 outdoor learning**
- 31st: Movie Night (after school)**
- 31st: Non-uniform day in aid of PTFA raffles**
- 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**