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# NEWSLETTER



31/03/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

## End of School Day Time Change

Please remember that we will be trialling a 3.30pm finish time for all children after Easter. We will be gauging school community members' views after the first half-term, to understand if this is still the preferred timings for the school day.

Clubs have been moved to run 3.30-4.30pm.

Transport companies have been contacted to advise of this later finish time.

Thank you for your support with this change.

## School Oaths – Parental Questionnaire

At our school, we have 'oaths'. You may have seen these displayed on our fence at the front of school. These are the commitments we strive for all children to achieve as much as possible at their time at primary school. We recognise, however, that these oaths were developed jointly with Castleton, Glaisdale and Lealholm schools and may not represent the desires of our stakeholders currently in the school. We are therefore asking parents to complete the following questionnaire, to gauge their views on these oaths, as well as put forward any other oaths they feel the school should aim to achieve. This feedback will be combined with feedback from other stakeholders. Thank you in advance for completing this short questionnaire:

<https://forms.gle/sGQQ9xzFx17SLB8a9>

## Year 6 Edinburgh Trip

Over the Easter holidays, I will be aiming to book the train tickets for our Year 6 Edinburgh visit taking place on 6-7<sup>th</sup> July. As a reminder, children should be trying to raise £50 to go towards the cost of this visit. Some children have already raised this through a range of entrepreneurial activities. After Easter, we will add an MCAS payment item for this money to be transferred to school.

## Coffee Morning in Support of Year 6 Edinburgh Trip

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April (10am-12pm), our Year 6s and their families will be hosting a coffee morning at Castleton Village Hall. Refreshments will be served and there will also be several stalls/games to enjoy!

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

A massive thank you to all those school community members that helped with the initial clearing of our outdoor learning site. This has already presented a much more useable and sustainable site for our sessions. We hope to continue with other more ambitious plans in the future, including the installation of a rope swing, storage area and the felling of diseased trees.

## Non-Uniform Day in Support of PTFA Raffle Prizes

Thank you to everyone who donated a prize to future PTFA raffles during our non-uniform day on Friday! This will help sustain future fundraising events and prevent any last minute prize gathering from our committee members!

## Straws Cup Final – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (3.45pm)

Our Straws Cup Final has been scheduled for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May after school. This will take place at Whitby Town Football Club. It would be great to get as many supporters as possible to the event!

## 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*

## Wellbeing Club

Wellbeing Club will recommence next term on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. There will be no session in the first week back due to Redcar & Cleveland having different school holidays.

## Acorns 'Crafter' School Club

There are still some spaces for Acorns children in our new arts and crafts club. If you wish to sign up, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/vkV3BC3AhyqYegHR8>

The first session will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 3.30-4.30pm. The theme will be 'India' where we will be focussing on rangoli sand art!

## Gardening Club – Lunchtime

After Easter, Mr Everson will be running a lunchtime gardening club for children of all ages. This will take place on Mondays. If children are interested in attending, they should bring a spare pair of suitable footwear (e.g. wellies) so that they can take part. There is no need to sign up for this club. Mr Everson has been busy prepare our garden and greenhouse ready for this club, so that children can plant, grow and eat their own produce!

## SATs Information Meeting (Virtual) – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March (6pm)

Thank you to those parents that attending the virtual SATS information meeting led by Mr Sellers. We hope you found this useful and reassuring. If you were unable to attend the meeting, you may watch the recording via the following link/password: [https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/dXGymI9eaLmYFN01CVDELLNpzNh0ic\\_s5Q-oKeoVUC6YEM95rXDzIU38LdkWlmJF.T1dtIDTEfUvFQr](https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/dXGymI9eaLmYFN01CVDELLNpzNh0ic_s5Q-oKeoVUC6YEM95rXDzIU38LdkWlmJF.T1dtIDTEfUvFQr)

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## Oaks – Screen Printing

After the Easter holidays, Oaks will be participating in a screen printing project. Please provide your child with a plain t-shirt or plain piece of fabric, ideally in cotton or linen, thank you.

Have a great weekend,

**Mr Cooper**



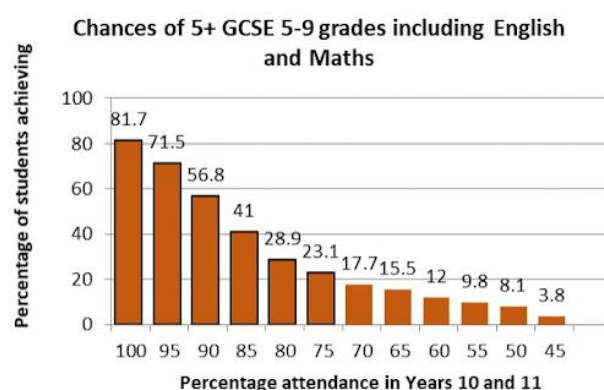
## Stars of the Week:

Acorns: Lucy for fantastic number bonds to 5. Great maths Lucy! Alfie for super spellings and always applying spellings so accurately in his writing.

Oaks: Jessica – for being an enthusiastic participator and showing super effort in maths!

**Attendance:** This week's attendance was **85.8%** which is significantly below the national average of 93.9%.  
Our attendance this year is: 94.3%

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	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
Tues	Glaisdale all day
Weds	am – Castleton pm – Meetings in Whitby
Thurs	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
Fri	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale

### Next Week's Events

Monday	<b>Board/Table Games Club</b> <b>Acorns Crafter School Club</b>
Tuesday	<b>Music Lessons</b> with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments <b>Signing Club</b> <b>No Wellbeing Club</b> Will resume 25/04/23
Wednesday	<b>Outdoor Learning</b> (Acorns and Year 5/6) <b>Year 6 SATs Buster Club (8-9am)</b>
Thursday	<b>Choir Club</b>
Friday	<b>Art Club</b>



**Saturday 22nd April**  
**10am -12noon**

Jumble | Clothing | Shoes | Bags | Books | Bric-a-brac  
| Toys | Baby Items | And Much More!!

**Danby Village Hall**

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**All proceeds for Esklets Pre-School**  
**Free Parking & Refreshments available**

Please drop donations of at Esklets Pre-School or  
from 9am morning of the sale

### Term Dates 2022/23

- ★ ~~Half Term – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October~~
- ★ ~~Staff Training Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December~~
- ★ ~~Last day of Autumn Term – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December~~
- ★ ~~First Day of Spring Term – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023~~
- ★ ~~Half Term – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023~~
- ★ ~~Staff Training Day – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023~~
- ★ ~~Last day of Spring Term – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023~~
- ★ First day of Summer Term - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- ★ Bank Holiday - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023
- ★ Bank Holiday – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- ★ Half Term - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023
- ★ Last day of Summer Term - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### Term Dates 2023/24

- ★ Staff Training Day – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- ★ Staff Training Day – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- ★ First day of Autumn Term – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- ★ Half Term - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023
- ★ Staff Training Day - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- ★ Last day of Autumn Term - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023
- ★ First Day of Spring Term – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- ★ Half Term - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- ★ Staff Training Day - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- ★ Last day of Spring Term - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024
- ★ First day of Summer Term - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- ★ Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- ★ Half Term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 2024
- ★ Last day of Summer Term - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

### Future Diary Dates

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

#### April

- 15<sup>th</sup>: Yeat 6 Edinburgh Coffee Morning (10am)
- 17<sup>th</sup>: Children return to school
- 20<sup>th</sup>: Stay and Play for new starters 2023 (1.30-3pm)
- 21<sup>st</sup>: Journalist visit

#### May

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Bank Holiday
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Straws Cup Final
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Coronation Party (1pm)
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Bank Holiday
- 9-12<sup>th</sup>: Year 6 SATs Week
- 17<sup>th</sup>: Year 6 Scaling Dam Sailing Experience (TBC)
- 19<sup>th</sup>: Acorns trip to Comondale
- 25<sup>th</sup>: Key Stage 2 Trip to Newcastle (Angel of the North and Hindu Mandir)
- 26<sup>th</sup>: End of half-term

#### June

Year 4 times table check takes place this month

- 5<sup>th</sup>: Children return to school
- 12<sup>th</sup>: Phonics Screening Week (Year 1)
- 14<sup>th</sup>: Oaks geography trip to the coast (TBC)
- 14<sup>th</sup>: Stay and Play for new starters 2023
- 21<sup>st</sup>: Whitby Come and Sing
- 26<sup>th</sup>: Oaks rehearsal week for summer production

#### July

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