



"Outstanding Together"



NEWSLETTER



21/04/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome Back and Termly Reports

Welcome back to what will be a very busy and enjoyable summer term, full of trips, plays, sports events and learning!

Following the positive feedback received from parents regarding the short termly reports sent out at the start of last term, we have decided to continue providing these. You should receive these early next week (if you have not done so already).

PE Sessions

From next week, Oaks will have PE sessions on Thursdays (instead of Friday) with Mrs Wardell. They should come to school in PE kit on this day. Mrs Wardell currently works at Glaisdale Primary School, joining our trust in January following her role as Head of Sport at Bridlington Secondary School. We are very fortunate to have her expertise and are now sharing these with children at Castleton.

Upcoming Teacher Strikes

As you may be aware, there are upcoming teacher strikes on 27/04/23 and 02/05/23. At this stage, we are anticipating that our school will be unaffected by these strikes and will be open as usual. If this situation changes, we will endeavour to contact you as soon as possible.

End of School Day Time Change

Thank you for your support with the changing of our school finish time. We are hoping that this trial will prove successful but recognise that this may inevitably disrupt some families' evening plans. As stated in previous newsletters, the extension to the school day will be mandatory for all schools from September 2023, as per government policy. We are hoping that, by conducting this trial, we will be able to understand the best solution for as many families as possible. We will be holding a short questionnaire towards the end of this half-term to help us with this process.

Coffee Morning in Support of Year 6 Edinburgh Trip

Some of fabulous Year 6 children and their families, with the support of the PTFA, ran a community coffee morning on Saturday 15th April. It was a pleasure to see so many local residents come and support this event. It was commented on how well the children prepared their individual stalls, whether that was with games, cakes, teas/coffees (and hot chocolates!), sweets and face painting. The five Year 6 children involved managed to raise **£333.50** – a fantastic amount! These children have now raised their funds for the Edinburgh trip as a result. Any additional proceeds will go towards Year 6 leavers' hoodies.

An MCAS item has been added to all Year 6 parent accounts to provide the £50 raised by children (whether at the coffee morning or through their own entrepreneurial activities). This will be the easiest way to transfer these funds to school and helps us to understand which children may require help at school to raise this money. For children who are unable to raise these funds themselves, we will be arranging some activities where children can do this at school, for example by helping to sell ice pops at the end of the school day in the warmer months!

Wellbeing Club

Wellbeing Club will recommence next week on Tuesday for children already in this club.

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/r9RcmfzNLsbfu1AD7>

Coronation Celebrations

On Friday 5th May, the school will be celebrating the King’s coronation by having a special ‘street party’ lunch outside. The school will provide lots of savoury snacks for this, however children may bring in sweet/puddings to share with other children on this day.

At 2.30pm, we are inviting parents to join us for scones, ice cream and time enjoying activities in our school gardens! If you would like to attend, please arrive at 2.30pm – we will have plenty for everyone.

Coronation Tea Towels – PTFA Fundraising

The PTFA will be arranging for children to make a special coronation tea towel with simple images of themselves, similar to those found here: <https://stuartmorris.co.uk/schools/school-tea-towels-2/>

PTFA members will be seeking approximate interest in these, so that we order the correct amount for all children and their families, to sell towards proceeds to the PTFA.

Barclays Shield Final – Tuesday 2nd May (3.45pm)

Our Barclays Shield Final has been scheduled for Tuesday 2nd 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!

Upcoming Bank Holidays

I am sure it has not escaped you that there will be two bank holidays coming up in consecutive weeks. School will be closed for these on: Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May 2023.

Have a great weekend,
Mr Cooper



Stars of the Week:

Acorns: Maggie – for great work telling the time to 15-minute intervals and demonstrating excellent arithmetic

Oaks: Toby – for being a good participator and self-manager, working hard in all areas.

Scarlett – for showing perseverance and good listening skills, especially in maths.

Headteacher: Henrique – for making great progress in his new school!

Attendance: This week’s attendance was **97.9%** which is significantly above the national average – well done!
Our attendance this year is: 94.3% (National average: 93.9%)

Headteacher timetable for upcoming week

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



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Next Week's Events

Monday	Board/Table Games Club Acorns Crafter School Club
Tuesday	Music Lessons with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments Signing Club Wellbeing Club PE for Acorns Please arrive in PE kit
Wednesday	Outdoor Learning (Year 3/4) Year 6 SATs Buster Club (8-9am)
Thursday	Choir Club PE for Oaks Please arrive in PE kit
Friday	Art Club (Y2-6)



**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 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
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- ★ 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.

May

- 1st: Bank Holiday
- 2nd: Barclays Shield Final
- 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 Commondale
- 25th: Key Stage 2 Trip to Newcastle (Angel of the North and Hindu Mandir)
- 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 holiday