



"Outstanding Together"



NEWSLETTER



05/05/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

Mrs Robinson

Unfortunately, Mrs Clare Robinson (Breakfast Club Worker and Relief Teaching Assistant) will be leaving us at the end of this half-term. We will miss her sorely but want to thank her for all her hard work and flexibility during her time at Castleton and wish her lots of luck for her future endeavours.

Mrs (Gaby) Boyd will continue to run the Breakfast Club as normal after half-term with the same timings (7.45am onwards) and provision. There will be another member of staff on site to allow for this.

Meal Choices

From the next week, our school kitchen will be provided an alternative option of jacket potato each day (with a choice of filling: cheese, beans or tuna). This will be served alongside any appropriate items from the main school meal option (e.g. vegetables). We hope that having an alternative option will allow children to have a choice on a day when there is a meal that is not preferred.

If children would like this choice, they will simply order on the morning during registration. The meal will be charged at the usual school meal price (£2.60) and will include the usual dessert option on that day.

SATs Week

Next week, all Year 6 children, in school and nationally, will complete their end of Key Stage 2 assessments in English and maths. These tests show children how far they have come at primary school and also show their new secondary school teachers where they need to go next. We have reassured children that they are well prepared for these with all the work they have done throughout primary school. We have also reassured children that they should just aim to do their best and not be disheartened if there are questions they cannot do – the whole point of a test is to see what your limit is.

Please encourage your Year 6 children to have a restful weekend; spend a short amount of time looking back through their SATs preparation work; get a good night's sleep and a good breakfast each day ahead of the week.

Children will have the following tests:

Tuesday – English spelling, punctuation and grammar (1 hour in total)

Wednesday – English reading (1 hour in total)

Thursday – Maths arithmetic and reasoning papers (1 hour 10 mins in total)

Friday – Maths reasoning paper (40 mins)

Some children may qualify for additional time depending on their needs

Please ensure children arrive at school promptly each morning for these assessments. If your child is ill/absent, please contact school immediately, as we may need to make alternative arrangements for any child missing a test. This may require them to avoid contact with other children who have sat the assessment already.

SATs Week – Free Breakfast Club

During SATs Week (9th-12th May), we will be offering free breakfast club provision for all our Year 6s, so that they have the opportunity to get a healthy breakfast and a chance to discuss (and remain calm about) the upcoming day's assessment.

Note: SATs Buster Club has now finished

Key Stage 1 Trip – Wednesday 10th May

Our Key Stage 1 children will be visiting Saltburn on Wednesday to take part in beach school and geography activities. They should come to school at the usual time in appropriate outdoor clothing/footwear; their school hoodie/jumper with a waterproof coat and sunhat. Packed lunches will be provided by school.

Outdoor Learning/PE

There will be no outdoor learning next week due to the Acorns trip and SATs Week.

Oaks will have PE on Wednesday afternoon next week, so that this session does not clash with Thursday's SATs assessments. Children in Year 3-5 should come to school in PE kit. Children in Year 6 should come to school in uniform (to sit their assessments) with PE kit to change into afterwards.

School Oaths – Parental Questionnaire

Thank you to all that completed our questionnaire on the school oaths. This information will be fed back to our joint governing board during our strategy day later this month, so that we can set out the aims of each individual school and what we would like them to achieve in the future.

Community Coronation Celebration

On Saturday 6th May at 9pm, Danby Beacon will be lit to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. All families are welcome to gather together and to sing the national anthem.

Barclays Cup Final

A massive well done to our joint Castleton/Glaisdale/Lealholm football team who shared the Barclays Trophy with Hawsker School following a hard fought 0-0 draw which progressed to extra time. Despite some excellent attacking play, a missed penalty, several 1:1 situations and the woodwork being hit, both defences could not be breached. It was decided that the trophy would, therefore, be shared.

The team enjoyed playing on Whitby Town FC's ground for the final, as well as enjoying post-match goodie bags kindly provided by Towbar Express!

Upcoming Bank Holidays

For the second week in a row, we have a bank holiday! School will be closed on Monday 8th May as a result of this.

Have a great weekend,
Mr Cooper



Attendance: This week's attendance was **94.3%** which is above the national average!

Our attendance this year is: 94.4% (National average: 93.9%)

Headteacher timetable for upcoming week

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Mon	Bank Holiday
Tues	am – Glaisdale pm - Castleton
Weds	am – Castleton pm – Glaisdale
Thurs	am – Glaisdale pm - Castleton
Fri	am – Castleton pm – Glaisdale



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Next Week's Events

Monday	Bank Holiday School Closed
Tuesday	Music Lessons with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments Signing Club Wellbeing Club PE for Acorns Please arrive in PE kit
Wednesday	No Outdoor Learning PE for Oaks Y3-5 may arrive in PE kit. Y6 should arrive in uniform for SATs assessment with PE kit to change into after. Acorns Visit to Saltburn
Thursday	Choir Club
Friday	Art Club (Y2-6)

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.

May

8th: Bank Holiday

10th: Acorns Visiting Saltburn

9-12th: Year 6 SATs Week

17th: Year 6 Scaling Dam Sailing Experience

19th: Acorns trip to Comondale

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

30th: Oaks dress rehearsal

July

3rd: 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