

NEWSLETTER



12/05/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

Coronation Celebrations

It was wonderful to see so many of you during our Coronation celebrations last Friday afternoon. Despite the changeable weather, the children enjoyed all the different activities, as well as the ice cream and party lunch – thank you for all the donations of sweet/puddings! We hope you all enjoyed seeing your children take part, as well as the opportunity to eat some of Gaby's scones/cakes.

A massive thank you must go to all the staff for their arrangements on this day!

Miss Clay

Sadly, Miss Clay, who works in Acorns Class on Monday and Tuesday will be leaving us at the end of the year to pursue her career in maternity nursing and as a nanny. Whilst we will be sorry to see Miss Clay leave us, we are pleased that her future career path will work really well for her and her family.

We will be looking to cover this vacancy internally, using existing staffing in the new year. The full staffing structure will be communicated later in the term.

SATs Week

This week, I was so proud watching our Year 6 children sit their end of Key Stage 2 assessments (commonly known as SATs). They all approached this with great maturity and positivity, not allowing them to become any more stressful than they need to be. It has been a pleasure working with these young people over the last year in preparation for this and we look forward to seeing how much our efforts have contributed to some fantastic results when they are released in mid-July.

Next week, Year 2 will sit their SATs, albeit in a less formal environment. Please ensure your children arrive having had a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast and in good time each day.

Key Stage 1 Trip to Saltburn

Our Key Stage 1 children really enjoyed their trip to Saltburn this week! They got to take part in a range of learning activities including looking at their geography focus of coastlines; hunting for fossils and making Andy Goldsworthy inspired artwork! They also enjoyed a trip on the miniature railway.

Next week, our youngest class are on a trip again to Fowl Green Farm in Commondale! Please ensure you have completed all consents as soon as possible.

Year 6 Sailing Trip

Thank you to all that have given consent for this visit. If you have not done this already or have not contributed and would like to, please complete this over the weekend.

Key Stage 2 Trip to Newcastle

A letter has been sent out regarding the upcoming Key Stage 2 visit to Newcastle. Children will be visiting a Hindu Mandir and visiting the Angel of the North, as part of their RE and art learning, as well as experiencing several of our oaths. Please ensure consent and voluntary donations are completed promptly. Any child who is not attending (i.e. due to religious grounds) will still be required to attend school.

Art Club (Y2-6) – Fridays

Next week will be the final Art Club for our Year 2-6s. There will be no club on Fridays after this point. Mr Sellers will be starting a new club for Year 1, 2 and 3 on Wednesdays (see below). If you are interested in receiving paid for childcare on Fridays, please get in touch with school (if you haven't already). If there is enough interest, we will run this provision.

Year 1, 2 and Year 3 Sport Club – Wednesdays (after half-term)

Mr Sellers will be offering a sports club for Y1-3 children after half-term. If your child is interested in attending, please complete this permission form: https://forms.gle/64MSHcLqrRMJ4d3D6

Board/Table Games Club

This club, which has kindly been run by Mrs Dixon and Mrs Beadnall, will conclude on Monday 22nd May. Our children have really enjoyed this club and we are very grateful to our volunteer family members for giving up their time.

Clubs after half-term	
Monday	Acorns Crafter School Club (Until 12/06)
Tuesday	Wellbeing Club (selected children only)
	Signing Club
Wednesday	Year 1-3 Sport Club
Thursday	Choir
Friday	None – please contact school if you require paid-for
	childcare or if your child is now on the taxi

Outdoor Learning/PE

Thank you for adapting to this week's change of schedule with outdoor learning and PE due to trips/SATs.

Next week, Acorns and Year 3/4/5 will be attending outdoor learning on Wednesday. Our Year 6s will be attending their sailing trip.

Oaks PE sessions will revert to Thursday with Mrs Wardell.

Goodbye and Good Luck!

This week, we say goodbye and good luck to Miss Freeman who has now finished her placement at our school and will be progressing to her final year of teacher training!

Next week will be Miss Simpson's final week on teacher practice. She is also advancing to her third year.

Thank you to both of them for their efforts in supporting our children.

PTFA and Community Events

Please see the end of this e-mail for posters regarding a upcoming local events, including the Castleton PTFA 'Ukrainian Feast' which being held at Westerdale Village Hall on Saturday 10th June (7pm). We hope you can attend.

Endeavour Fun Club

Please see the following information organised by the Endeavour Fun Club.

May Half Term. We are open Tuesday 30th May to Friday 2nd June. 8am - 6pm.

Join us for a growing and planting themed week. Lots of Arts, crafts and baking activities.

Ring or text 07795314255/07974974033 or inbox us to book spaces.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

Stars of the Week:

Acorns: Heidi – for making great progress with her writing this half term!

Oaks: Jocelyn – for being a good self-manager and showing pride in her work!

Stella – for showing kindness, doing her best and working with a smile!

Headteacher: All of Year 6 for their fantastic attitude and effort during SATs Week!





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Attendance: This week's attendance was **98.6%** which is significantly above the national average – well done! Our attendance this year is: 94.5% (National average: 93.9%)

	Headteacher timetable for upcoming week
Mon	Castleton all day
Tues	Glaisdale all day
Weds	Glaisdale all day
Thurs	am – Glaisdale/Castleton
	pm – Castleton/Whitby
Fri	Castleton all day

<u>Next Week's Events</u>

Monday Acorns Crafter School Club

Board Games 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 3/4/5 and Acorns Only

Year 6 Sailing Trip

Thursday Choir Club

PE for Oaks Please arrive in PE kit

Friday Art Club (Y2-6) – final session

Acorns Visit to Commondale

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

17th: Year 6 Scaling Dam Sailing Experience

19th: Acorns trip to Commondale

25th: Key Stage 2 Trip to Newcastle (Angel of the

North and Hindu Mandir) 26th: End of half-term

<u>June</u>

Year 4 times table check takes place this month

5th: Children return to school

10th: A Ukrainian Feast

12th: Phonics Screening Week (Year 1)

14th: Oaks geography trip to the coast (TBC)

14th: Stay and Play for new starters 2023 - incl

lunch with their parents 21st: Whitby Come and Sing

26th: Oaks rehearsal week for summer production

30th: Oaks dress rehearsal

<u>July</u>

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





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SATURDAY 10th JUNE 7PM WESTERDALE VILLAGE HALL

CASTLETON SCHOOL PTFA PRESENTS

AUKRAINIAN

FEAST

IN AID OF PTFA FUNDS

FOOD BY LILLIES CATERING
CASH BAR BY PTFA

£25

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CASTLETON SCHOOL.



INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SHORT PERFORMANCES

Winning 3-minute Plays & Storytelling | Jazz, Folk, Bands, Clog Dancing | Whitby Area Strings Concert Party | Harmonies from Henwen and Patchwork | Interactive Poetry, Story and Art | Young musicians | Fortune Telling with The Terrible Tarot Twins | Poetry and Story Tent | Face Painting | Downe & Outs Jazz | Earth Cafe and Picnic areas | Locally produced food, beverages

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