



"Outstanding Together"



NEWSLETTER



26/05/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

Nurture School

Castleton is on its journey to achieving the status of a 'Nurture UK School'. This award recognises those schools who strive to support children's development (in all forms) through a nurturing approach, following the six principles listed on the image.

We want to better communicate this journey and how we demonstrate these principles in our practice through our future newsletters, as well as keep you updated with our progress on our submission later this year.

As part of the application process, our School Council, with the help of children/staff around the school, created a video introducing Castleton and some of the things we do to nurture children. You can view this here on our private YouTube channel:

[Introduction to Castleton School - Nurture UK](#)



School Timings Questionnaire

From September 2023, all schools are required to offer a 32.5 hour (per week) timetable. As a result, from April 2023, we have been trialling a 9am-3:30pm school day, to accommodate this. We are interested to gauge your views on how this is working for your family and to explore if there is a strong feeling that an alternative arrangement should be trialled before the end of the year (i.e. 8.45am-3.15pm).

Please complete this questionnaire to share your views: <https://forms.office.com/e/wDET4VJrH0>

School Meal Tasting Session for All Children

North Yorkshire Council Caterers have recognised that school meal provision over the last couple of years has, at times, fallen below the standards expected, especially when our regular cook has not been available. To restore the school's and children's confidence in this provision, NYC Caterers will be running a special 'tasting session' on Thursday 15th June 2023. Please see the posters below for more information. All children (regardless of whether they usually have a school meal or packed lunch) may engage with this at no additional cost. Children will be able to eat their regular meal for that day, as well as have the chance to taste the options listed below.

Road Safety – 20s Plenty Campaign and Petition Arranged by Whitby Community Network

Whitby Community Network, alongside Dr Ian Suckling (Cycling UK area representative) and Dr Margaret Jackson (General Practitioner) are running a petition to apply pressure on North Yorkshire Council to reduce speed limits in Whitby and the Esk Valley to 20mph. This is part of the 20s Plenty for us scheme which has been used in other areas of the county.

On Monday 12th June, the organisers are hoping to deliver a letter, by bicycle, to all Whitby and Esk Valley schools and GPs. They will also be leaving a paper petition and suitable lesson materials regarding road safety and active travel. There is, however, an electronic version of the petition available for those of you who support a speed reduction in our villages. If you would like to complete this, please do so by Monday 12th June, using this link: <https://www.change.org/p/change-to-a-20mph>

Key Stage 2 Trip to Newcastle

Our Key Stage 2 children thoroughly enjoyed their cultural visit to Newcastle, taking the time to learn about Hinduism by visiting a Mandir, as well as visiting the Angel of the North as part of their art focus on the sculptor Antony Gormley. The children also got to spend more time with their friends from our other local schools, Glaisdale, Lealholm and Oakridge, who share the same curriculum and many of whom will attend the same secondary schools in the future.

Oaks Trip to the Coast

The Oaks were due to go on another visit to the coast in June. However, this has been postponed to later in the year. We will communicate our plans once arrangements have been confirmed.

Year 1, 2 and Year 3 Sport Club – CANCELLED

Unfortunately, we have had very limited response to a proposed new sports club for Year 1-3. Therefore, this club will now not go ahead. We will consider an alternative option of another club and will communicate this after half-term. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Board/Table Games Club

This club, which has kindly been run by Mrs Dixon and Mrs Beadnall has now concluded. 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 Not going ahead due to reduced numbers We will look at an alternative club
Thursday	Choir
Friday	None – please contact school if you require paid-for childcare or if your child is now on the taxi

Taxi Requirement

With these changes in clubs, we have contacted you to update your taxi requirements (for those children that use this service). Please ensure you respond to school giving this information, as well as informing the taxi company, so that any confusion is prevented at the end of the school day.

If you have stated that you would like your child on the taxi on a given afternoon, they will be placed on the taxi unless a parent/carers has contacted school to confirm that this is not the case. Please do not pass this message through children.

Outdoor Learning/PE & Quad Kids

Oaks will be having PE sessions on Wednesdays next half-term (unless other school events occur on this day). These sessions will be taught by Mrs Wardell from Glaisdale School.

Oaks outdoor learning sessions, therefore, may appear on different days of the week for the next half-term. This is also due to all the different events occurring during the summer term, meaning we will be unable to offer a 'regular' day/time of week. The outdoor learning day for Oaks will be communicated in each week's newsletter.

Acorns will continue to attend outdoor learning on Wednesdays (fortnightly), starting in the first week after half-term.

Please note: some children in Year 1 and 2 will be attending a Quad Kids event on this first session (7th June) and should bring additional PE kit to get changed into after their outdoor learning session.



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End of half-term

As a reminder, school is now closed for half-term. We return to school on Monday 5th June.

Have a great weekend,
Mr Cooper

Stars of the Week:

Oaks:

Joe – for being an excellent participator in all lessons and a super self-manager!

Scarlett – for being a wonderful leader and setting a good example for younger pupils to aspire to!

Acorns:

Beverley – for always working hard to achieve her goals and for independently applying skills!

Headteacher:

Esmae – for fantastic writing!

Attendance: This week's attendance was **98.2%** which is significantly above the national average – well done!
Our attendance this year is: 94.7% (National average: 93.9%)

Headteacher timetable for upcoming week

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

Next Week's Events

Monday **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
Outdoor Learning – Y5/6 – please arrive in kit

Wednesday **Outdoor Learning** – Acorns – please arrive in kit
PE for Oaks Please arrive in PE kit
Year 1/2 Quad Kids – children will need to bring additional PE kit for this day

Thursday **Choir Club**

Friday No events

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

26th: Oaks rehearsal week for summer production
30th: Oaks dress rehearsal

Future Diary Dates

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

May

26th: End of half-term

June

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: Stay and Play for new starters 2023 – incl lunch with their parents

15th: School meal 'Taster' session

21st: Whitby Come and Sing

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



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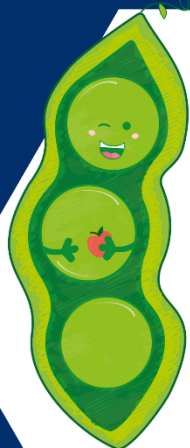


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YORKSHIRE
Endeavour
academy trust
Ethical | Nurturing | Brave

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Tasting Station



Try a tasty
sample of:

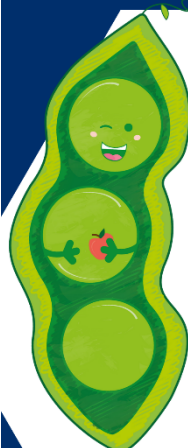
Beef Enchilada
or
**V Cheesy Potato
Bake**

+ Don't forget to get your **sticker**
after you've tried the
delicious food!

NYES

Catering

Tasting Session



with
Pea-ter Pod

Come and try a
sample of the **tasty**
food served on your
lunch menu

Join us at lunchtime on
Thursday 15th June 2023

+ Stickers & Activity Sheet

NYES

Catering

**SATURDAY
10th JUNE 7PM
WESTERDALE
VILLAGE HALL**

CASTLETON SCHOOL PTFA PRESENTS

**A UKRAINIAN
FEAST**

IN AID OF PTFA FUNDS

**FOOD BY LILLIES CATERING
CASH BAR BY PTFA**

£25

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CASTLETON SCHOOL,
PTFA MEMBERS & OFF THE SCALE

ALL PROFITS TO CASTLETON SCHOOL PTFA, SUPPORTING EQUIPMENT
& ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN OF CASTLETON SCHOOL



**SATURDAY 3 JUNE 2023
12 NOON – EARLY EVENING
THE ROBINSON INSTITUTE
GLAISDALE YO21 2PW**

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

FREE ENTRY

A Community Earth Festival Event presented by 3-Minute Arts facebook.com/communityearthfestival