



"Outstanding Together"



NEWSLETTER



16/06/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

School Timings Questionnaire

Thank you to all who completed the school timings questionnaire. The vast majority of parents are in favour of keeping the current timings (9am-3.30pm). We will therefore continue with this arrangement for the rest of the year and this will be our official timings in September. Please can I take this point to remind you that this change in timings has not been taken lightly and that it is as a result of a new government requirement for all schools to offer a 32.5-hour week (including lunch/breaks).

We understand that there will be some individual families affected by this and we will try to communicate with these families to help transition to the new arrangements and accommodate any special circumstances they may have.

Edinburgh Visit – Parent's and Children's Virtual Meeting

Thank you to the parents/children that joined me for the virtual meeting regarding the upcoming Edinburgh visit. I hope you all found it useful and are now even more excited about the visit. As discussed, if you have any further questions regarding the visit, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

For those that were unable to attend, the recording of the meeting can be found here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/jwuW6ryxbp_zUCGKjYFLfiT2s8LO7qHBATAU1KrRjx-kiql9hWn9RZM9FIEBQ7i.GUQyXHTLJ9aTArgg

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Acorns Crafter School Club – Final session

A massive thank you again to our parent volunteers who led our Acorns Crafter School Club over the last two months. Our children thoroughly enjoyed learning about different cultures and their crafts.

This club has now concluded and we do not have other clubs on this day. If you do require childcare, please contact the school and we can discuss possible arrangements (depending on interest).

Phonics Screening and Multiplication Tables Check

We are so proud of our Year 1 and Year 4 children this week who took their phonics screening and multiplication tables checks (respectively) this week. We were blown away with how well these children performed and how confident they have got with these skills. A big thank you must also go to the hardworking staff that have prepared the children for these assessments over the year without putting any unnecessary pressure on our children. Results of these assessments will be released later in the term alongside end of year reports.

20s Plenty Campaign

This week, we were visited by a 'cycling petition' led by Whitby Community Network and local doctors as part of the 20s Plenty Active Travel campaign. As you may know from previous newsletters, there has been a petition running to reduce speed limits in our villages in the Esk Valley to 20mph to help encourage safety and active travel. Thank you to all that have completed this petition online. The school completed the written petition this week which was delivered by members of this campaign by bike on their ride along all the schools/surgeries in the local area.

Ukrainian Feast Night

Thank you to all the volunteers and supporters of the PTFA Ukrainian Feast Night held on Saturday. This event raised an amazing £686.50 and was an enjoyable event for all! £175 of the funds raised will be donated to a charity supporting the impact of the conflict in Ukraine. Well done to all involved!!

Sports Club – Year 1-4

Our new Sports Club (Year 1-4) has started this Wednesday and is well attended. Mr Sellers has enjoyed working with some new groups of children, especially those in younger year groups. This will help our children to enjoy physical activity but also help children (such as our Year 2) transition to their new teacher and class.

Long Hair

Please can children with long hair (past shoulder length) ensure that this is tied up please.

Designated Safeguarding Leads

You may have noticed that this week, and for some of next week, I am scheduled to be away from school. These appointments are either unavoidable and/or at the benefit of our schools. As always, in my absence the deputy designated safeguarding lead is Mr Sellers who should be the first port of call if you have safeguarding concerns of any nature and I (Mr Cooper) is not available. Despite being away from school, I am often in regular communication with school, especially if any safeguarding disclosures are made.

For your information, our safeguarding governor is Mrs Joy Sinclair.

Have a great weekend,
Mr Cooper



Stars of the Week:

Oaks:

Maddy – for being a mature, focused independent learner and joining in confidently with class discussion.

Acorns:

All of Year 1 for fantastic effort and attitude in their phonics screening test.

Headteacher:

Layla – for fantastic and positive explanation of her learning!

Attendance: This week's attendance was **98.4%** 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	
Mon	York – Ofsted training
Tues	am – Castleton pm – Glaisdale
Weds	am – Castleton pm – Glaisdale
Thurs	am – Glaisdale pm - Castleton
Fri	Glaisdale all day



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Next Week's Events

Monday	No events
Tuesday	Music Lessons with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments Signing Club Wellbeing Club PE for Acorns Please arrive in PE kit Outdoor Learning - Y3/4 - please arrive in kit
Wednesday	Outdoor Learning - Acorns - please arrive in kit Choir Come and Sing Event Year 5/6 Quad Kids PE for Oaks Please arrive in PE kit Year 1-4 Sports Club Please bring PE kit to change into
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
- ★ 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.

June

21st: Whitby Come and Sing

21st: Y5/6 Quad Kids

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

12th: Year 5 Bikeability

13th: Year 2 transition day into Oaks

13th: Year 5 Bikeability

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

Next academic year:

04/09: Training Day

05/09: Training Day

06/09: Children return to school

12/10: Tub-up Music Workshop (parent volunteers required)

20/03-22/03 - Year 3/4 Peat Rigg Visit

13/05-17/05 - Year 6 SATs Week

10/06-14/06 - Year 1 Phonics Screen Week

22/07 - YEAT Arts Extravaganza

Please avoid booking term time holidays, especially during assessment weeks.