



"Outstanding Together"



NEWSLETTER



23/06/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

Upcoming Teacher Strikes – 5th & 7th July

You may be aware for the media that there are planned teacher strikes for 5th and 7th July. At this stage, we are not anticipating that our school will be affected by these and school will be open at usual.

Whitby Come & Sing

The choir attended Whitby Area Schools 'Big Sing' to celebrate 'Make Music Day 2023'. They took part in various warm up activities, learned new songs, games, and sang in a round.

The children took to the stage to perform two of their favourite songs, Hallelujah and Take On Me. They then sat back to enjoy the other school performances. After lunch it was time for a 'Big Sing' with all of the schools singing along together.



Quad Kids Sports Event

On Wednesday we took a team of Y5 and Y6 children to Whitby 6th Form for the annual Quad Kids athletics. The pupils took part in nine events, four of which were scored to count towards our team total. First up was the 600m - the toughest - followed by the howler throw, the sprint and the standing long jump. Everyone tried their hardest throughout the afternoon and found a favourite event to suit their strengths. The team finished 6th overall - well done!

Outdoor Learning

There will be no outdoor learning for either class next week. Acorns were not due to attend in this week. Oaks will be busy practising for their play performance!

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

A reminder that the recording of the parent/child virtual meeting for the upcoming Year 6 Edinburgh visit can still be viewed by following the link below. Please can I take this opportunity to emphasise that children attending this visit will be walking for a considerable amount of time during the visit and will be required to carry their belongings during this time. Please ensure you have carefully considered the size of bag children will be taking with them so that they have all they need for the visit in a bag they are able to carry themselves.

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Choir Club - Cancelled

There will be no Choir Club next week due to staff absence. The final choir session will be Thursday 6th July.

Children's Safety Online

We have recently had some reports of children accessing apps/games at home that are not designed for their age, as well as experiencing antisocial behaviour. Please can we raise awareness to this, in case you have not checked this recently at home, so that our children remain safe online.

School Photos

Our school photos have arrived. These have been handed out to children and an item has been setup on MCAS for those parents wishing to buy these. Please can you complete order forms by no later than Friday 30th June, so that these can be prepared for the end of the school year.

Secondary School Transition – Caedmon College

As our Year 6 children will be in Edinburgh during Caedmon College's transition evening (Thursday 6th July), they have sent the following message to reassure children/parents about the arrangements for those that are unable to attend this:

Children arriving by bus will be met by Caedmon staff each morning and taken to the hall or their form room. They will find out which tutor group they are in on Monday 10th July. At the end of each day, they will be taken back to the bus stop to ensure they get on the correct bus in good time. Children should attend in their current school uniform except on Friday, when P.E. kit should be worn for sports day. Children will need money each day for school lunches, as the finger print system won't be set up until September for new pupils.

Castleton School is aiming to get children's tutor groups before this date. We will share these with children if/when they arrive.

Rockbottom Rehearsals

Next week, Oaks will be spending the majority of their time practising for their end of year performance, Rockbottom. They will, therefore, need any costumes/accessories provided by home for this. The children will be printing on their t-shirts (provided by school) and should only need very basic additional clothing/accessories. At this stage, children report they have all they need but please get in touch if you believe there is an item of clothing that you have been unable to source.

We will be holding a dress rehearsal to younger children on Friday 30th June. Both afternoon and evening performances to family members will take place on Monday 3rd July (1.30pm and 6pm respectively). Please ensure children are ready for these performance dates/times.

First Mathematics Challenge

This week, our Year 3 and Year 4 children took on the First Mathematics Challenge, which is run by the Mathematical Association. This is a problem-solving challenge, which requires pupils to use their mathematical knowledge to solve word, picture and number puzzles.

Although we didn't manage to achieve any gold certificates this year, a number of the children scored enough to gain bronze or silver awards. Well done to all who took part! For a taste of the problems the children faced, please try this one yourselves:

The value of each shape is a positive, single digit. What is the value of the triangle ?

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Music exams

We were delighted to hear from Mrs Lillie this week, that both Stella and Martha P, achieved merits for their recent singing exams. Very well done to both girls.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper





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Stars of the Week:

Oaks:

Lilly – for contributing fully to life of the school beyond the classroom.

Acorns:

Martha – explaining the impact of global warming on our environment in geography this week!

Ernest – always approaching learning with a positive attitude and showing determination to reach your goals!

Headteacher:

Scott – for excellent manners!

Attendance: This week's attendance was **86.7%** which is significantly below the national average. Our attendance this year is: 94.5% (National average: 93.9%)

Headteacher timetable for upcoming week	
Mon	am – Glaisdale pm - Castleton
Tues	am – Castleton pm – Glaisdale
Weds	am – Glaisdale pm – Castleton
Thurs	Supporting school in Scarborough
Fri	am – Glaisdale pm - Castleton

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
No Outdoor Learning – Oaks (due to play rehearsals)

Wednesday **No Outdoor Learning – Acorns**
PE for Oaks Please arrive in PE kit
Year 1-4 Sports Club Please bring PE kit to change into

Thursday **No Choir Club** – cancelled for this week

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
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Future Diary Dates

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

June

26th: Oaks rehearsal week for summer production

30th: Oaks dress rehearsal

July

3rd: Oaks afternoon and evening performance (1.30pm and 6pm start respectively)

6th: Final Choir Club

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

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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.