



"Outstanding Together"



# NEWSLETTER



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Dear Families and Friends,

## Rockbottom

This week I was immensely proud (as I know the whole Castleton community was too) with our Oaks Class and their performance of *Rockbottom*. The children worked exceptionally hard to practise their lines, learn their cues, design and build their props/costumes and put together a fantastic spectacle which has been heavily praised throughout the community. Thank you to everyone that supported our children and contributed towards the PTFA fundraising activities, who raised £272.75. A massive thank you must also go to the staff who worked tirelessly to put on this performance and allow our children the opportunity to share their talent, in amongst all the other pressures schools have at this time of year.

## Year 6 SATs Results

The Year 6 SATs results are due to be released on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July (a week later than originally planned). This falls during the Year 6 transition week, so we aim to supply these via e-mail to parents on the release day. All other year groups' assessments will be shared in end of year reports.

## Outdoor Learning

There will be no outdoor learning session for either class next week due to transition. All children will have a final session in the final full week of term.

## Clubs – Autumn Term

We have made the provisional arrangements for clubs in the autumn term, so that families can make allowances for childcare. We will be asking parents in the new term about whether they would like paid-for childcare after school on days where there are no clubs for their child to attend (or if their child does not want to go to a particular club). Please do speak to Mr Cooper beforehand if you are interested in this (and have not already expressed this previously).

Monday	No clubs currently – staff meeting night
Tuesday	Wellbeing Club (only for children referred by parents who are age 9 and above)
Wednesday	Signing Club (new night to avoid clashes with other clubs outside of school)
Thursday	Choir Club
Friday	Sport Club (until October half-term); Art Club (after October half-term)

## Year 2 – Free School Meals from September

As our current Year 2 children advance to Year 3 (and Key Stage 2) they will not be automatically eligible for universal infant free school meals, as they are now. Meals will, therefore, be charged at the new rate of £2.75 per meal (the new cost from September for all meals).

However, if you believe that your child may be eligible for free school meals, you may apply through the following website: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals> Children in receipt of free school meals attract additional funding for school to help support them in the classroom.

## Transition Week

Next week, our children will be taking part in some form of transition at points in the week. Our Year 6 children will be spending time in their new secondary school; Year 2 children will spend time in their new class and we

will also be welcoming our new starters into school on Thursday morning and lunchtime. We understand how important effective transition is and we are looking forward to supporting all our children with these changes so they feel positive about these (and not daunted by them). Please feel free to contact your child's teacher (or new teacher) if you feel your child requires more support.

As Year 2 will be joining Oaks on Wednesday and Thursday, they should come to school in their PE kit on Wednesday to take part in PE this day with Mrs Wardell

### **MCAS Balances**

Please can you now start to clear your MCAS balances in good time for the end of the academic year. We do not want to unnecessarily chase up parents, so please get in touch if you require an additional payment plan or if you plan to clear your balance closer to the end of the academic year.

### **Acorns Trip to Whitby**

On Monday, our youngest class will be visiting Whitby as part of their history learning. They will take time to learn about Captain Cook, as well as have a chance to sail on the Bark Endeavour. Please ensure children arrive to school on time wearing their uniform with a packed lunch (provided by home). They will also need a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream or a waterproof jacket depending on the weather. Children should bring a small rucksack to carry their belongings for the day. They will return before the end of the school day.

### **Year 5 Bikeability**

Next week, on Wednesday and Thursday, our Year 5 children will be taking part in their Bikeability training, where they will learn about the importance of road safety through cycling. They will be led by external trained instructors who will build their confidence on our playground before advancing to some of the quieter roads/areas around the village. Please ensure all permission and consent forms are returned ahead of the sessions. Please also ensure that children come to school in appropriate clothing (e.g. PE kit) with their bike and helmet.

### **Summer Fair**

The Summer Fair will take place at school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July, from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. Oak Class have been busy planning various games and activities for everyone to enjoy throughout the afternoon. The PTFA team will provide refreshments and a BBQ and other stallholders from the local area will be present. We are sure this will be a fun community event and look forward to seeing you there.

### **Sports Day**

Sports Day will take place at the cricket field on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, from 1.30 to 3.30 pm. All children should arrive at school in their P.E. kit, wearing a suitable top representing their team colour. Please make sure your child brings a hat and wears plenty of sun cream. There will be a carousel of events like last year and refreshments will be available from the PTFA team. Please make arrangements to collect your child from the cricket field at the end of the day. (Taxi children will return to school for collection if needed.)

### **Lost Property**

There is quite a lot of 'lost property' at the moment and some children are missing various items of uniform. Please encourage your child to take their belongings home with them at the end of each day. It also helps greatly when all items are clearly labelled so they can be returned quickly to their owner if mislaid.

Have a great weekend,

**Mr Cooper**





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## Stars of the Week:

### Oaks:

Emily – for being resilient when faced with new challenges and showing excellent personal organisation!

### Acorns:

Juniper – for working so hard on her pencil grip and letter formation.

**Attendance:** This week's attendance was **95.8%** which is above the national average!

Our attendance this year is: 94.5% (National average: 94.1%)

Headteacher timetable for upcoming week	
Mon	Castleton all day (trip)
Tues	am – Castleton pm – Glaisdale
Weds	Meeting in Whitby all day
Thurs	am – Glaisdale pm - Castleton
Fri	Glaisdale all day

## Next Week's Events

- Monday** Y6 – Caedmon Transition Week  
Acorns Trip to Whitby
- Tuesday** Music Lessons with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments  
Wellbeing Club  
PE for Acorns Please arrive in PE kit  
No Outdoor Learning - Oaks
- Wednesday** Transition Day  
No Outdoor Learning – Acorns  
Year 5 Bikeability Please arrive in appropriate clothing with bikes/helmets  
PE for Year 2, 3 and 4 Please arrive in PE kit  
Year 1-4 Sports Club Please bring PE kit to change into
- Thursday** Year 5 Bikeability Please arrive in appropriate clothing with bikes/helmets  
New Starters in School morning and lunch
- Friday** No events

## Term Dates 2022/23

- ★ Half Term – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October
- ★ Staff Training Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December
- ★ Last day of Autumn Term – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December
- ★ First Day of Spring Term – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023
- ★ Half Term – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- ★ Staff Training Day – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- ★ Last day of Spring Term – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023
- ★ First day of Summer Term – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- ★ Bank Holiday – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023
- ★ Bank Holiday – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- ★ Half Term – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023
- ★ Last day of Summer Term - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## Term Dates 2023/24

- ★ Staff Training Day – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- ★ Staff Training Day – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- ★ First day of Autumn Term – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- ★ Half Term - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023
- ★ Staff Training Day - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- ★ Last day of Autumn Term - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023
- ★ First Day of Spring Term – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- ★ Half Term - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- ★ Staff Training Day - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- ★ Last day of Spring Term - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024
- ★ First day of Summer Term - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- ★ Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- ★ Half Term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 2024
- ★ Last day of Summer Term - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

## Future Diary Dates

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

### July

- 10-14<sup>th</sup>: Whitby secondary school transition week
- 12<sup>th</sup>: Year 2 transition day into Oaks
- 12<sup>th</sup>: Year 5 Bikeability
- 13<sup>th</sup>: Year 2 transition day into Oaks (PE kit)
- 13<sup>th</sup>: Year 5 Bikeability
- 13<sup>th</sup>: New starters 2023 taster morning and lunch
- 17<sup>th</sup>: Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit (pm)
- 18<sup>th</sup>: Sports Day (pm)
- 19<sup>th</sup>: Sports Day (reserve)

20<sup>th</sup>: Leavers' Assembly (9.45am)

20<sup>th</sup>: Summer Fair (2.30-4.30pm)

24<sup>th</sup>: YEAT Sports Festival at Whitby Town FC

24<sup>th</sup>: School finishes for summer holiday

### Next academic year:

04/09: Training Day

05/09: Training Day

06/09: Children return to school

21/09: Zambia Schools Trust Assembly

05/10: Key Stage 2 Trip to Eden Camp

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.