



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families and Friends,

## **PTFA Meeting – New and Existing Volunteers Welcome**

The PTFA will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September (3.30-4.30pm at school) for all members of the PTFA, as well as any new prospective members. This is an opportunity for parents/family members to help support the school in whatever capacity they can balance with their own family/work commitments.

The committee is looking to nominate a new, small 'core' group of members, including a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, who will have overarching control over the group. They will also be looking for a band of additional 'casual' members who can help from time-to-time with the different events around the school year. We hope that this will allow new members to join the committee in the knowledge that this will not be an onerous role (even for the 'core' members).

If you are interested in joining, please attend the meeting at school.

## **Poverty Proofing**

You should have received a communication regarding further consultation on the changes in school we are making to ensure it is 'Poverty Proof'. Within this, there is a link to a survey where we hope to gather your views, to ensure this approach is right for all families.

## **School Photos**

Individual/sibling school photos will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Please ensure children come to school in their full uniform for these. Photos will be available for purchase after this date.

## **Parking outside School**

At the start of this new school year, please can I take the opportunity to remind you to park safely within the village and outside of school. In particular, please can I request that you avoid parking on the yellow zigzag lines directly outside of school, so that all road users have as much visibility as possible. Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

## **Suitable Clothing – Forest School**

Please can you ensure that, when your child has Forest Schools, they come to school in appropriate outdoor footwear and clothing. As we enter the wetter/colder months, it is even more essential children are prepared for the conditions, including having waterproof clothing/footwear. We would recommend that wellies are more appropriate for these times of year.

**Long hair** - Please can we also ask that children with long hair have this tied back appropriately.

## **Paid-for After-school Care**

We have only had limited interest in paid-for after-school care. The survey to express interest in this will be open until Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. If you think this is a facility you require or will use if it were available, please complete the form by clicking on this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Vv1X6CU8G>

## **Save the Date: 'Tub-up' Music Workshop and Performance – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

The whole school will be taking part in a 'Tub-up' music workshop on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, led by an external provider: <https://tubup.org/>

Children will spend part of the day making their own ukulele from recycled materials and then practising a song to perform to their parents at the end of the day (in the Village Hall).

We will require some parent volunteers to support during the day (especially with our younger children between 9-11am). If you are interested, please let Miss Wilson or Mrs Moore know.

All parents/family members are invited to the assembly and short ukulele performance at 2.55pm (at the Village Hall).





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## Harvest Festival – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival at Church on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October (2pm). All parents and family members are welcome to join us. Children are also welcome to be collected by parents at the end of the service from the Church (all other children not collected will still be taken back to church, e.g. for taxi or club provision).

## Thank you: World War II Memorabilia

A big THANK YOU to all members of the local community that have donated World War II memorabilia to Oaks Class history display. This will really help make this topic come to life. A special mention must be made to Stephen Butt who prepared a detailed PowerPoint on RAF Danby Beacon and how the local area was used during the war.

## Curriculum Overviews

Attached to the email containing this newsletter are the termly curriculum overviews for each class. We hope you find it useful to know what your child is learning this term. For more detailed information on the schemes of work we teach, please refer to our website: <https://www.castletonprimaryschool.co.uk/about-our-school/our-curriculum/>

## Year 1 – Tapestry Journal Downloads

As stated in last week's newsletter, new Year 1 children's Tapestry accounts will be closed at the end of this week. You should have received a notification through Tapestry to give you the opportunity to download your child's Tapestry journey.

## Headteacher Timetable

Some of you may notice that, some weeks, I spend considerable time away from school, attending meetings or supporting other schools. This work is essential to the running of both Castleton and Glaisdale Schools, as well providing additional much-needed income to the schools' budgets.

For those new to the school, should you have an urgent matter that you would usually bring to my attention, please, in the first instance contact Mr Sellers (Teacher-in-Charge), who can contact me, if required. I am also contactable, even when I am away from school, via e-mail: [headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk](mailto:headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk) or via phone (through the school office).

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

**Attendance:** Our attendance this week was: 95.1%

Our attendance this year: 97%

National average for last year: 94.0%

## Stars of the Week:

**Oaks:** Jasmine – for a mature approach to school and being a super role model!

Joe – for super effort with his presentation and handwriting

**Acorns:** Dylan – for excellent maths this week!

**Headteacher:** Clementine – for excellent determination to settle happily into her new school and for brilliance in PE





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## Headteacher timetable for first week back

Mon	Meetings all day
Tues	Glaisdale all day
Weds	Castleton all day
Thurs	am – Glaisdale pm – Meeting in Whitby
Fri	Supporting schools in Scarborough

### Next Week's Events

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Year 5/6 Forest School</b> – please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear <b>Acorns PE</b> – please arrive in PE kit
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wellbeing Club</b> – Year 5/6 only
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>No Acorns Forest School</b> <b>Signing Club</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Choir Club</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Oaks PE</b> Please arrive in PE kit <b>Sports Club</b> for Oaks Class

### 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





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## Future Diary Dates

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

### September

- 18/09: Year 5/6 Forest School
- 21/09: School photos (individual children and family)
- 22/09: Zambia Schools Trust assembly
- 27/09: Acorns Forest School

### October

- 03/10: Nurture School Award Assessment
- 05/10: Key Stage 2 Trip to Eden Camp

- 11/10: Tub-up music workshop (parent volunteers may be required)
- 19/10: Great North Air Ambulance assembly
- 20/10: Harvest Festival in Church (2pm)
- 24/10: Oaks – Paralympian Visit @ Oakridge School
- 25/10: Acorns Forest School

### Future Dates

- 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.*

**UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD**  
SOLIHULL APPROACH

**NHS**

**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL**

**EXCITED, NERVOUS, ANXIOUS?  
NOT SURE HOW THEY'RE FEELING?**

EMOTIONAL HEALTH CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE TO CHILDREN'S PROSPECTS IN SCHOOL AND BEYOND

In North Yorkshire, we believe in supporting children's emotional health development, and that's why we've invested in online courses in understanding your child for parents.

By understanding how your child's brain develops and responds emotionally, you can better support their needs as they navigate the big milestones in school.

- Learn to better read and understand behaviour
- Help them to communicate how they feel
- Gain psychologist-informed ideas to support your child

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