



# NEWSLETTER

22/09/2023



Dear Families and Friends,

## **Mrs Barber Absence**

Mrs Barber is due to have a planned operation next week and will likely be away from school for the rest of the half-term. I know you will all join me in wishing her a speedy recovery.

We are fortunate that Mrs Rachel Grace who is very familiar with the school having previously been the school's Teacher-in-Charge will step in to teach Acorns during the upcoming weeks. She will teach Acorns on Mondays and Tuesdays, as well as delivering forest school sessions to our older children on Monday afternoons, to limit any disruption. Mrs Porter will revert to teaching every Wednesday and continue forest school sessions in Mrs Barber's stead.

## **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. If you are interested but unable to attend, please inform Mr Cooper.

## **Poverty Proofing**

Thank you to the parents that have taken the time to complete the survey on the changes proposed through our Poverty Proofing initiative. We would like to gather as many views as possible, to get a representative view. If you wish to share your views, please can you complete this survey by no later than Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Class Dojo**

Thank you to all the parents that have joined their child's class on the app 'Class Dojo'. Please can we encourage all remaining parents to join this, as we will be using this to keep you up-to-date with developments and your child's progress in school, eventually moving away from Facebook (except for key celebrations, events and awards).

## **School Photos**

Unfortunately, our photographer was unable to come into school this Thursday. He has rearranged for individual school photos to be taken on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

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

Thank you to the parents that shared their interest in paid-for after-school care. Unfortunately, we had a very limited response to this and will be unable to provide this facility. Should this arrangement change in the future, we will communicate to all parents previously interested.

If you are struggling with after-school childcare and there are no suitable clubs available, please speak to Mr Cooper to see if there are any alternative options.

## **'Tub-up' Music Workshop and Performance – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Volunteers Required**

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to support our music workshop on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. We still need further volunteers (especially between 9am-11am) to help our youngest children build their own 'Tub-ukulele' for their performance later in the day. If you are interested in supporting this, please contact the school office.





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## September Consents Form

Earlier in the month, you should have received an online form which checks all the details/permissions we hold for you and your child are up-to-date. This form must be completed each year. If you are yet to do this, please can we encourage this to be completed over the weekend, to avoid any unnecessary 'chasing up'. Thank you.

## Music Lessons

Unfortunately, there will be no music lessons next week. This session will be rearranged at a later date.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

**Attendance:** Our attendance this week was: 98.4% - well done!  
Our attendance this year: 97.6%  
National average this year: 95%

## Stars of the Week:

**Oaks:** Henrique – for his wonderful artwork!

Scott – for his confident contribution to class discussion each day!

**Acorns:** Connie – for excellent use of expanded noun phrases in her diary entry!

### Headteacher timetable for first week back

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Mon	am – Glaisdale pm – Castleton
Tues	am – Glaisdale pm – Oakridge
Weds	Castleton all day
Thurs	am – Castleton pm – Glaisdale
Fri	am – Glaisdale pm – Castleton (TBC)

## Next Week's Events

### Monday

**Year 3/4 Forest School** please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear  
**Acorns PE** please arrive in PE kit

### Tuesday

**Wellbeing Club** Year 5/6 only  
**Oaks PE** please arrive in PE kit  
**No Music Lessons**

### Wednesday

**Acorns Forest School** please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear  
**Signing Club**

### Thursday

**Choir Club**  
**School Photographs**

### Friday

**Oaks PE** Please arrive in PE kit  
**Girls Football Event**  
**Sports Club** for Oaks Class





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## 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.

### September

- 25/09: Y3/4 Forest School
- 27/09: Acorns Forest School
- 29/09: Girls Football Event

### October

- 02/10: Y5/6 Forest School
- 03/10: Nurture School Award Assessment
- 05/10: Key Stage 2 Trip to Eden Camp
- 06/10: Boys Football Event
- 09/10: Y3/4 Forest School
- 11/10: Tub-up music workshop (parent volunteers required) *No Acorns Forest School*
- 16/10: Y5/6 Forest School

19/10: Great North Air Ambulance assembly

19/10: Tag Rugby Event

20/10: Harvest Festival in Church (2pm)

23/10: Year 3/4 Forest School

23/10: Acorns & Oaks Parents Evening

24/10: Oaks Parents Evening

24/10: Oaks – Paralympian Visit @ Oakridge School

25/10: Acorns Forest School

25/10: Acorns & Oaks Parents Evening

### 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.*

