



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families and Friends,

## **PTFA Meeting**

Thank you to the members of the PTFA that attended the first meeting of the school year on Wednesday. The committee have elected a group of 'steering group' members who will make the majority of decisions regarding events and funding support to the school. This comprises of:

- Jerry Risebrow (Chair)
- Jennifer Wall (Treasurer)
- Sarah Pottas (Secretary)
- Other parent and staff members

Thank you to other members of the school community who have agreed to join our 'volunteer group' who will support with events throughout the year, depending on their availability.

As the PTFA is currently led by parents whose children are due to finish at Castleton in the next year, it will be imperative that new committee members are elected and prepared to take this responsibility in the future. There will be further PTFA meetings this year to arrange this in good time for the next academic year.

## **Poverty Proofing**

Thank you for all your responses on the Poverty Proofing questionnaire. We have some very useful suggestions on how to make work for families at Castleton, regardless of their individual circumstances. The school will review this in due course and feedback amended practices which ensure the school is 'poverty proof' but also allows all children to access the same experiences and traditions they did previously.

## **School Photos**

School photos were taken on Thursday. Our photographer will deliver order forms in due course for you to complete, should you wish to purchase photos.

## **Oaks Eden Camp Trip – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

Oaks will be visiting Eden Camp on Thursday. Children should arrive at 8.50am, so that we can depart at 9am. The children shall return to school at the later time of 4pm. Children will need to wear their uniform and have a warm coat. Children will be provided with a packed lunch from school (if they regularly have school meals). All children that have packed lunch regularly should bring this with them.

## **Communication to School**

For any urgent communication, please contact the school office via phone. Whilst we aim to respond to e-mails or Class Dojo messages, there are times that this cannot be done immediately. Please also note that e-mails and Class Dojo messages will only be responded to during office hours.

For any out-of-hours communication (e.g. urgent enquiries), please contact Mr Cooper through Class Dojo or e-mail: [headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk](mailto:headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk)

## **Choir Club Cancelled**

Next week's Choir Club is cancelled due to the Oaks children being on their visit to Eden Camp until 4pm and Miss Wilson attending this visit.

## **Pre-loved Uniform**

For those parents new to the school, and as a reminder for existing families, the school has a stock of 'pre-loved' uniform stored discretely at the rear of the school. Should you wish to look through this stock, to find items your child can use,





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please come to the school office. In the future, we will leave this stock at the front of the school for parents to access freely in their own time. This will be on dry days. We will advertise when this is on our newsletter, Class Dojo and Facebook.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

**Attendance:** Our attendance this week was: 96.0%  
Our attendance this year: 97.5%  
National average this year: 95.5%

### Stars of the Week:

**Oaks:** Martha P - for listening carefully to instructions and responding positively to advice!

**Acorns:** Benjamin – for always being kind to others and speaking to his friends in a respectful way!

**Headteacher:** Kobie – for being an amazing role model and a credit to the school at all times!

### Headteacher timetable for first week back

Mon	Supporting schools in Scarborough
Tues	Castleton all day
Weds	Glaisdale all day
Thurs	Supporting schools in Scarborough
Fri	Supporting schools in Scarborough

### Next Week's Events

- Monday**                      **Year 5/6 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  
**Music Lessons**  
**School's Nurture Award Assessment Day**
- Wednesday**                **Acorns PE** please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear  
**Signing Club**
- Thursday**                    **No Choir Club**  
**Oaks Eden Camp Trip** Please arrive by 8.50am. Return at 4pm
- Friday**                        **Oaks PE** Please arrive in PE kit  
**Boys 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.

### 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

26/10: Acorns visit to Danby Fire Station

### 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

03/07 – Choir Really Big Sing Event

22/07 – YEAT Arts Extravaganza

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

