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Dear Families and Friends,

National Nurturing Schools Award (NNSA)

We were delighted with the support we received from parents, children and staff during our NNSA assessment on Tuesday. The assessor was extremely impressed with how all members of the community explained how we nurture children in the school and how well we account for our individuality as a school in delivering the nurture principles. The assessor was also very impressed with the supporting evidence we submitted and will be using it as a model for other schools in the future.

We are, therefore, pleased to announce that we have received the National Nurturing Schools Award and will be receiving our certification in the near future, alongside a celebratory video which we will share in due course.

Thank you again for all your support in helping us achieve this!

School Photos

School photo samples have been sent home. If you wish to order these, please complete the order form enclosed with the proof photographs and return to school. To pay for the photographs, please do this via MCAS. They are listed under 'Photographs – October, 2023' with an explanation of the amount required for each package of photographs. Please total the amount you intend to pay and pay in the usual way.

Oaks Eden Camp Trip – Thursday 5th October

Our oldest pupils enjoyed a fantastic day at Eden Camp on Thursday. They learnt a lot about their history focus on World War II, including information on how Britain and the local area was affected by war. Children also enjoyed some time with their peers from our other trust schools.

Pre-loved Uniform

On dry days next week, we will leave our pre-loved uniform out in the school front playground for parents to access (except during break and lunch times). We will lock the wooden gate to the side of the building during the day, to ensure we comply with safeguarding protocol.

Caedmon College Open Evening – Wednesday 25th October (4.30-6.30pm)

Caedmon College will be hosting an open evening for families with children in years 5 and 6. This will take place at the Caedmon site on the date above.

Girls Football – Friday 29th September

We were very proud of our girls' football team last Friday.

In the group stages we played three games and came third in the group. We lost to Danby 2-0 but drew 0-0 with Fylingdales and Stakesby. Although no goals were scored, we worked very hard and had many shots on targets throughout the games. In the play offs for the quarter finals, we played Hawsker - this was a difficult and tense game for the girls which ended up 0-0 after extra time. We went to sudden death penalties with Jasmine scoring our winning penalty!

We then went into the quarter finals which was very exciting for the girls and we were up against a very good East Whitby team. The girls played so well but unfortunately were defeated 2-0. The girls did themselves proud throughout the afternoon!

Connect the Classroom – IT Upgrade Work

For the next two weeks we will have IT engineers on our school site between the hours of 3pm and midnight. This is to allow them to conduct rewiring of our IT network without disrupting the school day. Please do not be concerned should





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you see lights on in the school premises between these hours. We are hoping this upgrade will improve connectivity in the school and prevent any 'downtime', similar that which we experience at the end of last week.

Tub-up Music Workshop and Parent Performance – Wednesday 11th October

On Wednesday, children will have a music workshop where they will make their own 'tub-ukuleles' out of recycle materials. They will then practise for a performance to parents at the end of the day (2.55pm in the Village Hall). All families are welcome to join us for this performance and to hear what our children have been learning.

Parents Evening Appointments

We will be holding our first parents evening appointments of the year in the final week of this half-term. These will be booked via Mrs Moore in the office (email, phone or in person). We will not be using MCAS for bookings this year, so that we can arrange for families with multiple children in the school to make appointments in consecutive slots on the same evening. Therefore, initially, we will only be arranging appointments for families with more than one child in the school. We will then open appointments to all families towards the end of next week.

Please see the diary dates section below for the dates/times for each class' appointments.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

Attendance: Our attendance this week was: 93.8%

Our attendance this year: 96.6%

National average this year: 95.5%

Stars of the Week:

Oaks: Emma – for her focused approach to learning and the maturity she showed on our Eden Camp visit!

Acorns: Esmae – for creating great similes in our poetry work this week!

Headteacher timetable for the upcoming week	
Mon	am – Glaisdale pm – Castleton
Tues	am – Lealholm pm - Glaisdale
Weds	Castleton all day
Thurs	Supporting schools in Scarborough
Fri	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale

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

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Wednesday	No Forest School or PE – Acorns Due to Tub-up workshop (Come in uniform) Tub-up Music Workshop (whole school) Parent performance at 2.55pm in Village Hall Signing Club
Thursday	Choir Club
Friday	Oaks PE Please arrive in PE kit Sports Club for Oaks Class

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
- ★ Half Term - Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024
- ★ Staff Training Day - Friday 15th March 2024
- ★ Last day of Spring Term - Friday 22nd March 2024
- ★ First day of Summer Term - Monday 8th April 2024
- ★ Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May 2024
- ★ Half Term - Monday 27th May to Friday 31st 2024
- ★ Last day of Summer Term - Monday 22nd July 2024

Future Diary Dates

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

October

- 09/10: Y3/4 Forest School
- 11/10: Tub-up music workshop (parent volunteers required) *No Acorns Forest School or PE*
- 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.





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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

You are invited to our Open Evening to meet colleagues and children from Eskdale and Caedmon School.

We are open on Wednesday 25 October on the Caedmon site from 4.30-6.30pm. Please join us if you can.

Susan Boyd and Phil Nicholson

