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Dear Families and Friends,

## Vacancy: Teacher in Charge

You should have received a letter earlier this week outlining the sad news that Mr Sellers will be leaving us at the end of the term. Thank you to everyone that has shared their congratulations to Mr Sellers and for their support in sharing our advert which is now on our Facebook page.

If you know anyone who may be interested in this position, please direct them to this website: <https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/6070/0/409880/19927/castleton-community-primary-school-teacher-in-charge-and-ks2-class-teacher>

## Forest School – Oaks – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Next Monday, there will be a change to the scheduled forest school session. All children in Oaks (Years 3-6) will have a session next week with John Kiddle (one of our YEAT trustees) and volunteers from the coastguard! The children will learn about practical water safety down at our site. We have arranged this at short notice due to the coastguard's availability. All Oaks children will, therefore, need outdoor clothing and footwear for this session. They will not be entering the water (this will be done by the coastguards) and will therefore not require any additional clothing. Acorns will do this workshop later in the month.

## Children in Need

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, we will be celebrating Children in Need Day. Children may come to school with spots or Pudsey related items added to their normal uniform/PE kit or person (e.g. face paint). They also may wear a spotty/Pudsey accessory. There is also no obligation to dress-up at all. As we are now a Poverty Proofing school, we will be collecting any donations anonymously to causes such as this through MCAS. Please login to your account if you wish to donate.

## PTFA Meeting – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – 7.30pm – Downe Arms

All family members interested in supporting our PTFA are welcome to the next meeting which will be held on the above date/time and the Downe Arms. If you are unable to attend but wish to support the PTFA, please speak to one of the existing core members: Jerry Risebrow; Jennifer Wall; Sarah Pottas or a member of the school staff team.

## Student Teachers

Next week, we will be joined by three student teachers, Myla Caudle, Molly Todd and Sophie Bourne, who will be joining Acorns for several weeks throughout the year.

## Sports Club

Next Friday (17<sup>th</sup> November) will be the final Sports Club now that the darker nights have arrived. We will be beginning an art club in its place for children in Key Stage 2. A sign-up form will be sent out next week. After Christmas, Fridays will be dedicated to clubs for Acorns students.

## Road Safety

In the interests of safety, please can we ask parents to wait for their children on the playground, rather than waiting outside the gate. This allows families to safely enter/exit the main gate without having to step into the road. Thank you for your consideration.

## Stay and Play – New Reception Starters September 2024

It was lovely to see so many new faces join us for our Stay and Play on Wednesday. We hope this has allowed our potential new starters a chance to get used to their new class or inform their choice on future schooling. We will be





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hosting another Stay and Play on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December (1.30-3pm). If you are interested in attending, please contact the school office to inform us that your child will be attending. Please feel free to share this more widely with other parents who are not connected with the school.

### School Council

We are pleased to announce that we have some new School Council members who will be supporting Mrs Barber with a variety of improvements in school. Our new members are:

Reception: Alfie      Year 1: Thea      Year 2: Heidi  
Year 3: Katie      Year 4: Ella      Year 5: Hordiy      Year 6: Nancy

### Esklets Coffee Morning – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November

There will be a coffee morning on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at Castleton Village Hall. All proceeds will go to support Esklets Nursery. Any donations for raffle/tombola would be appreciated.

### Castleton School 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In 2024, Castleton School will turn 150 years old! We are looking to form a small committee of parents, local community members and staff to arrange for some events to mark this celebration in the summer 2024. If you are interested in joining this committee and/or have some ideas of how we can celebrate, please contact Mr Cooper.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

**Attendance:** Our attendance this week was: 90.4%

Our attendance this year: 95.7%

National average this year: 95.4%

### Stars of the Week:

**Acorns:** Jason and Bobbi – for being so polite and positive and for settling into Castleton School life so well!

**Oaks:** Katie – for consistently good effort in all areas!

**Headteacher:** Poppy – for excellent improvement in all areas!

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





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## Next Week's Events

### Monday

**Oaks (all years) Forest School and water safety** please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear  
**Acorns PE** please arrive in PE kit

### Tuesday

**Year 6 SATs Buster Club** (8-9am)  
**Wellbeing Club** Year 5/6 only  
**Oaks PE** please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear  
**Music Lessons**  
**PTFA Meeting** Downe Arms (7.30pm)

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

**Choir Club**

### Friday

**Oaks PE** Please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear  
**Sports Club**  
**Children in Need** Add spots to uniform (donate anonymously via MCAS)

## 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.

### November

- 13/11: Oaks Forest School and Water Safety Workshop
- 14/11: PTFA Meeting @ Downe Arms (7.30pm)
- 15/11: Acorns Forest School
- 17/11: Children in Need
- 18/11: Esklets Coffee Morning (10am – Village Hall)
- 20/11: Year 3/4 Forest School
- 27/11: Year 5/6 Forest School
- 29/11: Acorns Forest School

### December

- 07/12: Reception 2024 Stay and Play (2-3.30pm)

12/12: Whole school panto trip

15/12: Training Day – School Closed

18/12: Christmas Performance (2pm)

19/12: Christmas Performance (6pm)

21/12: Carols round the Tree (6pm)

### Future Dates

11/03-13/03 – Eskdale Festival

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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