



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families and Friends,

## Vacancy: Teacher in Charge

The advert for the Teacher in Charge role will close on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. 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 (Coastguard Visit)

Unfortunately, due to the combination of the poor weather conditions and the Coastguard's vehicle breaking down(!) we were unable to enjoy our water safety session. We will look to rearrange this at a later date.

Next week, Year 3/4 will have their usual forest school session on Monday with Mrs Barber.

## Sports Club

Sports Club will conclude today due to the darker evenings. This has been replaced by a Key Stage 2 Art Club for the next 3 weeks.

## Art Club

On Fridays, for the next three weeks (24<sup>th</sup> Nov; 1<sup>st</sup> Dec; 8<sup>th</sup> Dec), Mr Sellers will lead an Art Club for children in Year 3-6. There will not be sessions on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December due to training days and the end of term. You will have received a separate e-mail on how to sign up and give consent for this. After Christmas, Fridays will be dedicated to clubs for Key Stage 1, subject to Mr Sellers' replacement's agreement.

## Change to Lunch Menu

Due to a supply issue, we have had to swap this Wednesday's meal choice with next Wednesday's. This means we will be having sausage and mash on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

## 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: 97.2%

Our attendance this year: 95.7%

National average this year: 95.2%



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## Stars of the Week:

### Acorns:

Rue – for great dedication to her learning and for using equipment to support her addition work!

### Oaks:

Lilly – for working determinedly on her free verse poem!

Scarlett – for her focused and positive approach to maths lessons!

### Headteacher:

Ted and Ernest – for helping others to catch-up on their PE learning when they have been away from school!

Finley – for catching up on learning after a period of illness!

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

## Next Week's Events

### Monday

**Year 3/4 Forest School** 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**

### Wednesday

**Acorns PE** please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

**Signing Club**

**Change to menu: sausages and mash**

### Thursday

**Choir Club**

### Friday

**Oaks PE** Please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

**Art Club**



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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.

### November

- 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

- 06/12: Interviews for Teacher in Charge
- 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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