



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families and Friends,

## Wellbeing Club Cancelled – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Unfortunately, there will be no Wellbeing Club next Tuesday due to Redcar and Cleveland Mind not being available. If you are unable to arrange alternative childcare, please contact school to see if another arrangement can be made.

## Children in Need Fundraising Total

We really enjoyed marking Children in Need last week with our spotty/Pudsey day! In total, we raised £43 for this cause. Thank you for your support!

## School Pantomime Visit – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

You will soon receive communication regarding the upcoming visit to Billingham Forum to watch the pantomime *Jack and the Beanstalk* which will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The children will be out of school for the majority of the day, meaning that a packed lunch will be provided from school (for those that regularly have school meals) unless you inform us otherwise on the consent form. The total cost of the visit is £18.80 per child, however the PTFA and school will subsidise the majority of the cost, so that the (voluntary) cost to parents is £7 per child.

## Forest Schools/PE

Next week will be our final forest school week of the season. We will use this time to practise for our Christmas performance and for other Christmas related activities.

This means, in December, there will be a slight change to PE for Acorns. They will have a weekly PE session on a Wednesday with Mrs Wardell and no sessions on a Monday (from the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> December).

Oaks will continue to have PE sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays.

This will be communicated again in next week's newsletter and Class Dojo.

## 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.

## St Hedda's Christmas Performance/Fair

On our upcoming training day (15<sup>th</sup> December), St Hedda's School is hosting a Christmas performance and fair. We thought you may be interested in attending this, given school is closed to our children on that day. See the poster at the end of this newsletter for more information.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

**Attendance:** Our attendance this week was: 92.5%

Our attendance this year: 95.6%

National average this year: 95.2%





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## Stars of the Week:

### Acorns:

Barnaby – for listening to all adults around school and excellent reading.

### Oaks:

Layla – for her super maths and scientific problem solving!

### Headteacher:

Matthew – for consistently setting a good example to all and for noticing typos on school signage!

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

## Next Week's Events

### Monday

**Year 5/6 Forest School** please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear  
**Acorns PE** please arrive in PE kit

### Tuesday

**Year 6 SATs Buster Club** (8-9am)  
**No Wellbeing Club** R&C Mind Unavailable  
**Oaks PE** please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear  
**Music Lessons**

### Wednesday

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

### 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

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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Friday 15th  
December 2023  
1:30pm

ST HEDDA'S  
CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL  
*presents*  
**GRINCHMAS**

CLASS 2 CHRISTMAS  
PERFORMANCE

FOLLOWED BY OUR  
'WHOBILATION' FAIR  
FEATURING:

- CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
- ANIMAL PETTING
- REINDEER FOOD  
MAKING
- GLITTER TATTOOS
- TRADITIONAL GAMES  
AND STALLS



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