



NEWSLETTER

12/01/2024



Dear Families and Friends,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back and a happy new year to you all! It has been fantastic to see everyone back after a well-earned rest, ready for another busy term filled with learning, trips and events. It has also been a pleasure to see Mrs Wardell join our team. She has really hit the ground running, building on Mr Sellers' great work, as well as making her own mark on the school.

Teaching Assistant Support in Oaks

Unfortunately, despite working with several agencies over the Christmas break, we have been unable to source an appropriate temporary teaching assistant for the Oaks Class this week. However, we do have a candidate, Mrs Harland, who is joining us for a trial day on Monday.

We have also had limited interest in the permanent position and have decided to extend the advert. Please can we encourage you to continue sharing this advert with anyone who may be interested and qualified for this role. The link for the position can be found here:

<https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/2878/0/414135/19927/castleton-primary-school-advanced-teaching-assistant-and-or-higher-level-teaching-assistant>

Online Safety Workshop for Parents

Unfortunately, there is a growing trend locally of children being exposed to unsafe experiences when using their devices online. You will have received a message earlier in the week urging you to discuss your child's use of social media and to ensure that they know what to do if something concerns them or if someone does something wrong online.

We have arranged with the NSPCC to run a parents online safety workshop on Thursday 25th January (7pm – via Zoom). A separate letter will be sent out containing the meeting link for those that wish to join. This meeting has been setup specifically for parents of children at Glaisdale, Castleton, Oakridge and Lealholm Schools, so there will be lots of chance to ask questions specific to our children. If you are unable to attend and would like more information on how to support your child's safety online, please contact school or access one of the following useful websites:

NSPCC: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

CEOP: <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Pupil Assessment/Attendance Reports (Years 2-6)

For parents of children in Years 2-6 (except those who cannot access written assessments), you will receive a short report containing your children's assessment and attendance information for the last term. These reports were well received by parents last term and provide a snapshot of how your child is progressing at school in the core subjects. We will continue to hold parents' evenings and send end of year reports, however, please do contact your child's teacher if you wish to discuss these short reports or your child's progress at school.

PTFA Donations – Unwanted Christmas Presents/Toys

The PTFA are running a collection of any unwanted Christmas presents or toys, to support future fundraising. If you have any donations, please bring them to school and we will pass them onto the PTFA. Thank you in advance.

Parental Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed our current parental survey and provided such positive feedback! We will leave this open for one additional week, so that we can gauge the views of as many parents as possible.

Please use this link to access the survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/t6VzhEJnhG>





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Library Van Visits

Our visits to the library van will recommence next month. Please disregard any reminders regarding overdue books. Parents will not be charged any late fees.

Curriculum Overviews

Please find, alongside this newsletter, a copy of the curriculum overview for your child's class for this term.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Cooper

Attendance: Our attendance this week was: 92.8%

Our attendance this year: 94.4%

National average this year: 94.7%

Stars of the Week:

Acorns: Clementine – for fantastic progress in reading!

Oaks: Alfie – for resiliency and being incredibly conscientious with his fraction work!

Headteacher: Scarlett – for excellent perseverance in maths!

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

Next Week's Events

Monday

No events

Tuesday

Year 6 SATs Buster Club (8-9am)

Wellbeing Club led by Redcar & Cleveland Mind

Music Lessons

Wednesday

Acorns PE please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

Acorns Art Club

Thursday

Choir Club

Friday

Oaks PE please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

Signing Club



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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
- Staff Training Day – 12th July 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.

January

25/01: NSPCC Online safety workshop for parents (7pm – on Zoom)

February

02/02: Year 3 multiskills sports event

23/02: Year 3/4 hockey event

March

01/03: Key Stage 2 cross-country event

06/03 – Acorns Author Visit

11/03 – Straws Cup Football Tournament

11/03-13/03 – Eskdale Festival

20/03-22/03 – Year 3/4 Peat Rigg Visit

Future Dates

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.

Term Dates 2024/25

- Staff Training Day – Monday 2nd September 2024
- Staff Training Day – Tuesday 3rd September 2024
- First day of Autumn Term – Wednesday 4th September 2024
- Half Term - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024
- Staff Training Day - Friday 13th December 2024
- Last day of Autumn Term - Friday 20th December 2024
- First Day of Spring Term – Monday 6th January 2025
- Half Term - Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025
- Staff Training Day - Friday 28th March 2025
- Last day of Spring Term - Friday 4th April 2025
- First day of Summer Term – **Tuesday** 22nd April 2025
- Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May 2025
- Half Term - Monday 26th May to Friday 30th 2025
- Last day of Summer Term - Monday 21st July 2025
- Staff Training Day – Tuesday 22nd July 2025



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