



NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mrs Hird

I hope you are all well and were able to enjoy some family time during the half term break. Our staff have returned with their usual enthusiasm and have been working hard all week to provide exciting learning activities and support. We are thrilled to now offer virtual assemblies, which will start next week, and I'm sure your children are looking forward to seeing their classmates.

At present, I am based at Glaisdale school supervising the provision for children of key workers and vulnerable pupils, and so my daily Facebook updates have been replaced by messages from Miss Nolan and Mrs Porter (the school's IT system won't allow me to access Facebook). The provision for eligible pupils of Castleton continues to be provided by Mrs Ward at Lealholm school. If you believe that your child is eligible and would like to book them in, please let me know. We will keep the provision under review and will let you know of any planned changes.

Some of you may have noticed - at the start of the week at least - that your child was slightly less motivated and perhaps found it difficult to concentrate on their learning. This is to be expected after a break and shouldn't be a cause for concern. As always, please just do whatever works for your family and if this means taking a break from fractions to spend an hour splashing around in puddles, this is fine!

If you require any support, have any queries or just want some reassurance, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or me (headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk).

Have a safe and happy weekend.

Mrs Hird

Class News

KS2: Our stars of the week this week are **Betsy and Joseph** for the quantity and quality of their work. They work like machines through the morning, completing their tasks and seem to be having a fantastic time with it. Furthermore, they are using great teamwork and sharing skills and have been making opportunities to take their learning further into the world of Minecraft, making a scaled replica of Chichen Itza. Well-deserved stars!

Thank you all for your amazing work this week on maths and poetry writing! If I could give out prizes for the poems I would be out of money, they are so good!! I have read them all to my family as well who have all been very complimentary of your efforts. Year 6 have absolutely delighted me as I challenged them to write from the point of view of an ingredient through its journey to become a meal and they are far better than I could have imagined! I am so thrilled to be sharing all the poems with you all next week. Mr Wadley has read many of them as well and has commented that he has been very impressed with the high standard and variety as well as the humour in many of them. He has enjoyed guessing what the food was in the years 3 to 5 poems and seeing how year 6 used personification to describe the journey made by their different foods.

Thank you to many parents who replied with feedback about the 1st summer half term. It appears that what you are doing at home is working for your children and that you all spend different amounts of time on each task. We would like you to know that if your children are struggling with a concept and you feel you are spending too much time on something, you could leave it for the day and pick it up again the day after. Do not worry about speeding through the work - if you need to revisit something, please do. If you would like support with these things, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr Wadley.

For Class 2, the first group video call will be held on Monday at 2.30pm. If you haven't already contacted me about it and would like for your child to join in, please email me and we will do our best to get you involved.

Keep up the great work.

Miss Nolan and Mr Wadley



This week **JCS1** have enjoyed reading 'The Jolly Postman' and have been busy creating new characters for the story. There have been some great ideas and I have enjoyed reading all the letters for the new characters and seeing all the fantastic maps. Molly Rausch is a famous artist who creates art using stamps and Class One have created some of their own artwork using stamps that they have found or collected. They look great! Keep up the great motivation and learning Class One, always enjoy seeing your work.



The 'Star of the Week' this week goes to **Ella Burtt** for her fantastic Jolly Postman story. She has been so enthusiastic this week and completed lots of activities. Well done Ella!

Next week I will be contacting you to arrange video and phone calls and I am also hoping to organise a virtual assembly/show and tell session which will enable all the children to get together via video call. Look out for e-mails with more information about how you can join these sessions.



Mrs Porter