



# NEWSLETTER

23/02/2024



Dear Families and Friends,

## World Book Day

As I shared with some of you during our parents reading afternoon at the end of last half-term, a group of kind and thoughtful parents are making a bank of World Book Day costumes so that these can be accessed by all children ahead of the day (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March). This Poverty Proof friendly approach will allow all children, regardless of their background, to access a non-uniform World Book Day in a way that does not exclude. The Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust has, therefore, agreed that Castleton (and other schools with the same approach) can dress up for this day.

Children will be given the opportunity to borrow one of the costumes from this bank at the end of a school day on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February (3pm onwards) prior to World Book Day. However, children are still welcome to bring their own costume from home if they wish.

## Teaching Assistant Support in Oaks

We will be re-interviewing for the teaching assistant vacancy in our Oaks classroom next week. Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we find the right person to fill this position.

## Parents Evening

We look forward to seeing you at our Spring Term parents evening over the next two weeks. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Please ensure you arrive promptly for your appointment, so that each family has adequate time with their child's teacher. You may arrive early for the appointment to view your child's work beforehand.

## Acorns Trip to York – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

As part of their history learning on the evolution of the railways, Acorns will be visiting York's National Railway Museum. Children should arrive by no later than 8.45am, so that we can have a prompt departure. All children will be provided with a school packed lunch, unless you have told us that one will be provided by home. Children should wear their usual uniform and bring a coat. Please note that the coach will return at approximately 4.30pm. (There will, therefore, be no Acorns Sports Club or PE on this date.)

## Oaks Cross-Country – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

All Oaks children will be visiting Caedmon College next Friday afternoon to take part in a Cross-Country event, as part of their PE curriculum and so they can take part in competitive sport. Children should arrive in appropriate PE clothing and footwear with warm/waterproof clothing to wear between races.

## Stay and Plays for New Starters

We will be holding our next stay and plays for new starters on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March (1.30-3pm) and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May (1.30-3pm). We look forward to seeing you all in your new class with your new teachers and friends. We will also remember two further dates for the summer term, including a date where new starters can stop for lunch and get used to other school routines ahead of their start in September.

## Year 3/4 Peat Rigg Trip

It was lovely to hear so many excited voices after our Peat Rigg pre-visit meeting on Thursday evening. We hope you found this informative and reassuring. If you were unable to make this meeting, there is a recording available (please go to Class Dojo for the link). You will soon be receiving Peat Rigg's own consent form (paper copy) which must be returned to school as soon as possible. Please also ensure that payment for the visit is completed by the end of this month (if not done so already). Please get in touch if you wish to discuss any other payment plans.





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### Baby Grand Piano Available

A local resident has offered the school a baby grand piano. Unfortunately, as we already have a piano and limited space, we cannot accept this. If you are interested in this donation, please contact school.

### Parking outside of School

We are politely reminding parents, staff, taxi companies and other members of our school community to park safely outside of school. Please can you help support this by ensuring that footpaths are not parked upon, and the yellow zig-zag lines are not used for parking or drop-off/collection, so that pedestrians have a safe space to cross the road (or not go into the road unnecessarily). Thank you for your understanding and support.

### Encanto evening

A message from our PTFA – thank you to everyone for their support with the Encanto night. They raised an incredible £750 for The Brain Tumour Charity

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

**Attendance:** Our attendance this week was: 97.6%

Our attendance this year: 94.3%

National average this year: 94.6%

### Stars of the Week:

Acorns: Archie and Vasylii – for excellent geography work exploring hot and cold countries!

Oaks: Martha – for amazing resilience in maths and improved confidence and success in answering her Question Time.

### Headteacher timetable for the upcoming week

Mon	am – Castleton pm – Glaisdale
Tues	Castleton all day
Weds	am – Glaisdale pm - Castleton
Thurs	Castleton all day
Fri	Glaisdale all day





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## Next Week's Events

**Monday**

**No Events**

**Tuesday**

**Year 6 SATs Buster Club (8-9am)**  
**Wellbeing Club** led by Redcar & Cleveland Mind  
**Music Lessons**  
**Acorns Parents Evening (1/2)**

**Wednesday**

**Acorns Trip to York** please arrive by no later than 8.45am (return 4.30pm)  
**No Acorns PE** due to trip  
**No Acorns Sports Club** due to trip  
**Oaks Parents Evening (1/3)**

**Thursday**

**Choir Club**  
**Acorns Parents Evening (2/2)**  
**Oaks Parents Evening (2/3)**  
**World Book Day Costumes on Offer (3pm onwards)**

**Friday**

**Signing Club**  
**Oaks Cross-Country** Please arrive in appropriate clothing and footwear with warm/waterproof clothing to wear between races



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## Term Dates 2023/24

- 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
- Staff Training Day – 12<sup>th</sup> July 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.

### February

- 27/02 – Acorns parents evening
- 28/02 – Acorns trip to York
- 28/02 – Oaks parents evening
- 28/02 – No Acorns Sport Club
- 29/02 – Acorns and Oaks parents evening

### March

- 01/03 - Key Stage 2 cross-country event
- 06/03 – Acorns Forest School
- 06/03 – Acorns Author Visit
- 07/03 – Oaks parents evening
- 07/03 – World Book Day
- 11/03 – Straws Cup Football Tournament
- 11/03-13/03 – Eskdale Festival
- 19/03 – Stay and Play (1.30-3pm)

20/03 – Acorns Forest School

- 20/03-22/03 – Year 3/4 Peat Rigg Visit
- 21/03 – Glaisdale Y5/6 Visiting Castleton
- 22/03 – Y5/6 Visiting Glaisdale
- 22/03 – End of Term

### Future Dates

- 13/05-17/05 – Year 6 SATs Week
- 16/05 – Stay and Play
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024
- Staff Training Day – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024
- First day of Autumn Term – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- Half Term - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024
- Staff Training Day - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- Last day of Autumn Term - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- First Day of Spring Term – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Half Term - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025
- Staff Training Day - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- Last day of Spring Term - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025
- First day of Summer Term – **Tuesday** 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025
- Bank Holiday – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025
- Half Term - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 2025
- Last day of Summer Term - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025
- Staff Training Day – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025



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