



NEWSLETTER

01/03/2024



Dear Families and Friends,

Mrs (Sophie) Wilson

Families will have received a separate e-mail regarding Mrs (Sophie) Wilson's resignation earlier in the week. As stated, we are deeply saddened to lose another key member of our team, especially another from Oaks. However, we are pleased for Sophie in gaining her new position at Oakridge Primary School. We will make sure she has a fantastic last 3 weeks in her time at Castleton, thanking her for the massive impact she has had on our school, particularly in her support of children with special educational needs and with signing.

General Teaching Assistant (SEND) Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a general teaching assistant (SEND). Thank you to families that have shared our social media posts with this advert. If you know anyone who is interested in the position, please direct them to these posts or to contact school if they would like more information.

Advanced/Higher-Level Teaching Assistant Vacancy in Oaks

Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in recruiting a suitable person for our other vacancy in school – the ATA/HLTA position in Oaks. Whilst this is frustrating, given this is the 2nd round of interviews we have conducted, we hope you understand that it is important to ensure we recruit the right person for this position. We will be readvertising this position again. However, in the interim, given that this vacancy has not been filled for a prolonged period, we will be looking to source a supply teacher to work mornings in Oaks, to provide additional adult support for Mrs Wardell, Mrs Napoleon, Mrs (Sophie) Wilson and Oaks.

Student Teacher

Next week, Oaks will have another adult in the classroom, Miss Holli Lamb. Miss Lamb is a 2nd year student teacher and will be supporting Mrs Wardell and the Oaks staff/children over the next 2-3 months.

PTFA Coffee Morning – Saturday 2nd March

The PTFA will be hosting a coffee morning at Castleton Village Hall on Saturday 2nd March (10am-12pm). We hope to see you there, to help raise funds for the PTFA and children's activities.

Acorns PE and Forest Schools next Week

Next week, Acorns will have Forest School on Wednesday (6th March). Please ensure children arrive in appropriate footwear and clothing for this session.

As a result of this and due to the school having an external review, PE will be taught to both classes on Friday (8th March). Children should arrive in their appropriate kit and footwear for this day.

Wellbeing Club

Sadly, the funding for the Wellbeing Club being led by Redcar & Cleveland Mind is coming to an end. Therefore, the final Wellbeing Club session will take place on Tuesday 19th March.

Clubs

With the end of clubs and changes of staff, we are looking to start some new clubs or find new people to help lead our current clubs. Our current staff team may be able to do some of this, however, in the past, we have benefited from having school community members supporting/leading our clubs. If you are interested in volunteering your time to lead/support a club, please contact Mr Cooper.





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Upcoming Training Day

As a reminder, we will be closed to students on Friday 15th March due to staff training. This is being used by staff in a variety of ways, including: first aid training, special educational needs training and curriculum planning.

World Book Day

It was lovely to see excited faces on Thursday during our World Book Day costume swap! Children and staff are very grateful to the group of parents who have organised this in a Poverty Proofing way, so that all can enjoy next Thursday's World Book Day dress-up.

Children are also looking forward to an author visit next Wednesday. We are going to be joined by Isabel Thomas, author of children's books, including *Moth*. All children will take part in an inspiring assembly, with our younger children completing an interactive workshop alongside their peers from Glaisdale.

Parents' Evening

It was lovely to hear the positivity following parents' evening appointments this week. We really enjoy sharing your child's success at school, as well as looking forward to how we can support their next stage of journey. Next week, we have our final set of parents' evening appointments with Oaks class. If you have not been able to attend an appointment, please contact the school office to arrange.

Acorns Trip to York – Wednesday 28th February

Our Facebook page will be updated with images of Acorns' trip to York! Despite delays on the journey to and from York, all children had a thrilling day, filled with learning, interactive exhibits and workshops.

Parking outside of School

Thank you for your support in improving parking outside of school. It has not gone unnoticed that there are far fewer school community members parking on the yellow zigzag lines outside of school or on pavements, which has previously prevented families, especially those with pushchairs, from travelling to school safely. Thank you for your ongoing support of this.

Preparation for Eskdale Festival

Mrs Lillie and Mr Stephen Maltby will be in school on Monday for those children who will be accompanied by Mr Maltby for their performance at the Eskdale Festival. This is to help prepare for this forthcoming event. If your child is being accompanied by Mr Maltby for an instrumental entry, please ensure they bring their instrument to school on Monday. Thank you.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

Attendance: Our attendance this week was: 92.7%

Our attendance this year: 94.3%

National average this year: 94.6%

Stars of the Week:

Acorns: Lucy – for always showing care and kindness to others. What a fantastic role model!

Oaks: Ella – for her kind and caring nature, supporting others and never giving up in maths!

Headteacher: Nancy – for outstanding maths and excellent explanations in SATs Buster sessions!



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

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 Forest School** please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear
Acorns Sports Club please bring additional clothing/footwear in a bag
Author Visit
- Thursday** **Choir Club**
Oaks Parents Evening (3/3)
World Book Day Children may dress up in costume
- Friday** **Signing Club**
PE – Oaks and Acorns please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear
School's External Review



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Term Dates 2023/24

- 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.

March

- 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

April

- 08/04 – Children return to school

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 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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Loftus Dental Practice

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CHILDREN'S

DROP IN

SESSIONS

No appointment necessary

SATURDAY 2ND MARCH 9AM-1PM

SATURDAY 9TH MARCH 9AM-1PM

New and unregistered children will be seen

on the



on a first-come-first-served basis.



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