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Dear Families and Friends,

Mrs Vilna Millns

Castleton School was saddened to hear of the passing of one of our previous school secretaries, Mrs Vilna Millns. Vilna worked at Castleton between 1984 - 2006 and has had a connection with the school ever since. We all pass on our deepest sympathies to Vilna's husband, Chris, and her entire family.

PTFA Coffee Morning

We were extremely pleased and grateful following our PTFA coffee morning on Saturday which raised a fantastic total of £310. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this event or gave up their time to lead it!

Year 6 Coffee Morning – Raising Funds for Edinburgh Visit

The next coffee morning scheduled for the use of the school has been allocated to our Year 6 children, so they all have an opportunity to raise the £50 (per child) contribution to their Edinburgh residential visit which is taking place in June. We, therefore, require Year 6 parents/children to run this coffee morning which will take place on Saturday 20th April (10am-12pm). If you and your child are interested in this, please contact Mr Cooper to confirm. Unfortunately, if we do not have enough volunteers, we will be unable to run this fundraising event.

Year 6 children are, of course, able to fundraise in their own individual ways, especially if they are unable to make this coffee morning.

General Teaching Assistant (SEND) and Advanced/Higher-Level Teaching Assistant Vacancies

We have two vacancies for a general teaching assistant (SEND) and advanced/higher-level teaching assistant. Thank you to families that have shared our social media posts with these adverts. If you know anyone who is interested in the positions, please direct them to these social media posts or to contact school if they would like more information.

Acorns PE and Forest Schools next Week

It was lovely for Acorns to begin their forest school session again this week! They will have fortnightly sessions (timetable/weather permitting) with the next session on 20th March.

PE will take place on Wednesday next week (13th March).

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.

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.



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World Book Day

This week, we celebrated World Book Day! It was fantastic for children to dress-up, many in donated costumes which they received in our 'swap shop' last week. A massive thank you, once again, must go to the parents who have organised this costume trade; we will employ a similar approach to other non-uniform days where possible.

We also were joined by Isabel Thomas, children's author, on Wednesday. She led an inspiring assembly for all children and workshops for Key Stage 1 children!

Eskdale Festival of the Arts

We are looking forward to seeing all our entries to next week's Eskdale Festival of the Arts! On Monday, our choir will be visiting with Miss Wilson and Mrs Kevan, with other children taking part in individual events on Tuesday and Wednesday. This is the ultimate way of showing our school oath 'Perform to an Audience' and will be the perfect opportunity for children to show off the musical/artistic talents they have developed in school, clubs and music lessons with Alix.

Music Lessons

Music lessons will take place on Monday next week. For any child that misses their lesson due to taking part in Eskdale Festival, invoices will be adjusted.

Straws Cup Football Event

Some of our Year 5/6 children will be competing alongside Glaisdale in the Straws Cup football competition at Eskdale School 3G pitch in Whitby on Monday – good luck team! Please ensure you are aware of the pick-up arrangements after this events in the evening by speaking with Mrs Wardell.

Final Signing Club

This Friday's Signing Club (8th March) is the final one of term and the final one for Mrs (Sophie) Wilson! There will be no session next week due to the training day and there will be no session on the final day of term with Sophie returning from the Peat Rigg residential that day. We will be restarting Signing Club in the future (led by another staff member) but this will be later in the year.

Shared Signing Afternoon with Parents

We will be hosting another end-of-school-day event for parents to join us. On Monday 18th March (3pm), parents/family members are welcome to join us for a shared signing afternoon. Children will perform a signed song they have been learning in their signing assemblies. The children will then have the opportunity to teach their family members some signing!

Diary Dates

Please see below for some updated diary dates. This includes transition days for Year 6 children, as well as some other summer events including Castleton School's 150th Anniversary Summer Fair which is taking place at school on Friday 5th July (2-5pm) – more plans to be announced soon!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

Attendance: Our attendance this week was: 97.1%

Our attendance this year: 94.9%

National average this year: 94.6%





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Stars of the Week:

Acorns: James – for always asking thoughtful questions to further his understanding and for being our train expert in our history topic!

Oaks: Loki – for an amazing week all round, as shown in his assessment results!

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

Next Week's Events

Monday

Straws Cup Football Event
Eskdale Festival – Choir attending competition
Music Lessons

Tuesday

Year 6 SATs Buster Club (8-9am)
Wellbeing Club led by Redcar & Cleveland Mind

Eskdale Festival

Wednesday

Acorns PE please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear
Acorns Sports Club children will already be in kit
Eskdale Festival

Thursday

Choir Club

Friday

Training day – school closed to children

Safeguarding Statement

Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust and Castleton School are committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of all children. If you have any concerns regarding this, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads (listed below). For significant and immediate concerns, please contact the police on 999. For concerns that are not immediate, please contact the North Yorkshire Council Emergency Duty Team: 0300 131 2 131.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr Olly Cooper (01287 660496 or 01947 897218 or headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Nicola Wardell (01287 660496 or nwardell.castleton@yeat.co.uk)

Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Anna Harrison (01287 660496 or aharrison.cgl@yeat.co.uk)



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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

- 11/03 – Straws Cup Football Tournament
- 11/03-13/03 – Eskdale Festival
- 18/03 – Shared Signing Afternoon with Parents
- 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
- 06/06 – 80th D-Day Anniversary
- 10/06-14/06 – Year 1 Phonics Screen Week
- 19/06 – Y5/6 visiting e-safety/police roadshow
- 20/06 – Rotary Club design competition
- 25/06 – Year 6 visiting secondary school and Whitby Archives (on school train)
- 03/07 – Choir Really Big Sing Event
- 05/07 – School 150th Anniversary Summer Fair (2-5pm)
- 08/07-12/07 – Caedmon transition week
- 17/07 – Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit
- 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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