



# NEWSLETTER

22/03/2024



Dear Families and Friends,

## Peat Rigg Residential

Our year 3 and 4 children had an unforgettable visit to Peat Rigg this week! See our social media for photos of all the adventurous activities they got up to, including ziplining, abseiling, caving, climbing and much more!

## Year 5/6 Exchange Days

Our year 5 and 6 children from Glaisdale and Castleton had a school exchange this week. This allowed these students the opportunity to experience life at another village school. It also allowed them to strengthen their friendships with other children of a similar age ahead of their future transition to secondary school.

## Forest School

Acorns will continue to have forest school sessions every fortnight with their next session due to take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Whilst we look to recruit additional staff, Oaks will not have forest school sessions – we will ensure they have some sessions later in the year. Thank you for your understanding.

## PE after Easter

From the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> April, all children will be going swimming on Mondays. If there are any weeks where we are not swimming (e.g. SATs week), we will communicate the alternative plans. A link to an online consent/information form and letter have been sent in a separate e-mail regarding swimming.

Each class will also have a separate PE session. Oaks will have a weekly session on Fridays. Acorns will have a fortnightly session on Wednesdays (on the weeks they do not have forest school).

## Clubs

Online consent forms have been sent out for our new clubs taking place next term. Please see below for an overview of the extra-curricular provision for April onwards.

Monday: Board Games (Acorns)

Tuesday: No club currently

Wednesday: Baking (Year 2-4) and Sports (Y3-6)

Thursday: Choir (Year 1-6)

Friday: Rhythm, Rap and Rhyme (Oaks)

## Shared Signing Afternoon with Parents

It was a pleasure to host our second parents' event of the year on Monday. This time, we were pleased to welcome you all to our shared signing afternoon, where we performed songs we have been learning and then taught our family members some of the signs we know.

## Goodbye and Good Luck!

We are very sorry to say that Mrs (Sophie) Wilson and Mrs Napoleon have now finished their time at Castleton! We will miss them an incredible amount, but we have, this week, had several opportunities to say our goodbyes, thanks and pass on our very best luck to their future careers. We hope to see both Sophie and Mrs Napoleon in the future, whether that is through joint events with their new schools or through their own volunteering. Thank you, Sophie and Mrs Napoleon!

## End of Term

We are now closed for the Easter holidays. Children will return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.



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## Easter Building Work/Painting

Weather-permitting, we will be having some building and painting work taking place over the Easter break. This will involve the repair to woodwork around the roof at the front of school and the repainting of our railings and other 'tired looking' external areas. This will involve scaffolding being erected and a number of contractors on site. We are looking forward to seeing the fresh look in the new term!

Have a great Easter,

Mr Cooper

**Attendance:** Our attendance this week was: 93.6%

Our attendance this year: 94.9%

National average this year: 94.6%

## Stars of the Week:

Acorns: Grace – for learning her set 2 phonics sounds so well and for always being so kind, polite and a positive influence on the class.

Oaks: Philomena – for always being polite and working well in a group when working on biomes.

### Headteacher timetable for the upcoming week

Mon	Castleton all day
Tues	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
Weds	am – Glaisdale pm – Castleton
Thurs	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
Fri	Supporting school in Scarborough

## Next Week's Events

- Monday** Board Games Club Acorns only
- Tuesday** Year 6 SATs Buster Club (8-9am)
- Wednesday** Acorns PE please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear  
Year 2-4 Baking Club led by parent volunteers  
Oaks Sports Club
- Thursday** Choir Club
- Friday** Oaks PE Please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear  
Year 3/4 Cricket Event  
Rhythm, Rap and Rhyme Club Oaks only





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## Term Dates 2023/24

- 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.

### April

- 08/04 – Children return to school
- 12/04 – Year 3/4 cricket event
- 17/04 – Acorns forest school
- 20/04 – Year 6 Coffee Morning (Edinburgh Fundraiser)

### May

- 01/05 – Acorns forest school
- 15/05 – Acorns forest school
- 13/05-17/05 – Year 6 SATs Week
- 16/05 – Stay and Play

### Future Dates

- 06/06 – 80<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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 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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