



# NEWSLETTER

19/04/2024



Dear Families and Friends,

## Teaching Assistant Recruitment

We are pleased to announce that we successfully appointed Miss Holly Chippindale to our team this week. Miss Chippindale has been volunteering at Glaisdale and Castleton School for the last term, whilst she completes her advanced teaching assistant qualification. She now joins our Castleton Family on Mondays and Tuesdays in Acorns, supporting Mrs Barber. The children have already warmed to her infectious personality; we all know she will be a good fit for our team. We have readvertised our one remaining vacancy – the higher-level teaching assistant post in Oaks. We hope, with improved terms, that this will attract another suitable candidate.

## Swimming

We started our swimming lessons this week, much to the enjoyment of our children!

Thank you to all parents/children for following our message regarding wearing costumes underneath their uniform at the start of the day. Although this helped speed up changing time when we arrived at the pool, we noticed that it made it very difficult for children to go to the toilet during the first part of the morning when they were in school, especially the youngest children. Therefore, please can we request that children only come to school with their swimwear underneath their uniform if they are capable of easily removing this independently, in the event they need the toilet. We have allowed enough time for children to change into their swimwear when we arrive at the pool.

Please can we also ask that children do not wear two-piece bathing suits – these are not permitting by the swimming baths. Thank you for your support.

## Key Stage 2 Trip to Middlesbrough

On Thursday, our Key Stage 2 children will be visiting Middlesbrough, as part of their RE and art learning. They will be visiting a Gurdwara, learning how Sikhs worship and live their lives according to their religion. The children will then visit Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art (MIMA) to enhance the art knowledge they have acquired this year. A consent form has been sent out for this – please complete if you haven't already done so. There will be no cost to parents on this occasion.

## Acorns Trip to The Hanging Stones, Rosedale (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May)

As part of their art focus on Andy Goldsworthy, Acorns will be visiting The Hanging Stones, Rosedale, where they will get to visit a range of this artist's exhibits. A separate letter will be sent shortly containing more information. The visit will take place within school hours during the afternoon, so there will be no need to provide consent or a packed lunch. Children should, however, come to school in weather-appropriate outdoor clothing, similar to that which they wear for forest school.

## Year 6 Coffee Morning – Edinburgh Trip Fundraiser

On Saturday (20<sup>th</sup> April – 10am-12pm), some of our Year 6s (and their parents) will be running a coffee morning at Castleton Village Hall. There will be a selection of baked goods, hot drinks and a raffle. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Donation Request – gazebo panels/fabric and tarpaulins

We would like to kindly ask if any families have any redundant/unwanted gazebo panels/fabric or tarpaulins. These make ideal den building equipment at forest schools. If you do, please bring these to Mrs Barber.





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## Termly Mini-Reports

For children in Years 1-6, parents will soon receive an overview of their children’s written and teacher assessments from the last term. As before, we hope these are useful to give you an indication as to how your child is progressing at school.

## Stars of the Week:

Acorns: Connie – for excellent understanding of fractions this week in maths, applying this understanding to problems!  
Oaks: Matthew – for his continuous outstanding performance in maths and going the extra mile by practising SATs papers already!  
Headteacher: Loki – for amazing progress and improved confidence, especially in maths!

**Attendance:** Our attendance this week was: 96.1%  
Our attendance this year: 94.9%  
National average this year: 94.6%

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

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

## Next Week’s Events

- Monday** **Board Games Club** Acorns only  
**Swimming for all children** please arrive in uniform with swimwear/towel in a bag if unable to change independently
- 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** **Oaks Trip to Middlesbrough**  
**Choir Club**
- Friday** **Oaks PE** Please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

## 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.





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

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

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

## Term Dates 2023/24

- 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

20/04 – Year 6 Coffee Morning (Edinburgh Fundraiser)

25/04 – Key Stage 2 trip to Middlesbrough

25/04 – Acorns visit to library van

### May

01/05 – Acorns forest school

02/05 – Acorns trip to The Hanging Stones

03/05 – Year 3/4 cricket event

15/05 – Acorns forest school

13/05-17/05 – Year 6 SATs Week

16/05 – Stay and Play

17/05 – School photos

22/05 – Key Stage 2 trip to Land of Iron

23/05 – Year 1 and 2 Quad Kids Sports Event

### 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)

26/06 – Oaks Summer Performances (1.30-3pm and 5.30-7pm)

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
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**National Nurturing**  
School Award  
2023

