



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families and Friends,

## Oaks Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We were finally successful in filling the higher-level teaching assistant vacancy in Oaks! We have appointed a qualified teacher who has 16 years' experience as a class teacher across all year groups. We are currently negotiating an earlier start date with this person's current school, as well as co-ordinating an announcement of her leaving from her current position. As a result, we are unable to officially name this new Castleton team member this week. We hope to share this information in our next newsletter, as well as a confirmed start date. Regardless of this start date, Mrs Laverick will continue to support Oaks on mornings until this new person can start.

Thank you for your patience and understanding over the last 4 months whilst we have been trying to fill this vacancy.

## Year 6 SATs

Next week, Year 6 children will be taking their end of Key Stage 2 assessments (commonly known as SATs). We feel the children are very prepared for this, both academically and mentally. However, we understand their maybe some nervousness surrounding these. We have deliberately not set any copious revision schedules ahead of next week and have advised children briefly go over any previous papers, as well as having a good night's sleep and breakfast ahead of each day's assessments (see below for timetable):

Monday: Spelling, punctuation and grammar (1 hour total)

Tuesday: Reading (1 hour total)

Wednesday: Maths arithmetic (30 mins) and reasoning paper (40 mins)

Thursday: Maths reasoning (40 mins) (*No sessions planned for Friday*)

## Meal Prices – September 2024

This year, our meal price has been fixed at £2.75 for parents of children who are required to pay for their meals. This is despite an increase in cost to the school from North Yorkshire Council Caterers. The charge to school, this year, has risen substantially to £3.48 per meal. In September, this cost to school will rise further to £3.53. The school will continue absorb some of this cost within its own budget, to allow as many families as possible the opportunity to have a school lunch each day. However, from September 2024, we will have to raise the amount we charge parents to £3.00 per meal, to allow this to be sustainable for the school's budget. Thank you for your understanding.

## Swimming

As it is SATs week, there will be no swimming session on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Sessions will resume on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

## School Photos

Children will be having their class/school photos taken next week by our new photo provider, Tempest, on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Children should arrive in their uniform for this day. Oaks children should bring their PE kit with them in a separate bag to change for this week.

## Sun Protection

As we have (finally!) got some warmer/sunnier weather, please can we remind you to send adequate sun protection for your child, so that we can continue to enjoy learning and playing outdoors.

## Stay and Play – New Starters

Our next Stay and Play for new starters will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May (1.30pm). We look forward to seeing our new early years children!



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## Plant Donations

Gaby and the Breakfast Club are looking to maintain our school planters. They are kindly requesting donations of annuals and perennials, e.g. hollyhocks, lupins, antirrhinums, zinnias and petunias – anything pretty would be greatly appreciated, thank you.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

## Stars of the Week:

Acorns: Juniper- for using fantastic descriptive vocabulary to describe the ‘Tear Thief’ and for having an excellent understanding of the story.

Oaks: Robyn – for insightful inference skills in English when discussing characters’ emotions and a fantastic perspective drawing in art.

Headteacher: Archie – for fantastic progress in all areas, especially reading!

**Attendance:** Our attendance this week was: 92.8%

Our attendance this year: 94.7%

National average this year: 94.6%

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

## Next Week’s Events

**Monday**

**Year 6 SATs: Spelling, punctuation and grammar**

**No swimming**

**Tuesday**

**Year 6 SATs: Reading**

**Wednesday**

**Year 6 SATs: Maths**

**Acorns Forest School** please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear

**Year 2-4 Baking Club** led by parent volunteers

**Oaks Sports Club**

**Thursday**

**Year 6 SATs: Maths**

**Choir Club**

**Stay and Play (1.30pm)**

**Friday**

**School photos** Please arrive in uniform

**Oaks PE** Please arrive in uniform this week, with PE kit in a bag



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## 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 (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))



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## Term Dates 2023/24

- 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.

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

### May

- 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
- 23/05 – Library Van

### June

- 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)

### July

- 02/07 – Key Stage 2 Lego Robotics Workshop
  - 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
  - 16/07 – Sports Day (pm)
  - 17/07 – Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit
  - 18/07 - Oaks trip to York
  - 19/07 – Sports Day (am) (reserve)
  - 19/07 – Leavers Assembly (1pm)
  - 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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