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Dear Families and Friends,

Acorns Teaching Assistant Appointment

We are pleased to say, following the interviews we held on Wednesday, we were successful in appointing an Advanced Teaching Assistant for Acorns. It was an extremely strong field, however, we were able to decide to appoint Mrs Emma Smith who has extensive experience in education. We look forward to Mrs Smith joining us in September, although she may join us for some handover days before the summer break!

Year 6 Transition Event – Monday 1st July (12-3pm)

Message from Revd. Anthony Bennett:

On the afternoon of Monday 1st July (12-3pm) we're gathering together all the Year 6s from our local primary schools for a Special Transition Event in Egton Village Hall. Our local churches would like to help our young people with their transition to secondary school by creating some extra opportunities for our Year 6s to get to know one another before they move on. There will be lots of fun activities, lunch together, and time to begin to build new friendships. We're also planning another fun event in August for the Y6s and their families – details will be sent home with the Year 6s after the 1st July event. We then hope to facilitate various events into the next school year for the new Year 7s and the new Year 6s, to bridge the gap between primary and secondary school. This is a purely community-based initiative not a religious one, and we look forward to welcoming the Year 6s to our events.

Reverend Anthony

Our Year 6s will be transported to this event by Castleton staff after their swimming session on Monday. They will return by the end of the school day. There is no further action required from parents.

Choir Really Big Sing Event – Wednesday 3rd July

On Wednesday 3rd July the school choir will be attending a Big Sing event at The Glasshouse International Centre for Music to enjoy a live concert and singalong experience alongside many other primary school children.

We will be leaving school promptly at 9am to travel to Gateshead, stopping off at the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art for a short self-guided visit and lunch stop before heading to the Glasshouse Centre for the 1:15pm performance.

We will leave Gateshead at approximately 2:40pm and aim to be back at school around 4:30pm.

Children should arrive in full school uniform and with a small bag to carry lunch and water bottle in. Thank you to those who have confirmed whether you require Gaby to provide a packed lunch or whether you will provide a packed lunch for your child. If you have not already confirmed this, please let us know as a matter of urgency, thank you.

Victorian Dress-up/Theme Day – Friday 5th July

As part of our 150th anniversary celebrations, children may come to school in Victorian-style outfits, ready for the summer fair and for Victorian activities on the morning.

There will be a collection of Victorian outfits available for those families unable to source these themselves – please speak to Mr Cooper if this is desired.

150th Celebration Summer Fair

Don't forget that it is our 150th Celebration Summer Fair on Friday 5th July (2pm onwards). There will be a range of stalls, BBQs, songs, a time capsule, a history exhibit and other activities.



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Oaks Forest School and PE

Year 5/6 will be having a one-off forest school session with Mrs Barber on Thursday afternoon. Please come to school in appropriate clothing and footwear for this session. Year 3/4 will have their session on Thursday 11th July.

As a result of these sessions, as well as other school events (150th Summer Fair, training day and leavers assembly), Oaks will not have PE on Fridays for the rest of the year.

Year 6 Trip to Whitby Secondary School and Whitby Archives

We are sorry that we had to cancel our Year 6 visit to Whitby on Tuesday at short notice. We also apologise that some parents did not receive the text message explaining this cancellation. Unfortunately, due to our busy summer schedule, it is unlikely that we will now be able to rearrange this visit before the Year 6 transition week and our summer fair celebrations – part of the reason for this visit.

Oaks Summer Performance

It was a pleasure to share your enjoyment, laughter and appreciation for our young actors and actresses who performed in Oaks summer production of Pirates of the Currybean! I am sure you will all agree that our children (and staff) did a fantastic job with another ambitious production. A big thank you to all involved and to any family members who supported the children with props, costumes and script practice. We really achieved our school oath of 'performing to an audience',

PTFA Fundraising

Our summer performance was supported by our fantastic PTFA. The refreshments and raffles at both performances raised an incredible £289.35 – thank you for your support!

Raffle/Tombola Donations

The PTFA have some more upcoming events where they will be supporting the school with raffles and tombolas. We would like to kindly request your support with any donations towards these. Please pass any donations to the School Office. The PTFA have kindly offered to hold a bottle tombola. Please bring donations of these to school. The bottle does not have to be alcohol, for example, it may be shampoo or washing up liquid. If it is alcohol, this must be handed to school by an adult, thank you.

Year 5/6 Climbing Trip

On Thursday, our Year 5/6s achieved more of our school oaths, including 'develop resilience' and 'have outdoor experiences' when they visited Scugdale to take part in a climbing and scrambling day alongside Mini-Rockstars. See social media for photos from a fantastic day.

Upcoming Staff Training Day

As a reminder, on Friday 12th July, the school will be closed to students, as we will be holding our summer training day.

Final Choir Club of the Year

Our final Choir Club will take place on Thursday 11th July.





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Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

Stars of the Week:

Acorns: Beverley - for being a motivated and enthusiastic learner who has made excellent progress across all areas!

Oaks: Whole class - for a fantastic summer production!

Headteacher: Finley, Loki and Emily – For excellent confidence in ‘performing to an audience’ during our production!

Attendance: Our attendance this week was: 94.2%

Our attendance this year: 94.6%

National average this year: 94.6%

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

Next Week’s Events

- Monday**
 - Swimming sessions** please arrive in uniform with kit in bag
 - Acorns Sports Club** please bring additional kit
 - Year 6 Transition Event @ Egton Village Hall** No consent or parental action required

- Tuesday**
 - Music Lessons**
 - Oaks Lego/Robotics Workshop**

- Wednesday**
 - Choir Trip to Really Big Sing, Gateshead** Depart: 9am Return 4.30pm
 - Acorns Forest School** please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear
 - Acorns Sewing/Repair Club** led by Mrs Moore
 - Oaks Fix-it/Engineering Club** led by Mr Moore

- Thursday**
 - Choir Club**
 - Year 5/6 – Forest School**, please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear.

- Friday**
 - 150th Anniversary Summer Fair Celebrations (2pm onwards)**





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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)

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)

Remaining Term Dates 2023/24

- 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.

July

01/07 – Year 6 Transition Event at Egton

02/07 – Key Stage 2 Lego Robotics Workshop

03/07 – Choir Really Big Sing Event

05/07 – School 150th 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 Olympics

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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