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Dear Families and Friends,

England vs Spain

You should have received a letter from YEAT senior leaders outlining that children may arrive later to school on Monday (at break time) if they have taken the opportunity to watch our England men's football team compete in the final of Euro 2024! This will be an authorised absence until breacktime (10.30am). A school lunch will be ordered for all children unless you notify us otherwise. We hope this gives children the opportunity to enjoy the game as well as have a good night's sleep after, hopefully, a positive result!

Sports Day

We are due to hold our annual sports day at Castleton Cricket Club on Tuesday 16th July (1.30pm onwards). This is, however, weather-permitting. Currently, the forecast is changeable/poor for this day/time. We will aim to make a decision based on safety as early as possible, but I am sure you appreciate we cannot always predict changing weather. Should we need to postpone the event, we have a reserve date of Friday 19th July (morning). Again, this is weather permitting. Children should arrive at school in their PE kit (including a coloured t-shirt for their team) with their own drinks bottle. The PTFA will be providing refreshments and there will also be an ice cream van in attendance.

Spring – Green

Summer - Yellow

Autumn – Red

Winter - Blue

Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit

Our Year 6s will get the chance to visit 'Crucial Crew' next Wednesday afternoon. This is an event where they will get practical experiences of how to keep safe, delivered through interactive workshops led by our emergency services. Children will be attending with students from Glaisdale School. They will leave school mid-morning and return to school by 4pm (traffic-permitting). Children should wear their usual uniform and bring their own packed lunch from home (unless they have ordered one from school).

Oaks Trip to York

Oaks have the wonderful opportunity to attend a free trip to York Museums Trust who are piloting a new trip for schools called 'Time Odyssey', where they will meet four characters who are lost in time: Revna – the Viking, Cheng – a trainee scribe from Ancient China, Felix – a future Centurion from Roman Britain, and Hori – a tomb painter from Ancient Egypt. Pupils then choose a character and take on a series of challenges to help send them back home. How? By gathering enough energy from museum objects to open a time portal!

Our bus will be departing at 8.30am, so please can we ask children to arrive, in uniform, at 8.15am. Children will need their own packed lunch (unless they have ordered one from school) and their own drink. The children will arrive back to school at 3.30pm (traffic-permitting).

Leavers' Assembly

All school community members are welcome to join us for our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly which is taking place at school on Friday 19th July (1pm). This will be a celebration of our fantastic Year 6s before they leave for secondary school, as well as a chance to reflect on another successful year and provide awards to a range of children. Year 6 children are welcome to leave and go home after the event should their parent/responsible adult be in school to collect them.

YEAT Olympics and Final Day of Term

A reminder that our official final school day is Monday 22nd July. All children will be attending a YEAT Olympics day at Oakridge School. This will take place during usual school hours. Children should come to school in PE kit and footwear with their own packed lunch and drink from home.





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Oaks Forest School

Thank you to Mrs Barber for coming in to deliver forest school sessions on her day off to the Oaks. This year, it has been tricky for us to safely staff these sessions, however Oaks have enjoyed having their one-off sessions. In the new academic year, when we have a full complement of staff, Oaks will have fortnightly sessions, as previously delivered, with Mrs Barber.

Clubs in Autumn 2024 and Consultation on Paid-for Childcare

In September, we plan to run a range of after-school clubs (free of charge), as usual. This (provisionally) includes:

Mondays: Engineering Club (Oaks) and Sewing Club (Acorns)

Tuesdays: Sports Club (Oaks)

Wednesdays: Signing Club (All children)

Thursdays: Choir Club (Year 1-6)

Fridays: No club currently (subject to change)

Clubs will start in the second week back (week commencing 9th September) due to school re-opening for children on Wednesday 4th September.

However, we know that parents' circumstances may have changed and that we have new families. Therefore, we are consulting families on whether they require additional paid-for childcare on days where there are no clubs available for their child or if childcare is required after clubs have finished (4.30pm). If you are interested in this, please complete the following survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/1xZPPssdEj>

The survey will close on Thursday 18th July after which we aim to inform families if paid-for childcare is viable.

End of Year Awards

Please can request that last year's end-of-year awards winners return their trophies to school, ready for our new winners which will be announced at our Leavers' Assembly at the end of term.

Final Choir Club of the Year

Choir Club has now finished for the year. A big thank you to Miss Wilson for all she has provided for children who attend this club, especially the recent visit to The Really Big Sing in Gateshead.

Library Van Visit

With Oaks out of school, our Acorns will be the only ones visiting the library van on Thursday. Please ensure any remaining books are brought into school that day.

Goodbye Mr Wadley

If he is well enough to do so, Mr Wadley is hoping to come to school on the morning of Friday 19th July (subject to any sports day rearrangements) to have a low-key 'goodbye' with our children. As you know, Mr Wadley left us at the end of December due to ill-health and has not been in a position to say a final goodbye. He hopes, all being well, to join children in school for one last time.

150th Celebrations

A massive thank you to everyone involved in our 150th celebrations last week. As always, I am blown away by the range of support and community spirit we have in our school and village. We enjoyed a fine day of summer fair activities, dressing



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up, stalls, singing and refreshments. This could not have happened without such a dedicated group of volunteers, staff and students. In total our summer fair events raised a magnificent £744 for PTFA funds – thank you so much for your support!

150th Anniversary Memento Bags for Sale

There is a memento anniversary bag for all our children and community members to purchase. These can either be purchased at the School Office or on Sports Day. The cost of each tote bag is £7, with proceeds going towards PTFA.

Music Lessons

Mrs Lillie looks forward to providing music lessons for our children again in September. Places are limited, in view of this we request if you would like your child to be included in Mrs Lillie’s cohort please let Mrs Moore know. If your child is an existing music student and wishes to continue or discontinue with lessons please can you let us know so that we can allocate places. Music lessons will continue to cost £8 each.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

Attendance: Our attendance this week was: 92.6%

Our attendance this year: 94.4%

National average this year: 94.5%

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

Next Week’s Events

Monday

Children may arrive at 10.30am if watching England v Spain

Acorns Sports Club please bring additional kit

Tuesday

Music Lessons

Sports Day at Castleton Cricket Club (1.30pm)

Wednesday

Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip Returning 4pm

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

Oaks Trip to York Depart 8.30am Return 3.30pm

No Choir Club now finished for the year

Friday

Leavers Assembly 1pm

Mr Wadley’s Goodbye



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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)

Future Diary Dates

Please note: some of these events may still need to be confirmed.

July

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

22/07 – Final day of the academic year

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 21st 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

Please avoid booking term time holidays, especially during assessment weeks.



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