



# NEWSLETTER

13/09/2024



Dear Families and Friends,

## Attendance

Last year, our attendance levels improved for a 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year, and we have started this year well. This is very important for children's learning. There is a direct link between children's attendance at school and their academic progress and attainment, as well as how they form and maintain relationships with their peers and teachers.

Our improvement bucks the trend when compared to the national attendance averages which have dropped significantly over recent years. Over the summer holidays, you may have heard via the media that the Government is changing the rules on attendance, implementing stricter rules on what absences schools/Headteachers can authorise, as well as making it a statutory requirement that schools pass on attendance concerns to the Local Authority who must issue penalty notices. Furthermore, these penalty notices have now increased in severity. Alongside this newsletter, parents will have been provided with an overview of these changes.

To confirm, despite a more relaxed approach to absence in the past, the Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust will be legally obligated to enforce these new rules. Should you have any questions about this, please contact Mr Cooper via the school office.

## School Office

As explained in last week's newsletter, Mrs Moore will be absent from school for the rest of the half-term, following an operation. Mrs Gray (administrator at Glaisdale Primary School) has completed a handover with Mrs Moore and will be working between Castleton and Glaisdale Schools.

Each week, in our newsletter, you can find Mrs Gray's timetable for the upcoming week. This will change week-to-week, depending on the school and Headteacher's calendar. However, should you wish to contact Mrs Gray with an immediate query, you will still be able to contact her at Glaisdale School (01947 897218) and she will monitor the Castleton administrator email address ([admin.castleton@yeat.co.uk](mailto:admin.castleton@yeat.co.uk)).

We wish Mrs Moore a speedy recovery and welcome Mrs Gray to our Castleton Family, as well as thank you for your understanding on this temporary arrangement.

## Clubs

We have enjoyed starting our after-school clubs again this week. If your child is interested in joining one of these clubs, please contact the school office to arrange for consent forms to be completed.

We are looking to source external agencies to run some clubs in the future, to provide other extra-curricular clubs for age groups or days of the week which do not yet have a scheduled club. If you have any suggestions on this, please do not hesitate to let us know.



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## Forest School

Year 3/4 were thrilled to start their forest school curriculum this week, being the first group in school to restart their sessions. Next week, Year 5/6 will have their fortnightly session Tuesday afternoon with Mrs Barber. Acorns will have their fortnightly session on Wednesday morning. Please ensure children come to school in appropriate forest school kit for their session.

## Year 1 Parents/Carers - Tapestry

Further to last week's information on Tapestry, and if you haven't done so already, we have prepared your child's Early Years Tapestry journal as a PDF, which should be accessible to you via your tapestry account.

Tapestry have partnered up with a company who are offering a printed journal service. The information about how to access this service and costings can be found via the following link. <https://tapestry.info/features/printed-journals/>

As previously stated, accounts will remain accessible until Friday 20th September.

## Curriculum Overviews

Alongside this newsletter, we have sent you our curriculum overviews for each class. This is a good way to understand what your child will be learning this term. You can also find more information about our curriculum on our website.

## Birds on the Edge

We enjoyed a visit from the Danby Moors Centre Birds on the Edge project this week. The children discovered how many birds we sighted over the summer term, as well as how to help the endangered birds in our area. We were also presented with our own geocache which will be hidden in the village for children to find and re-hide. Our aim is to get it all the way to Africa on a migration route of a turtle dove. We practised using the geocache in our terraced garden.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Cooper

## Stars of the Week

Acorns: Thea Smith- For always being so kind, helpful and considerate towards others, especially towards our new Reception children this week.

Oaks: Year 3 – For a fantastic start to Key Stage 2, they have worked incredibly hard and the whole class is so proud of them.

## Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 97.4%

Our attendance this year: 98.1%

National average last year: 94.5%



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## Headteacher timetable

Mon	am – Lythe all day
Tues	am – Castleton pm – Goathland
Weds	am – Lythe pm – Castleton
Thurs	am – Goathland pm – Glaisdale/Castleton
Fri	am – Goathland pm – Airy Hill

## Admin (Mrs Gray) timetable

Mon	am – Castleton pm – Glaisdale
Tues	Glaisdale all day
Weds	Castleton all day
Thurs	am – Castleton pm – Glaisdale
Fri	am – Glaisdale pm – Castleton

### Next Week's Events

- Monday** PE for Acorns please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear
- Tuesday** Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie  
Year 5/6 Forest School please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear  
Sport Club for Oaks 3.30-4.30pm (bring separate kit)
- Wednesday** Acorns Forest School please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear  
Signing Club
- Thursday** 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.

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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## Future Diary Dates

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

### September

23/09: Flu Vaccinations (TBC)  
26/09: Oaks Cross-Country Event in Whitby  
27/09: Oaks Stone and Iron Age visitors in school

### October

04/10: Acorns Multiskills Event in Whitby  
07/10-18/10: Parents' evenings  
08/10: Taiko drum workshop  
08/10: Year 5/6 Boys Football Event  
10/10: Library Van  
11/10: Year 5/6 Rugby Mega Fest  
17/10: Y6 trip to Whitby Secondary School and Archives  
18/10: Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Event

23/10: Individual and sibling photos  
24/10: Harvest Festival (10-11am)  
25/10: Shared Reading afternoon  
25/10: End of half-term

### Future Diary Dates

07/11: Library Van  
07/11: Chance to Shine cricket sessions start  
05/12: Library Van  
06/12: Year 5/6 Basketball Event  
26/03-28/03: Y5/6 Peat Rigg  
12/05-16/05: Y6 SATs Week  
02/06-13/06: Y4 Multiplication Check  
04/06: School photos  
June: Y1 phonics screening

## Remaining Term Dates 2024/25

- 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 21<sup>st</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

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



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