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Dear Families and Friends,

Co-op Fundraising

A massive thank you to all the community members who chose our school as their Co-op local cause over the last 18 months. Every time you purchased at a Co-op store, using your member card, an amount was donated to our fundraising project – providing sensory sessions for children at Senses Wellbeing Centre. In total, over this period, we raised a fantastic total of £2,326.20! This means we can continue sessions for the rest of the academic year. Thank you so much for your support!

Forest School and Farm/Fire Safety Visit

As we enter the wintry months and our Christmas preparations, our Forest School sessions will be coming to an end in the next few weeks. The whole school will also be visiting Forest Farm for a farm safety visit on Tuesday 12th November, where outdoor clothing/footwear will be required. Please see the schedule below:

Acorns

Tues 12th November: Farm safety visit (all year groups)

Weds 20th November: Final forest school session of the term

Oaks

Tues 5th November: Year 5/6 final forest school session of the term – will be first group after Christmas.

Tues 12th November: Farm safety visit (all year groups)

Tues 19th November: Year 3/4 final forest school session of the term

We aim to recommence sessions after the Christmas break, subject to the suitability of the grounds.

Music Lessons

Children will need their musical instruments for lessons with Alix Lillie on Monday and Tuesday. As we have our farm/fire visit on Tuesday afternoon, Alix would like to get round as many children over these two days.

Stay and Play – 11th November

Children who are starting school in September 2025 are welcome to join us (with their parents) for our first Stay and Play session of the year. This will take place on Monday 11th November (1.30-3pm). This will be a great opportunity for children and families to either: get used to their new school or help inform their decision on whether Castleton School is the right setting for them. Please feel free to share this more widely with families in and out of our catchment area.

Christmas Jumpers and Events

We have a number of upcoming Christmas events scheduled for next month – please see diary dates below – including our annual Carols round the Tree event.

A group of generous parents are organising a Christmas jumper swap, which will take place at the end of the school day on Monday 2nd December. If you have any jumpers you wish to donate, please kindly bring them to school.

This year, children will be able to wear these donated jumpers (or one of their own) during the following events:

- School panto trip (5th December)
- Nativity performances (if not in costume)
- Thursday 19th December (Christmas dinner and party day)

We hope that this allows children to get into the Christmas spirit and gives them an accessible way to celebrate and wear Christmas jumpers, especially given the official, national Christmas Jumper Day takes place on a day we have PE!



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Chance to Shine Cricket Sessions

We have enjoyed our first Chance to Shine cricket sessions this week, led by a qualified cricket coach. We have a lot of passionate cricketers already, but we are sure that we will have more by the end of these sessions. Sessions will take place on the following dates:

Thurs 14th November; Thurs 28th November; Friday 29th November; Thurs 12th December.

These have been scheduled around the various school events/trips we have over the term. We will update our newsletter's weekly diary, to ensure you are aware of when these take place.

Year 6 Whitby Archives Blog

Our Year 6s visiting the Whitby Museum and Archives last half-term. On the back of this, the museum have included a blogpost of our visit with the key highlights and photos which you can access here: <https://whitbymuseum.org.uk/library/archives-blog-castleton-glaidsdale-primary-school-year-6-pupils-arrive-for-their-workshop-tour-by-train/>

Mugenko Taiko Drummers

For those who were inspired by Chris Wright's Taiko drumming workshop: The 'Mugenko Taiko Drummers' (only UK based touring Taiko group) are doing their 30th Anniversary Tour and will be at Middlesbrough Town Hall on Tuesday 25th March 2025. If it would be of interest to anyone then please follow this link to look into some more: <https://boxoffice.middlesbrough.gov.uk/event/mugenkyo-taiko-drummers-in-time-30th-anniversary-tour/>

Mental Health and Well-being

We launched our first myHappyMind lesson for both Oak and Acorn Class this week. This half term we will be learning all about the biology of how our brain works in our first module 'Meet your Brain.' Please ask the children what they found out this week! We invite you to download the Parent App so that you can see what we are learning in class and gain information about how you can help to support your child's mental health and well-being.

Parent App Video link: <https://myhappymind.lpages.co/myhappymind-parent-app-introduction/>

You will need an authentication code which will be sent to you via e-mail.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Cooper

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 97.3%

Our attendance this year: 98.0%

National average for this year: 95.6%

Year Group winners: Year 2 & 4

We are currently ranked 7th out of 292 schools in North Yorkshire – well done!



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Stars of the Week

Acorns: Ella - for demonstrating great agility, coordination and control during our 'Chance to Shine Cricket' session.
Oaks: Ernest – for high levels of effort and motivation to improve his handwriting and always making the class smile!
Headteacher: Juniper – for excellent effort in all areas which has allowed her to make lots of progress, especially in maths!

Last week's reading winners

Oaks: Matthew & Finley

Headteacher timetable		
	Morning	Afternoon
Mon	Lythe	Goathland
Tues	Castleton all day	
Weds	Glaisdale	Goathland
Thurs	Castleton	Goathland
Fri	Lythe all day	

Next Week's Events

- Monday**
PE for Acorns please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear
Remembrance Day children visiting the memorial
Stay and Play 1.30-3pm
Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie
Acorns Sewing/Needlecraft Club with Mrs Moore
Oaks Engineering Club with Mr Moore
- Tuesday**
Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie
Whole school farm/fire visit please arrive in outdoor appropriate kit/footwear
Art Club for Oaks
- Wednesday**
Signing Club
Year 6 Booster Club
- Thursday**
Choir Club
Cricket Sessions for Both Classes please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear
- 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)



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

Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Jo Kevan (01287 660496 or jkevan@yeat.co.uk)

Future Diary Dates

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

November

11/11: Stay and Play

12/11: Whole school farm and fire safety afternoon

14/11: Chance to Shine Cricket

28/11: Chance to Shine Cricket

29/11: Chance to Shine Cricket

12/12: Chance to Shine Cricket

12/12: Stay and Play

13/12: Training Day

19/12: Christmas Jumper Day

19/12: Christmas Lunch

19/12: Carols round the Tree (6pm)

December

02/12: Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

03 & 04/12: Choir Singing to community/Abbeyfields

05/12: Panto Trip

06/12: Year 5/6 Basketball Event

09/12: Christmas afternoon performance (1.30pm)

09/12: Christmas evening performance (6pm)

Future Diary Dates

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 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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