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Dear Families and Friends,

Ofsted Inspection – Thank You!

I must start this week's newsletter with a wholehearted 'thank you' to all of our Castleton family and friends who rallied around us this week during our Ofsted inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday. We were blown away with the levels of support, whether that was through exceptional parental responses on Parent View or through kind words on the gate or to those individuals who chose to write letters directly to inspectors in support of the school.

Our children were also a credit to the school, being fantastic ambassadors for Castleton. The inspectors were impressed with how well behaved, articulate and passionate our students were over the two days.

Our inspection is now going through quality assurance. Until this process has been completed, we are unable to share the inspection outcomes. This will likely be either just before or just after Christmas, after which we will be pleased to share the findings.

From September 2024, schools no longer receive a single word overall effectiveness judgement (such as 'outstanding' or 'good'). However, individual subcategories will still receive a grading.

Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

On Monday 2nd December, at the end of the school day, some kind parent volunteers will have a Christmas Jumper swap shop setup on the school playground (or inside, if conditions are poor). As with World Book Day, students are welcome to select a donated school jumper from this collection or choose to bring their own to our various days we are allowing jumpers to be worn (see below). Please can we ask that any jumpers from the swap shop are returned after all of these events, so that they can be used in future years.

Christmas jumpers may be worn on: Pantomime trip (5th December); Nativity performances (for those not in costume); Christmas dinner/party day (19th December).

Whole School Pantomime Visit – Thursday 5th December

We are looking forward to our joint Castleton and Glaisdale pantomime visit on Thursday 5th December. Children will be leaving school late morning and will be returning to school at approximately 4.30pm. Children will have lunch at the theatre – you will have already indicated your preference on whether a lunch will be provided from school or home on your online consent form.

Children may attend school in their Christmas jumpers on this day.

Choir Club

As the school will be at the pantomime on Thursday, there will be no Choir Club on Thursday. The final Choir Club session will be on Thursday 12th December, with no session on Thursday 19th December due to Carols round the Tree.

Our Choir are looking forward to additional opportunities to perform to an audience and with one another, as, on Tuesday and Wednesday, they will be singing to local residents, including those residing at Abbeyfield.

Sewing & Engineering Clubs (Monday's 3:30 – 4:30)

During the final week before the Christmas break there will be no clubs with Mr & Mrs Moore. The final sessions for both of these clubs will be Monday 09/12/24

Chance to Shine Cricket Sessions

We have enjoyed a double cricket dose this week, with two sessions from Owen. We will have one final session on Thursday 12th December.



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Year 5/6 Basketball Event – Friday 6th December

On Friday 6th December, Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in a basketball event in Whitby. They should come to school in their PE kit and footwear.

School Transport Meeting

A meeting has been arranged to discuss the ongoing issues regarding school transportation to Whitby School. Our local MP, Alison Hume, will be attending and it will give parents an opportunity to air their concerns regarding this ongoing issue. This is taking place at Danby Village Hall on Saturday 30th November at 12.00noon.

Staff Training Day – Friday 13th December

As a reminder, school will be closed to children on Friday 13th December, due to a staff training/planning day.

Library Van Visit

On Thursday, children will still get a chance to visit the library van, prior to going to the pantomime. Please ensure library cards and books are brought to school on this day.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Cooper

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 86.0%

Our attendance this year: 96.1%

National average for this year: 95.4%

Year Group winners: Reception and Year 3

We are currently ranked 23rd out of 293 schools in North Yorkshire – well done!

Stars of the Week

Headteacher: The whole school for being exemplary ambassadors of Castleton School during our inspection!

Last week's reading winners

Oaks: Alfie and Katie

Headteacher timetable		
	Morning	Afternoon
Mon	Lythe	Goathland
Tues	Conference in Coventry	
Weds	Meeting in Whitby	Lythe
Thurs	Castleton	Goathland
Fri	Supporting school in Scarborough	



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Next Week's Events

Monday

Acorns Sewing/Needlecraft Club with Mrs Moore
Oaks Engineering Club with Mr Moore
Acorns PE Please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear
Christmas Jumper Swap Shop at the end of the school day

Tuesday

Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie
Art Club for Oaks

Wednesday

Signing Club
Year 6 Booster Club

Thursday

Whole School Panto Trip
Library Van
No Choir Club

Friday

Year 3/4 PE Please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear
Year 5/6 Basketball Event Please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear

Future Diary Dates

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

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)
10/12: Christmas evening performance (6pm)
12/12: Final 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 (5.30pm)

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

- 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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