



NEWSLETTER

20/12/2024



Dear Families and Friends,

Ofsted Report

We were delighted to share our Ofsted report this week – see separate communication with more information. Our full report can be read here: [Castleton School Ofsted Report 2024](#)

Ofsted no longer provide schools with an overall effectiveness grade (as of September 2024). However, schools inspected in this academic year will receive gradings for sub-categories of inspection.

I am extremely proud to announce that Castleton School has been judged as **Outstanding** in all areas – the highest grading possible! This is a standard only achieved by approximately 10% of schools nationally and reflective of schools who have exceptional practice. This standard is also one which schools have found harder to achieve in recent years, with fewer attaining this, due to a shift in focus by Ofsted. This makes us even prouder of this achievement.

Artsmark

We were also pleased to learn this week that we have achieved the Artsmark Silver Award, thanks to our commitment to providing children a with a range of learning and extra-curricular opportunities that promote and celebrate the arts. We are proud to display a logo on our newsletter recognising the 2-year journey we have just completed.

Mr Cooper's Return to School

I am pleased to have returned to school following our bereavement. As a family, we were absolutely touched and overwhelmed with the amount of support we have received from the school community. Your thoughts, messages and kind gestures have really helped us through what has been an immensely difficult time. Whilst one can never truly get over such an event, and we understand there will be good days and bad, I am now fully planning on returning to full duties in January, following a couple of 'taster' days in this final week of term. I would also like to thank the staff teams of all my schools for pulling together in my absence. Please assume that, in January, it will be 'business as usual' and you can approach me with any relevant queries.

Mr Cooper's Support of Lythe and Goathland Schools

I am pleased to say that Lythe and Goathland Schools have managed to secure substantive headteacher arrangements from Easter (possibly earlier). I will continue to support the schools by providing leadership capacity until the schools' new headteacher can officially start.

Christmas Fun

What a wonderful Christmassy week we have had, as well as Christmas activities within the classroom, we had an exceptional Christmas lunch on Thursday and today our Christmas (all day!) party with a visit from Father Christmas! I would like to thank again our parents who organised the Christmas Jumper swap, it has been fantastic to see all the children in their jumpers and celebrating this time of year together. Can I please remind anyone who borrowed a Christmas jumper from the swap shop to return these to school so they can be used in future years.

YEAT Newsletter

Please see a link to the Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust's termly newsletter: <https://www.yeat.co.uk/newsletters/>



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Clubs

Next half term we will be running the following clubs:

Monday	Oaks Sport and Wellbeing club	Miss Searle
Tuesday	Acorns Arts and Crafts club	Mrs Garbutt & Mrs Smith
Wednesday	Signing Club Y6 Booster Club	Mrs (Katie) Thompson Mrs Wardell
Thursday	Choir	Miss Wilson

All clubs will begin week commencing the 6th of January and will run from 3.30pm till 4.30pm. If your child would like to attend one of our two new clubs, please complete the online consent form sent out previously.

If your child would like to attend Choir or Signing Club and they have not been before, please contact Mrs Moore .

Christmas Holidays

School is now closed for the Christmas holidays. We reopen on Monday 6th January 2025.

Merry Christmas!

Mr Cooper

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 95.2%

Our attendance this year: 95.6%

National average for this year: 95.3%

Year Group winners: Year 5 & Year 6

We are currently ranked 78th out of 298 schools in North Yorkshire

Stars of the Week

Acorns: Luke- for great creativity in the model making area this week and for always being a kind friend to others.

Oaks: Robyn – for always being an outstanding learner and supportive of others. Your smile also brightens any room!

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



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Monday	Sport/Wellbeing Club with Miss Searle
Tuesday	Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie Art Club for Acorns with Mrs Smith
Wednesday	Signing Club with Katie Year 6 Booster Club with Mrs Wardell
Thursday	Choir Club with Miss Wilson
Friday	

Future Diary Dates

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

January

06/01: Children return to school
21/01: Year 3/4 Multiskills event

06/03: KS2 Cross Country
21/03: Training Day
26/03-28/03: Y5/6 Peat Rigg
01/04: Year 5/6 Netball event
12/05-16/05: Y6 SATs Week
02/06-13/06: Y4 Multiplication Check
04/06: School photos
June: Y1 phonics screening

Future Diary Dates

06/02: Year 1/2 Gymnastics event
27/02: Year 4 Gymnastics event
04/03: Year 3/4 Hockey event

Remaining Term Dates 2024/25

- 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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