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Dear Families and Friends,

Administrator Vacancy

Our advert for the administrator vacancy closes on Sunday 26th January. We would be grateful if you could share the following advert with any interested parties:

<https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/8538/0/444449/19927/castleton-and-glaisdale-primary-schools-administrator>

Mrs Moore will continue to work in our School Office going forwards and will provide additional cover in any interim period between Mrs Gray's leaving and her replacement's start date. We will communicate the schedule of Mrs Moore's office hours, once confirmed.

School Start Time

Further to my email earlier in the week, please can we remind you that we do not have staff supervising the start of the school day until 8:50am. We have had some children arrive unsupervised before this time, creating a potential safeguarding risk. Thank you for your understanding.

PTFA Meeting – Tuesday 4th February (3.30pm)

The next PTFA meeting will take place in school on Tuesday 4th February at 3.30pm. All are welcome to attend, to help plan ways to support the school.

Virtual Meeting with Linda Community School, Zambia

We had the amazing opportunity to virtually meet children from a school in Zambia on Tuesday! This is thanks to Robert Smith from the Zambezi Sunrise Trust who was visiting Linda Community School which has been built and supported by the trust for a number of years. Our children got to ask and answer lots of questions about our very different locations. We are looking forward to writing letters to our Zambian friends in the future!

Forest School

It was lovely to restart our forest school sessions this week. As a reminder, future sessions will be on a fortnightly basis unless otherwise stated in the weekly newsletter. Year 3/4 will have their first session of the term on Tuesday 28th January. Please ensure children arrive in school in weather-appropriate clothing and footwear.

Acorn Class

Next Wednesday children in Acorns are invited to bring in **one** item/object from home that is special to them. These items will be used as part of the afternoons RE lesson where the children will be exploring and discussing what makes an object or place special to them.

Save the date - Thursday 22nd May

An evening concert featuring the children, plus special guests, will be held at the Joan of Arc Hall, Botton. There will be an opportunity to watch your child/children at a small assembly at the end of the school day at 3:00pm in the Castleton Village Hall and to then purchase tickets for a concert event to start at 6pm. More details to follow...



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Year 6 Edinburgh Trip

Thank you to all Year 6 parents that have given their consent for the Edinburgh visit taking place in June. We will now be able to make arrangements. Once confirmed, we will share this information with you and begin arrangements for deposits

Year 3/4 Multiskills Competition

Year 3/4 had a fantastic afternoon at Whitby School, taking part in a multiskills event. The children participated in a range of activities which involved throwing, jumping, balancing and running. We were also pleased to have activities led by some former pupils!

Library Van Visit

We will be visiting the library van on Thursday when it is next in the village. Please ensure that children bring their borrowed books and library cards to school that morning.

Student Teachers

Next week, Oaks will be joined by two undergraduate student teachers. We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Denton and Miss Bell to our class who will support Mrs Wardell, Mrs Garbutt, Miss Searle and Mrs Jasper over various weeks across the next 4 months.

After School Clubs

We are considering revising our current Monday evening club (Sport for Oaks with Miss Searle). Depending on interest we are offering an opportunity for both Acorns and Oaks to attend an after school Drama Club with Miss Searle & Mrs Moore. This will be for a maximum of 12 children and starting after the February half-term break. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the consent form, using the following link. If there is sufficient interest we look forward to this going ahead. <https://forms.office.com/e/586hn1xMzw>

Have a great weekend!

Mr Cooper

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 97.9%

Our attendance this year: 95.9%

National average for this year: 94.8%

Year Group winners: Reception, Year 3 & Year 6 – 100% Attendance!!

We also had two days this week of 100% attendance across the school – well done everyone!

We are currently ranked 152nd out of 292 schools in North Yorkshire.

Last week's reading winners

Oaks: Henry

Acorns: Gabriel, Grace, Beverley and Clementine

Stars of the Week

Acorns: Harper- for always being a kind friend to others and for always being ready to learn.

Oaks: Maggie – for a fantastic dilemma narrative in English and her enthusiasm to learn



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Next Week's Events

Monday

Sport/Wellbeing Club for Oaks with Miss Searle
Acorns PE lessons please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

Tuesday

Year 3/4 Forest School please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear
Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie
Art Club for Acorns with Mrs Garbutt

Wednesday

Signing Club with Katie
Year 6 Booster Club with Mrs Wardell

Thursday

Library Van Visit
Choir Club with Miss Wilson

Friday

Oaks PE Lessons please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

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

Future Diary Dates

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

January

28/01: Year 3/4 Forest School
30/01: Library Van

February

04/02: PTFA Meeting in school (3.30pm)
04/02: Year 5/6 Forest School
05/02: Acorns Forest School
06/02: Year 1/2 Gymnastics event
11/02: Year 3/4 Forest School
25/02: Year 5/6 Forest School
26/02: Acorns Forest School
27/02: Library Van
27/02: Year 4 Gymnastics event

Future Diary Dates

04/03: Year 3/4 Hockey event
06/03: KS2 Cross Country
17/03: KS2 Trip to Ryedale Folk Museum
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
22/05: Gospel Choir Concert (6pm)
02/06-13/06: Y4 Multiplication Check
04/06: School photos
17-18/06: Year 6 Edinburgh Trip (TBC)
June: Y1 phonics screening



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Remaining Term Dates 2024/25

- 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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