



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families and Friends,

New School Administrator (Castleton and Glaisdale Schools)

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Mrs Jenifer Littlewood to the position of school administrator, following a recruitment process which saw significant interest. Mrs Littlewood will be replacing Mrs Gray who will be leaving us at the end of this half-term. They have already started handing over, ahead of Mrs Littlewood's official start after half-term. I am sure many of you will recognise Mrs Littlewood as either a parent/PTFA member at Castleton and/or in her current role at The Danby Moors Centre. I am also sure you will join me in welcoming her to our teams at both schools.

Mrs Littlewood's working pattern will be similar to that of Mrs Gray's, where she will cover responsibilities at both schools, especially on days Mrs Moore (Castleton School administrator) does not work. However, there may be some slight differences. Please see the proposed (to be confirmed) schedule below:

	Castleton	Glaisdale
Mon	Mrs Moore all day	Mrs Littlewood all day
Tues	Mrs Littlewood all day (remote cover for Glaisdale)	
Weds	Mrs Littlewood all day (remote cover for Castleton)	
Thurs	Mrs Moore (morning)	Mrs Littlewood all day
Fri	Mrs Moore all day	Mrs Littlewood (morning)

Clubs after Half-term

Monday – Drama Club to commence for all children with Miss Searle and Mrs Moore (there are 3 places left). Please complete the following form, if your child would like to attend. <https://forms.office.com/e/586hn1xMzw>
Curtailment of Sport/Wellbeing Club for Oaks on Mondays.

PTFA Coffee Morning – 1st March 2025 (10-12pm)

The PTFA will be holding a coffee morning at Castleton Village Hall on Saturday 1st March (10am-12pm). We would like to kindly request for donations of prizes for the raffle and tombola, as well as any donations of second-hand books for a stall. These may be brought to school. We would also like to request for any donations of baked goods closer to the date of the coffee morning. Thank you for your support.

Year 6 Coffee Morning (Edinburgh Fundraiser) – Saturday 19th April (10am-12pm)

Year 6s also have the opportunity to lead a coffee morning at Castleton Village Hall. This is to allow them to fundraise for their upcoming Edinburgh visit in June. They will need to run this alongside parents/family members, given it falls during the Easter break, although staff may be able to offer some support. If you are a parent/family member of a Year 6 and are willing to help, please inform Mr Cooper.

World Book Day – 7th March 2025

Similar to last year, the PTFA will be holding a World Book Day costume swap shop ahead of the day itself. This will take place on Friday 28th February (3pm) outside school. Children/parents can freely choose to borrow one of the costumes provided by the PTFA or use one from home.





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Please can we ask for donations of any unwanted costume or costume items, including any borrowed from last year, so that we have plenty in stock to choose from. Please bring these to school in the first week back after half-term.

Year 5/6 Peat Rigg Pre-Visit Meeting – Zoom – Tuesday 4th March (5pm)

There will be a pre-visit Zoom meeting for parents/children in Year 5/6 who will be attending the Peat Rigg residential next month. This will take place on Tuesday 4th March (5pm). Please use the following link to join the meeting (this will also be shared again nearer the time):

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88401910467?pwd=aW1pKdEbsN64dO6JLGV0vYoSE4Unig.1>

Meeting ID: 884 0191 0467

Passcode: MhLf15

For anyone unable to attend, a recording of this meeting will be made available shortly after.

Parental Survey – Residentials and Theatre Trips

The PTFA and school are aware that the cost of residential visits and theatre trips has increased significantly over the last two years. We want, therefore, to consult parents on whether they would like to keep the same models for these trips or if they have a preference/suggestion on alternative models which may be more affordable.

We would appreciate if you could complete this survey by following the link below by Friday 14th February 2025. Thank you for your time. Link: <https://forms.office.com/e/kXnD1tkLKS>

Acorns: Show and Tell

Starting next week a different child will be picked each day to bring something from home to 'show and tell'. They will be told the day before. This needs to be something interesting to talk about (not a toy). For example, something they have made, a photograph or a book.

New Starter Stay and Plays

We have scheduled two new dates for Stay and Play sessions for children starting school in September 2025:

- Monday 10th March (1.30-3pm)
- Thursday 24th April (1.30-3pm)

We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 1/2 Gymnastics

Year One and Year Two children enjoyed an afternoon at Whitby College where they took part in a range of gymnastic activities. The children developed their travelling, rolling, jumping and balancing skills throughout the afternoon and had great fun using the springboard and vault apparatus! The Year 10 Sports Leaders were fantastic at encouraging and supporting the children so that everyone had a great afternoon.

Shared Reading Afternoon

We will be hosting another shared reading afternoon on Friday 14th February (3pm) in school. This an informal opportunity to share a love of reading with your children. Family members are welcome to join us from 3pm in their child's class. If you have siblings in separate classes, please come to reception so we can inform you of which classroom your children are in.



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End of Half-Term

We will be closing for our half-term break on Friday 14th February. School will re-open on Monday 24th February.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Cooper

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 90.6%

Our attendance this year: 95.7%

National average for this year: 94.8%

Year Group winners: Year 4

We are currently ranked 120th out of 292 schools in North Yorkshire.

Last week's reading winners

Oaks: Katie & Alfie H

Acorns: Archie

Stars of the Week

Acorns: Thea- for super work counting forwards and backwards in 2's, 5's 10's and 3's in Maths this week.

Oaks: Esmee – for showing great maturity and emotional resilience as well as fantastic progress in all subjects.

Next Week's Events

Monday

Sport/Wellbeing Club with Miss Searle (Oaks)

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

Choir Club with Miss Wilson

Friday

Oaks PE Lessons please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

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Headteacher timetable		
	Morning	Afternoon
Mon	Meetings in Whitby	Castleton
Tues	Lythe	Goathland
Weds	Goathland	Lealholm
Thurs	Lythe	Castleton
Fri	Lythe	Goathland

Future Diary Dates

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

February

11/02: Year 3/4 Forest School
 14/02: End of half-term
 22/02: Children return to school
 25/02: Year 3/4 Forest School
 26/02: Acorns Forest School
 27/02: Library Van
 27/02: Year 4 Gymnastics event
 28/02: PTFA World Book Day Costume Swap

March

01/03: PTFA Coffee Morning
 04/03: Year 5/6 Forest School
 04/03: Year 3/4 Hockey event
 04/03: Year 5/6 Peat Rigg Pre-Visit Zoom (5pm)
 06/03: KS2 Cross Country
 07/03: World Book Day
 10/03: Stay and Play
 11/03: Year 5/6 Forest School
 17/03: KS2 Trip to Ryedale Folk Museum

18/03: Year 3/4 Forest School
 21/03: Training Day
 25/03: Year 3/4 Forest School
 26/03-28/03: Y5/6 Peat Rigg

Future Diary Dates

01/04: Year 5/6 Netball event
 04/04: End of term
 19/04: Year 6 Coffee Morning (Edinburgh Fundraiser)
 21/04: Easter Monday (school closed)
 22/04: Children return to school (Tuesday)
 24/04: Stay and Play
 29/04: Whole school swimming sessions begin
 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)
 26/06: Oaks Summer Afternoon & Evening Performance
 June: Y1 phonics screening

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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