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Dear Families and Friends,

A welcome and a goodbye

It is with sadness that we said our goodbyes to Mrs Moore this week. Mrs Moore did not want a fuss however it would be wrong of us to not thank her for all her work in the past few years at Castleton School. We wish you a happy retirement and I am sure she will return to volunteer using her fantastic creative writing skills across the school.

Mrs Moore passed on the baton to Mrs Linda Taylor who has joined us from Lealholm School where she worked as school secretary for a number of years. Mrs Taylor is a welcomed addition to the Castleton School family bringing a wealth of experience to the role. Mrs Taylor will be in school on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday with Mrs Littlewood in school on a Tuesday and covering remotely at Glaisdale school on a Thursday.

Shared Reading afternoon

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents, grandparents and carers into school on Thursday afternoon for our first shared reading afternoon of the year. I hope you are as proud as we are of their reading and writing work, I know they were very excited to share it with you. Thank you to all those who could attend.

Water Safety Workshop

The Oaks had the pleasure of having the local Coastguard team in their classroom this morning, we learnt about how to stay safe around the water before walking down to the River Esk to watch and take part in a practical demonstration. Going home with the children today are some goodies from the Coastguards as well as some contact bands you can use with your children in the summer.

Acorns Multi skills – Friday 3rd October

The Acorns had so much fun at Multi skills today, competing in speed, agility and coordination events demonstrating the sporting superstars they are becoming. Well done Acorns!

Wrap around provision

Just a reminder to all of our parents and carers about our wrap around care provision; we open our doors at 7.45am for breakfast club (with breakfast provided) and afterschool club runs from 3.30pm till 5.30pm. Our afterschool club can be booked for just the one hour however should your child/ren be staying into the second session a snack will be provided. Should you require any of this provision please use MCAS to book your children on or speak with Mrs Taylor at the school reception.

Rights Respecting School Ambassadors

A big thank you to all the children who applied to be part of Castleton's RRS Ambassador group. We're delighted to announce that over the next week we will be holding a vote to elect our Ambassadors and will announce the successful candidates in due course!

Coffee Morning

This Saturday (4th) our fantastic PTFA will be hosting a coffee morning to raise funds to go towards resources, trips and experiences for the children at Castleton School. Please come along to support if you can with tea, coffee, delicious cakes and a tombola. It will be held in the village hall from 10am to 12 noon.



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Chance to Shine Cricket

On Monday Chance to Shine cricket will return for all the children; please can all children come to school in their PE kit, this will happen every Monday till the half term holidays.

Photographer

Please note on Tuesday we will be welcoming a photographer into school (Miss Natasha Hill) to take photos of our children working in the school environment and within our forest school setting. These photos will be used on our website and advertisements of the school. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this, please let us know.

Play Leader training

Mrs Twamley is very much looking forward to returning to school on Wednesday 8th to deliver some play leader training. Children in Year 2, 5 and 6 will take part and become our new sports leaders for playtime activities. Please can children in these year groups come to school in their PE kit.

Library Van

On Thursday 9th we will be visiting the library van again to continue our love of reading. Please can all children have their library books and cards with them.

Hello Yellow

We will be taking part in Hello Yellow on Friday 10th October (World Mental Health Day) to raise awareness for YoungMinds, the UK's leading charity for young people's mental health. No young person should feel alone with their mental health and that's why Hello Yellow matters. We're taking this opportunity as a school community to come together and show our pupils that we're with them and they're never alone with their mental health. *We'll be taking part by asking all children to wear something Yellow on Friday.*

We also want to take this opportunity to share the resources which YoungMinds has to offer to support parents and carers if you ever need help and advice to support your children. This includes:

- online resources (www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/)
- a phone line, open 9.30am-4pm (0800 802 5544)
- an online chat for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health (www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/)

Y5/6 Rugby festival- Friday 10th October

Our Year 5/6 children will be taking part in an exciting Rugby Festival on Friday 10th October. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to build teamwork skills and represent our school with pride. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their full P.E kit, trainers and a waterproof coat in case of wet weather. Long hair must be tied up for safety.

Harvest Festival and foodbank donations

We are pleased to invite you to our Harvest Festival, which will be held at St Michael & St George, Castleton on Thursday 16th October at 10am.



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This special event is a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together in celebration and reflection. In the spirit of giving, we have decided to support our local Whitby Food bank. From Monday 13th, we will be collecting tinned and packet goods in school to donated; please see the poster attached. These posters were designed by our Oak children with one being selected to be sent you all – Well Done Layla! Please consider contributing if you can do, so every donation makes a difference.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Wardell
Interim Head of School

Mr Cooper
Executive Headteacher

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 97%

Our attendance this year: 97.8%

National average: 95.2%

Year Group winners: Reception, Year 2 & Year 4 – 100% amazing!

We are currently ranked 94th out of 280 schools.

Star of the week:

Acorns – Ella for always putting 100% effort into everything she does and for listening carefully to feedback so that she can challenge herself and achieve her goals. Well done!

Oaks – Finley C for perseverance and amazing achievement and progress in Reading and Maths! Fantastic!

Headteachers' Award – James for being a brilliant friend, upholding our school values and bringing a real passion to his learning.

Weekly Reading Prizes:

Oaks: James and Finley W

Acorns: Miles

Next Week's Events

Monday	Chance to Shine Cricket please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear
Tuesday	Forest School Year 5 & 6 please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie Art Club with Mrs Murrell
Wednesday	Play Leader Training – Year 2, 5 & 6 please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear Signing Club with Katie



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Thursday

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Choir Club with Miss Wilson

Friday

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Year 5 & 6 Rugby Megafest – please arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear or in a bag to change into should your child be participating in Hello Yellow.

Oaks PE - please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear or in a bag to change into should your child be participating in Hello Yellow.

Headteacher Timetable		
	Mr Cooper	Mrs Wardell
Monday	West Cliff	Castleton
Tuesday	West Cliff/Glaisdale/Castleton	Castleton
Wednesday	West Cliff	Castleton
Thursday	West Cliff	Castleton
Friday	West Cliff	Castleton/Whitby Rugby Club

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)

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.

October

13/10: Chance to Shine Cricket

16/10: Harvest Festival

17/10: Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament

20/10: Chance to Shine Cricket

20/10: Individual School Photos

21/10: PCE 1/2

22/10: PCE 2/2

24/10: Oaks Cross Country

21/11: Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics

December

03/12: Christmas singing at Abbeyfields

04/12: Stay and Play

05/12: Pantomime Trip

09/12: Choir singing to Senior Citizens

11/12: Nativity evening performance

12/12: Nativity afternoon performance

18/12: Carols around the tree

November

10/11: Stay and Play

11/11: Service at the War Memorial

12/11: Choir at the recording studio

19/11: Year 5/6 Barney and Echo Internet Safety and Wellbeing workshop

Future Dates

11/05-14/05: SATs Week

08/06-12/06: Year 1 Phonics Screen Week

29/06-01/07: Year 3/4 Peat Rigg Trip



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- Half-term – Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025
 - End of Autumn Term – Friday 19th December 2025
 - Training Day – Monday 5th January 2026
 - Half-term – Monday Half Term - Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026
 - Staff Training Day - Friday 13th March 2026
 - Last day of Spring Term - Friday 27th March 2026
 - First day of Summer Term – Monday 13th April 2026
 - Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May 2026
 - Half Term - Monday 25th May to Friday 29th 2026
 - Last day of Summer Term – Friday 17th July 2026
 - Staff Training Day – Monday 20th July 2026
- Please avoid booking term time holidays, especially during assessment weeks.*

Term Dates 2026/2027

- Staff Training Day – Monday 7th September 2026
 - Staff Training Day – Tuesday 8th September 2026
 - First day of Autumn Term – Wednesday 9th September 2026
 - Half-term – Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026
 - End of Autumn Term – Friday 18th December 2026
 - Training Day – Monday 4th January 2027
 - Half-term – Monday Half Term - Monday 8th February to Friday 12th February 2027
 - Last day of Spring Term - Friday 19th March 2027
 - Staff Training Day – Monday 5th April 2027
 - First day of Summer Term – Tuesday 6th April 2027
 - Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May 2027
 - Half Term - Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027
 - Last day of Summer Term – Friday 23rd July 2027
 - Staff Training Day – Monday 26th July 2027
- Please avoid booking term time holidays, especially during assessment weeks.*