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Dear Families and Friends,

Oaks' Visit to Murton Park – Tuesday 28th April

Oaks have an exciting trip planned on Tuesday to Murton Park for a day experiencing the life of a Roman soldier. This trip will consolidate and deepen the children's knowledge they have been developing in their history lessons. We will be departing school at 8.45am so please ensure your child/ren are a little earlier to school on Tuesday – we will welcome them into the Oak classroom from 8.35am. We will also be returning to school later than normal arriving back between 4.15 and 4.30pm; we will update Dojo on the day with an accurate arrival time. Children need to come to school in clothing suitable for forest school however trainers will suffice, their packed lunch unless you have ordered one from school and a suitable coat for the weather – we may even need suncream!

Stay and Play

We are looking forward to welcoming our new starters and their families into school on Thursday 30th April 2-3pm. This will give children the opportunity to meet staff, play alongside their peers and experience the school environment ahead of them starting school in September.

Year 3/4 Cricket Competition – Friday 1st May

Year 3 and 4 will be taking part in another thrilling day of cricket competing against local schools at Mulgrave Cricket Club. This will be an all-day event so please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit and trainers, with a packed lunch unless you have ordered one from school and a suitable coat for the weather. Please can the children bring sun cream (applied before school if possible) and a sun hat.

PTFA and Year 6 Coffee morning

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the Year 6 coffee morning at the weekend. This was an excellent community event, which helped raise funds for our Year 6 trip to Edinburgh. In total, the children and their families raised a whopping £466.50! This far exceeds the total needed of £200. Any additional money raised will be fairly split between the PTFA (who supported the event) and extra treats for our Year 6s during their time in Edinburgh. Thank you again for your support!

Swimming

It was great to start swimming lessons this week. These will continue across the term, although there will not be a session next week due to Oaks trip to Murton Park. Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate swimming kit and towel in a separate bag on these dates. We encourage independence when the children are changing but will of course help, if necessary, with this being said please can parents consider the children's uniform on Tuesdays as tights are quite difficult to master!

Our swimming lessons will be held on the following dates:

5th May, 19th May, 2nd June (not Year 5 & 6), 9th June, 16th June, 23rd June (not Year 5 & 6), 30th June, 14th July

Acorns PE

As a reminder, Acorns will have PE sessions on a fortnightly basis (in weeks they do not have Forest School), unless otherwise stated. These sessions will be shown on the weekly newsletter.





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Mrs Wilson Assembly

It was wonderful to welcome Mrs Carol Wilson (previous headteacher of Castleton) back into school on Wednesday to present the children with a copy of her book Botany for Beginners. The children asked some insightful questions deepening their knowledge on botany and wildflowers. This assembly was a wonderful way of celebrating Earth Day!

National Cricket Day – Thursday 23rd April – Glaisdale Cricket Club

A fantastic day was had down at Glaisdale Cricket Club pitch where all the children took part in several cricket drills developing their skills and competing in games against Oakridge, Lealholm and Glaisdale School – a great way to celebrate National Cricket Day! A special thanks goes to our Chair of Governors Mark Hollingworth for coordinating the event as well as Paul Kevan and the Sports Leaders from Whitby School, without these people the event wouldn't have been so successful!

If your child is interested in playing cricket more often, you can contact Castleton Cricket Club (castletoncricketclub@gmail.com) to discuss further opportunities.

Curriculum Overviews

Alongside the email containing this newsletter, you should have received your child's class' curriculum overview for the summer term. We hope you find this useful to understand what your child will be learning, as well as a provocation for discussion of topics at home.

Growing up in North Yorkshire Survey

Please also see attached information on the Growing up in North Yorkshire Pupil Survey.

Upcoming Bank Holiday

As a reminder, Monday 4th May is a national bank holiday and school will, therefore, be closed. We will be open as normal on Tuesday 5th May.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Cooper
Executive Headteacher

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 93.8%

Our attendance this term: 95.7%

Our attendance this year: 96%

National average: 94.8%

Our Target: 96%

Year Group winners: Reception and Year 3 – 100%

We are currently ranked 94th out of 280 schools.

Star of the week:





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Acorns: Julia- for developing great batting and fielding skills during our cricket day. Super confidence, focus and determination to strike the ball!!

Oaks: Barnaby – for consistency with his question time and being a top cricketer yesterday. Well done!

Headteacher: April – for fantastic progress in reading!

Weekly Reading Winners:

Oaks: Martha B

Acorns: Max, Ada, Molly, Harper

Next Week's Events

Monday Year 3 & 4 Forest School please come to school wearing appropriate clothing and footwear

Tuesday Oaks Trip to Murton Park
Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie
Art Club with Mrs Murrell

Wednesday Acorn Forest School please come to school wearing appropriate clothing and footwear
Football Practice for selected children (please bring additional kit/footwear to change into)
Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie
Signing Club with Katie
SATs Club with Mrs Wardell

Thursday Reverend Sally Assembly
Stay and Play for new starters
Choir Club with Miss Wilson

Friday Year 3/4 Cricket Competition please come to school wearing PE kit with appropriate footwear
Year 5/6 PE please come to school wearing PE kit with appropriate footwear

Next Week's Menu		
	Main	Desert
Monday	All Day Breakfast	Oaty Cookie
Tuesday	Cheese and Tomato Pasta	Lemon Drizzle Bun
Wednesday	Roast Beef	Fruit and Ice Cream
Thursday	Chicken Korma	Fruity Flapjack
Friday	Fish fingers or fish with chips	Doughnut Muffin

Headteacher Timetable	
Monday	Castleton
Tuesday	Glaisdale
Wednesday	Meetings off site/Glaisdale





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Thursday	Meetings off site/Castleton
Friday	Glaisdale

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.

May

04/05: Bank Holiday
 05/05: Swimming
 07/05: Acorns PE
 07/05: Barclays Shield Final @ Whitby Town
 08/05: Y3/4 Tri Golf at Whitby Golf Club
 11/05-14/05: KS2 SATS Week
 11/05: Year 5/6 Forest School
 13/05: Acorns Forest School
 18/05: Sea Shanty Workshop (parent performance at 2.45pm – Castleton Village Hall)
 18/05: Year 3/4 Forest School
 19/05: Swimming
 21/05: Acorns PE

08/06-12/06: Year 1 Phonics Screen Week
 09/06: Swimming
 10/06: Class/school photos
 10/06: Michael Morpurgo Event
 11/06: Year 6 Rotary Club Competition
 12/06: Year 5/6 Quaddkids Event
 15/06: Year 5/6 Golf Event
 15/06: Year 3/4 Forest School
 16/06 - 17/06: Year 6 Edinburgh Trip
 16/06: Swimming (excl. Year 6)
 17/06: Headingley Cricket Visit (Year 3-5)
 19/06: Year 1/2 Quaddkids Event
 22/06: Year 5/6 Forest School
 23/06: Year 5/6 Athletics
 23/06: Swimming (excl. Year 5/6)
 24/06: Acorns Forest School
 25/06: Oaks Summer Production (afternoon and evening performances)
 26/06: Year 5/6 Rounders
 29/06: Year 5/6 Forest School
 29/06-01/07: Year 3/4 Peat Rigg Trip
 30/06: Swimming (excl Y3/4)

June

01/06: Year 5/6 Forest School
 01/06-05/06: Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
 02/06: Year 5/6 Cricket Event
 02/06: Swimming (excl. Y5/6)
 03/06: Acorns Forest School
 04/06: Acorns PE
 04/06: Year 5/6 Repair Café Event
 04/06: Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights National Check
 04/06: Peat Rigg Zoom Pre-Visit Meeting
 08/06: Yoga Club Starts
 08/06: Islamic Diversity Workshop in School
 08/06: Year 3/4 Forest School

July

02/07: Acorns PE
 03/07: Sports Day (morning)
 03/07: Year 3/4 Golf Event
 06/07: Beach Day
 07/07: Choir Big Sing Event





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- 08/07: Acorns Forest School
- 13/07: Year 3/4 Forest School
- 14/07: Swimming
- 15/07: Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit

- 16/07: Summer Fayre
- 17/07: Leavers' Assembly
- 17/07: End of Summer Term

Remaining Term Dates 2025/2026

- 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
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