



NEWSLETTER



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Message from Mrs Hird

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see the children enjoying their learning in school this week and I hope you all had a pleasant break over Easter.

There have been a few exciting developments over recent weeks, particularly in our garden area, with the development of an outdoor classroom, bug mansion and various other projects to support our learning. The Acorn team have made some fabulous improvements to their indoor and outdoor spaces and further improvements are planned for the Acorn classroom, main office and library.



We were delighted this week to be granted permission by the North York Moors National Park to use their branding, celebrating our school's fantastic location in this beautiful part of the world. We have a range of outdoor education training planned for staff in the summer term in order to continue developing our use of outdoor spaces to support learning.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Hird

Attendance: This week's attendance was a fantastic **99.56%** so well above our target of at least **97%**.

News from the Classes

It has been so lovely to see all of the **Acorns** back in school this week for the start of our Summer Term. Lots of smiley faces from everyone and wobbly teeth amongst the KS1 children!

In English we have been listening to and reading part of a traditional West African tale about Anansi the Spider and the moss covered rock. This has been enjoyed by all and fits really nicely into our studies for Geography, Music and Art this half term. We have looked at synonyms and writing instructions.

In Maths, Reception have been exploring the teen numbers and becoming familiar with all aspects related to them. Year 1 have been counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. Year 2 have been exploring recognising and finding halves and quarters as an introduction to Fractions.

We had the most splendid weather on Wednesday morning for our forest school session and the daffodils in the woodland were tremendous. Lots of happy pupils and staff enjoying the fresh air and space whilst playing team challenges, making crafts, climbing trees, building dens, hunting for mini beast and using tools.

We also welcomed back Mrs Porter who has covered 2 sessions this week to the delight of the children!



Please can children bring their PE kit bag in on Monday to leave in school. They will go home wearing their PE kit on Thursday, with uniform in their bag, to save a little time.

The Acorn **Star of the Week** is **Gabriella** who has made an excellent start to the Summer Term being mindful not to interrupt, listen carefully and read instructions.



Once again the **Oaks** have returned with enthusiasm and ready for action this week. In Maths, the Year 5/6 children have been working with metric measurements and conversions. They even helped measure the broken play equipment so that we can get a quote to have it renewed. Fingers crossed that they were precise enough! The

Year 3/4 children have continued with fractions: counting in different fractions, making the whole and adding fractions.

They have also recapped the features of an explanation and have written their own about volcanoes and eruptions. They have ensured to edit for detail and expansion of some of their sentences.

In RE, the Y5/6 children learnt about different Christian charities and linked these to the Rights Respecting Schools Award. The Y3/4 children learnt about the Trinity (The Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and thought about how they may take different forms.

We have also started our special Arts Award by beginning to spot the different arts in school. Can they see more at home and out and about?



The Oak **2 Stars of the Week** are: **James** for really helping and encouraging the younger members of football club.

Emma for brilliant organisation of her writing work and working independently.



After School Clubs

We are really sorry that “**Signing**” club could not commence this week at short notice. However, we are pleased to confirm that it will start next Tuesday with a finish time of 4.15pm.

Mrs Barber and volunteer Mark Dooley are starting a **Gardening Club for Oaks** on Wednesday, this will have a finish time of **4.30pm**. Mark is already doing gardening in school hours with Acorn class. Children will be wearing suitable clothes on Wednesday but gardening gloves are essential for the club. For anyone who doesn't know Mark, he is a local resident who has particular interests and expertise on all forms of gardening, but with a particular emphasis on encouraging wildlife into the garden.

Permission slips have been handed out today to pupils who are interested in attending the club – please make sure these are completed and returned at the beginning of the week.

Week Commencing Monday, 19th April

Monday	Music Lessons with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments. Choir after school (Oaks). Finish time 4.15pm.
Tuesday	PE for Acorns Head of Year 7 from Caedmon College Whitby meeting with Year 6 pupils transferring there. “Signing” after school. Finish time 4.15pm.
Wednesday	All pupils Outdoor learning. Children can come to school dressed in appropriate clothing. Gardening after school (Oaks). Finish time 4.30pm.
Thursday	PE for all pupils. Football after school. Finish time 4.15pm.
Friday	PE for Oaks.