



NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mrs Hird

Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable break. It has been lovely to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm, and they have enjoyed swimming lessons, outdoor learning and lots more this week.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Porter will be returning to school from Thursday 1st July. Mrs Porter will be teaching Acorn class on Thursdays and Fridays (Mrs Barber will continue to teach Monday to Wednesday). Sadly, this means that Mrs Scholey will be finishing her time with Acorns on Friday 25th June, although she will hopefully be returning to us from time to time to cover classes. We know you will join with us in thanking Mrs Scholey for her fantastic contribution to Team Castleton.

Members of the Acorn team have been spending time in local pre-school settings this week, getting to know our new starter children. We also have stay and play sessions planned, details of which are being sent out to new starter parents.

Mr Sellers and Mrs Porter have been in school this week reorganising our library. Mr Sellers had an opportunity to briefly meet Oak class and is looking forward to getting to know the children (and parents) better when he returns for our transition days on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th July.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Hird

Attendance: This week's attendance was a fantastic **99.12%**, so above our target of at least **97%**.

News from the Classes

This week the **Acorns** have been straight back to hard work and learning after a week off. We had the excitement of restarting Swimming lessons on Monday afternoon, a first for many in the class. Everyone was so organised and followed the safety instructions fabulously, they had a lovely session and enjoyed a run around at West Cliff School afterwards.

In Literacy, we have started a new unit of work on Poetry and have been enjoying reading lots of different poems by lots of different poets. We have been looking at rhyming words and adjectives and shall be using these next week to help us with writing our own poetry.

In Maths, Reception have been looking at sharing, Y1 have been looking at identifying coins and notes in Money and Y2 have been working on telling the time.

On Wednesday, when it was so hot in the classroom, we had a lovely afternoon outside in the shade. We used our new outdoor classroom as a base for our learning and it had a wonderful cosy feel about it.



This week **everyone is Star of the week** for being so fantastic both on the coach and at the swimming pool on Monday afternoon.



Just a reminder that the Acorns no longer have PE on a Tuesday (due to swimming on Monday) so their only PE session at school is on a Thursday morning. **Please can they come to school ready in their PE kit on Thursdays and bring uniform with them to change into.**

In the *Oak* classroom this week, for mathematics, the Y3 children have worked with capacity, the Y4 children have continued with decimals and the Y5/6 children have worked with circumference, centre, radius and diameter of circles and reading and interpreting pie charts.

For their writing work this week, they have written their dilemma stories that they planned before half term, edited their writing to ensure the opening caught the reader's attention and then peer assessed to further improve their editing.

We were recording and measuring temperature changes during outdoor learning this week so that we can use this data in a line graph and discuss what they found out from the recordings. We have also continued making our DT moving picture books according to our planning and prototypes that we made before beginning our books.

In PE, we began our swimming block on Monday and our tennis unit of work with Lewis on Thursday. We stayed in control and only lost a couple of tennis balls!

We would all like to wish Effie the best of luck in her new school, we will miss her!



The Oak **2 Stars of the Week** are:

Dexter for some amazing progress in his spelling work and independence.

Maddy for working so well and in depth on her DT book.



African Arts Award Celebration

This afternoon marked the final stage of the Acorns Arts Award Discover journey, as they shared some African music and dance to a socially distanced audience. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children, they have really enjoyed this topic and they performed confidently.

Well done Acorns, you have all completed Arts Award Discover!



Gardening Club

The Oaks Gardening club has really enjoyed clearing, weeding and preparing the raised beds in the quiet garden area. They have planted some seeds in pots, but would love to start planting out straightaway. If anyone has any young vegetable plants that they have going spare they would be so grateful. Any plant donations could be left in the front playground and will be well looked after - Thank you.

Sun Cream, Hats and Coats!

Now that summer has arrived, please could you make sure children have long lasting sun cream applied before they come to school and have a sun hat with them. If sun cream is brought in, it must be named and children will need to apply it themselves. However, children still need to have a light/waterproof jacket in school every day in case of rain! Thank you.

Music Lessons next week and Music Medals

Due to the Oaks being out next Friday, Alix will teach them on Monday and Acorns on Friday.

Alix has recently given out information about Copper Music Medals to some pupils. Those of you who have received this will need to pay for the Medal through MCAS (under Products).

If anyone is unsure about where they are with Music Lesson payments (or any other payments!) please ask Mrs Blacklock.



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Advanced notice for Oak Parents - Greek "Play in a Day" on 25th June

Oak parents are invited at 2:30pm on Friday 25th June to watch a play that the children will have put together with a theatre company during the day by taking part in a variety of workshops on Ancient Greece. The children are also able to dress in Ancient Greek costumes should they wish to.

Dates of Events up to Summer

Wednesday, 16 th June	Reception new starters, Play and Stay, 2pm
Friday, 18 th June	Oaks trip to East Barnby
Friday, 25 th June	Oaks Ancient Greece Workshops and performance for parents at 2.30pm
Wednesday, 30 th June	"Sing Up Day" Recording
Tuesday, 6 th July	Sports Day at Cricket Field, 1.30pm
Wednesday, 7 th July	All pupils out at Blakey for "Let's Learn Moors Day" (details to follow)
Monday, 12 th July to Friday, 16 th July	Year 6 Caedmon College Whitby Induction Week
Wednesday, 14 th July to Friday, 16 th July	Year 6 Stokesley School Induction Days
Wednesday, 14 th July & Thursday, 15 th July	Year 2 move up to Oak Class
Monday, 19 th July	Morning on Whitby Beach (TBC) before final swimming session in afternoon
Thursday, 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (time to be confirmed)
Friday, 23 rd July	"Seaside" Dinner of Fish and Chips, followed by ice cream Break up for summer

The Acorns are hoping to visit "Lillie's" farm one Wednesday after Forest School (to be arranged).

Next Week

Monday	OAK Music Lessons with Alix Lillie (morning). Please remember instruments. Swimming at Whitby, afternoon. Choir after school (Oaks). Finish time 4.15pm.
Tuesday	"Signing" after school. Finish time 4.15pm.
Wednesday	All pupils Outdoor learning. Children can come to school dressed in appropriate clothing. New Reception pupils, Play and Stay, 2pm. Gardening after school (Oaks). Finish time 4.30pm.
Thursday	PE for all pupils. Acorns to come dressed in PE kit and bring uniform with them. Oaks to come in uniform and make sure PE kit in school to change into.
Friday	Oaks Water Sports Day at East Barnby. Children to be at school for 8.40am and will return at around 5pm. Please complete Form by Monday. ACORN Music Lessons with Alix Lillie (afternoon).