



NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mrs Hird

Thank you to everyone in the community who has kindly donated plants for our garden. The children and staff are looking forward to seeing which fruit and vegetables we will be able to grow and eat! Once covid restrictions are lifted, we hope to be able to open our grounds to parents and members of the wider community so you can explore the tiered gardens, greenhouse and outdoor classroom, as well as seeing first-hand the fantastic outdoor learning opportunities our children have. In the meantime, we will continue to post lots of photographs on our Facebook page and website.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Hird

Attendance: This week's attendance was **96.19%**, so below our target of at least **97%**.

Updated government guidance

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister recently announced a change to the planned 'roadmap'. We are receiving further guidance around the potential impact this might have on school activities and will endeavour to provide you with as much notice as possible if we have to adapt any of our planned events due to COVID restrictions. Thank you for your understanding.

News from the Classes

This week, **Acorns** have been making the most of the lovely weather and enjoying learning outside the classroom as much as possible. On Monday, they had a swimming lesson in Whitby followed by outdoor exercise at West Cliff School. On Tuesday, after researching the work of Andrew Goldsworthy and other sculptors, they hunted for their own natural resources to use in creating their own Land Art. Everyone really enjoyed this activity and managed to get really absorbed in their own creativity. Then on Wednesday, we had a wonderful forest school session in the woodland with the Oaks and then welcomed the children who will be joining us in September for a stay and play session, enjoying all the outdoor areas. It was lovely to have our special visitors and we look forward to seeing them on future visits before the end of term.

In Maths this week we have continued with the concept of time and in English we have continued with poetry reading and writing.

This week's **Star of the Week** is **Scott** as he has made the most excellent progress with his writing. He regularly chooses to do a writing activity which is self-initiated and sustained and can easily be read by others. Well done Scott!



The **Oaks** have had another busy week. In Maths, the Y3/4 children have worked with money, counting, adding and estimation with coins and notes. The Y5/6 children have looked at volume and how to calculate the volume of a cuboid and how to draw them using isometric paper.

They have studied part of A Midsummer Night's Dream as a play script, spotting the features and answering comprehension questions on it.

The children have begun studying Ancient Greece and raised questions about what they would like to find out about this period in history. They also ordered a timeline and began to gain some knowledge from the significant events.

Canoeing was definitely our highlight, as the children were very excited about it all week!



The Oaks are **all stars of the week** this week for their organisation, teamwork awareness, skills and attitudes in canoeing.



Oak Parents - Greek "Play in a Day" next Friday at 2.45pm

Oak parents are invited at 2.45pm (changed from 2.30pm) next Friday, 25th June, to watch an outdoor performance of 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. Please can we remind parents to wear masks and observe social distancing from other parents and children whilst on the school grounds and we need to limit it to **one adult per family**. Please get in touch if this will cause a problem.

School Photographs

Individual/sibling, class, School Council and Year 6 photo proofs were all sent home yesterday, together with order forms and instructions. **All orders must be returned by next Friday (25th June) and payment should be made through MCAS.** Thank you.

School Prospectus

The school prospectus has been updated and can be found on the school's website at: <https://www.castletonprimaryschool.co.uk/about-our-school/our-prospectus/>
If you would like a printed copy please contact Mrs Blacklock.

Next Week

Please return the "Sing Up Day" Recording permission slip as soon as possible.

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| Monday | 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.
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 – Ancient Greece Workshops with outdoor performance at 2.45pm for parents.
Music Lessons with Alix Lillie (afternoon).
Deadline for School Photographs orders. |