

NEWSLETTER

23.07.21

Message from Mrs Hird

As we reach the end of the school year, it is time to say goodbye and good luck to several members of Team Castleton.

Our three Year 6 pupils leave us today and I know that they will go on to achieve amazing things in secondary school and beyond. Throughout their time at Castleton, and especially during this last year, they have shown how resilient they can be. I know that if they keep trying hard and keep positive they will achieve anything they set their mind to.

We also say goodbye to two of our Acorns and wish them well in their new schools.

Finally, we say goodbye to Mrs Walley and Mrs Medcalf. Mrs Medcalf has contributed to the school in so many ways over the years and will be remembered for her excellent forest school skills, her sporting abilities and the calm and kind way she has supported our pupils through the years. Thank you so much, Mrs Medcalf, for all you have done. We wish you all the best for your next adventure and hope that you will stay in touch.

Mrs Walley has brought so many positives to the school, from her enthusiasm for outdoor learning to her work on the Arts Award, to the changes she has made to our English provision. We want to thank you, Mrs Walley, for everything you have done during your time at Castleton and wish you well in the future.

I hope you all have a wonderful break over the summer. We have lots of exciting plans for the next academic year and look forward to seeing all pupils back on Wednesday 8th September so our adventures together can continue!

Mrs Hird

Message from Mrs Walley

Well done everyone, we made it to the end of the school year! This year I have been so proud of your resilience, adaptability, progress and sheer determination. I have loved being part of the Castleton team and teaching the lovely Oaks this year. I will take with me fond memories of the children, staff, school community and the forest which I will treasure forever. I'm so sorry and disappointed not to be able to say goodbye to you all in person. From the bottom of my heart, thank you, goodbye and keep being you! Lots of love, Mrs Walley xx

Attendance: This week's attendance was only **93.35%**, so below our target of at least **97%**.

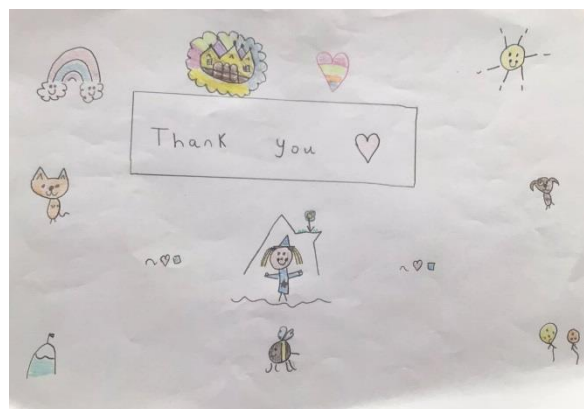
News from the Classes

Acorn class have had a very lovely but very hot last week at school!

We made use of the shady, breezy garden as much as we could to escape the heat of the classroom. It's the perfect place to chill out with a good book!



Congratulations to Gabriella, Finley and Katie winners of our recent 'Design a Postcard for School' competition.



Star of the week is **Gabriella** who is sadly leaving us today as her family are moving out of the village. We will miss her very much at Castleton but wish her well at her new school. We know that she will soon have so many new friends as she is such a good friend herself.

Oak: We had a lovely afternoon on Thursday celebrating our Y6 pupils' achievements in the **Leavers' Assembly** and listening to them share their memories of their time at Castleton. There were musical performances from the choir and the whole school, poetry readings and an instrumental solo from each of our Year 6 pupils. We wish them all the very best as they move onto secondary school.

Day in Whitby



What a fabulous day everyone had in Whitby on Monday!

We enjoyed a lovely round of mini golf, courtesy of Mrs Scholey, then down to the beach for sandcastles and wave jumping. After washing the sand off our feet and hands, we had a lovely picnic followed by an ice cream.

Finally, we headed off to the swimming pool for our last, fun, session for this school year!



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Arts Award Discover

Congratulations to all the children of both Acorn and Oak class as they received their certificates for the completion of Arts Award Discover. Well done everyone!



Music Exam Success

Huge congratulations to Rosie on achieving a Distinction (the highest result possible!) in her recent Rock School Piano Exam with the Royal School of London. What a fantastic achievement Rosie!



After School Clubs and Music Lessons in September

After School Clubs and Music Lessons will commence week beginning Monday, 13th September.

Mrs Wilson will continue with **Signing Club** and this will be on **Tuesday**.

Mrs Barber will continue with **Gardening** (up to half term) and this will be on **Wednesday**.

Miss Wilson will continue with **Choir** but it will now be **Thursday**.

Full details will be sent out, when we return in September, together with permission forms.

Music Lessons with Alix Lillie will be on **Tuesday** and will commence on 14th September.

Parents of current music pupils have been given information which includes a slip to sign and return if they wish to continue. We will then know how many spare places Alix will have in September if any further pupils would like to start lessons.

Autumn Term Dinner Menu

Please find enclosed the Autumn Term Menu for your information. Pupils moving from year 2 to year 3 in September will start being charged for dinners (£2.50 per day, £12.50 per week.) This is paid through MCAS and it keeps a running balance as dinners are recorded every day. You can therefore pay however much you want, as and when you wish, and MCAS does send out an automatic email when the balance gets to £0.

Uniform, PE Kit & Jewellery Reminders

Please can you ensure your children have the correct uniform and PE kit in September and also note the jewellery reminders – full details are on the attachment.

Threadworms

We have been made aware of a case of threadworms, which are common in children and do not require absence from school. We already have extensive hand washing and cleaning measures in place, which will significantly reduce any possible spread, but wanted to make you aware in case you notice any symptoms over the holidays. Further details are available on the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>



Threadworms - NHS

Things you should do at home. Medicine kills the threadworms, but it does not kill the eggs. Eggs can live for up to 2 weeks outside the body. There are things you can do to stop becoming infected again.

www.nhs.uk

Week Commencing Monday, 6th September

Monday	Staff Training.
Tuesday	Staff Training.
Wednesday	All pupils return to school.

Happy Holiday