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Message from Mr Sellers

It's been a wonderful first half term. The pupils have worked their socks off and are ready for a well-earned break. It was lovely to welcome everyone to the Village Hall on Monday for our harvest festival. The children were brilliant! Whether singing, signing, performing, hosting or playing an instrument, everyone did a great job. We celebrated harvest in the traditional way and took some time to think about the meaning of sharing and helping others. Thank you for your generosity in donating to the Whitby Food Bank. The office was full of tightly-packed bags and boxes, which have now been picked up and will be distributed over the coming weeks.

Thank you to the PTFA for organising today's Halloween fancy dress and after-school party. The children (and a few teachers) looked suitably 'spooktacular' for their last day.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 1st November.



Attendance: This week's attendance was **97.66%**, so just above our target of at least **97%**.

News from the Classes



Acorn

We managed to have an outside Science lesson yesterday, missing the rain!

It was lovely also to have our Chair of Governors in, Joanne Kevan, who spent time outside in the garden listening to reading.

Autumn display in the Acorn class



The **Acorn Star of the week** is **Ella** for always approaching her work with enthusiasm and determination!

Oak: Last Friday, our Y5 and Y6 rugby team took to the field at Whitby Rugby Club for some fast and furious Tag Rugby action. They ran evasively - keeping the ball in two hands - and worked tirelessly in defence, learning throughout the afternoon and getting better with every game. With a healthy mix of strong wins, exciting draws and fair losses, we finished 7th out of 12 teams. Every Castleton player scored at least one try and it was lovely to see the teamwork on display from all our pupils.



Oak Class have been working hard on their Impressionist paintings. Using acrylic paints on canvas, they have created their own impressions of the River Esk and surrounding countryside. We are proud of your dedication, determination and eye for detail, Oaks! (29 canvasses take up a lot of space, so we will have to rotate the gallery after half term.)



The **two Oak Stars of the Week** are:-
Betsy for increasing confidence in Maths.
Alfie H for great effort in Maths and English.



Signing and Communication Club

Well done to Jasmine, Emily, Lilly, Robyn, Ella, Martha, Katie, Layla, Rue and Heidi who all received a Certificate today for signing woodland animals!

PTFA Halloween Trail



Please see a PTFA member or pop into the Downe Arms or Castleton Tea Rooms to buy your entry form and find Winne's washing in Park Wood!

Entries to be handed into the Downe or Tea Rooms by 1st November.

All correct entries will go into a draw to win a Spooky Halloween Hamper!

Reminders

- **Year 6 pupils** – a **Secondary School place** needs to have been applied for by 31st October.
- **Year 6 Peat Rigg Parents' Meeting – Tuesday, 2nd November at Egton School, 4pm.**
 There is a short Peat Rigg Parents' meeting in preparation for the November Y6 trip. The meeting will be led by Ian Thorpe from Peat Rigg, if you have not had the Peat Rigg experience before with an older sibling, you may find this a useful opportunity.
- **No Youth Club/Activity Hour** at Danby Village Hall on Monday, 25th October (5 to 6pm). Instead there is Pottery Painting from 9.30am to 12 noon. See attached poster.
- **PTFA Uniform Swap Shop.** Swap sizes or purchase uniform items with a donation to PTFA. See attached poster.

Week Beginning 1st November

Monday Return to School

Tuesday **Music Lessons** with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments.
"Signing" after school. Finish time 4.15pm.
Y6 Peat Rigg Meeting, Egton School, 4pm.

Wednesday **All pupils Outdoor learning.** Children to come to school dressed in appropriate clothing.
Gardening after school has now finished until Spring.

Thursday **Acorn, Visit to Danby Fire Station**, 9.45am to 10.45am. **Please return outstanding slips.**
Choir after school. Finish time 4.15pm.

Friday **PE (Dance) for all pupils**, morning.
Year 6 Booster Class after school. Finish time 4.15pm. **Please return slips.**