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Attendance: This week's attendance was **95.82%** so, again, below our target of at least **97%**.

News from the Classes

Preparations for the Christmas production are well underway in the **Acorn** class. We have been choosing parts and contributions, trying on costumes, practising Carols and lines and making props – all very exciting!!

Acorn Star of the week is **Juniper** for always being kind and positive to others.



Crafting papyrus, making our own paint from natural pigments and designing electric vehicles have been some of the highlights of the **Oak's** learning over the last fortnight - fantastic creativity and collaboration!



After Year 6 had left for Peat Rigg on Monday, we enjoyed a virtual visit to the Oriental Museum. Working with Professor John, who is a leading Egyptologist at Durham University, they examined eight ancient objects and studied a real mummy. As budding historians, they asked some excellent questions, decoded hieroglyphic writing and made some super observations.





Oak Star of the Week is **Emily** for being ready for learning and showing great effort in all areas of school life.

Year 6 Peat Rigg Residential

Year 6 had an active, eventful and fun filled first residential visit to Peat Rigg on Monday to Wednesday and below is a report from them:-

After some lovely sandwiches we split into our groups to do some team building activities and make new friends.

"I enjoyed spending time with people I hadn't seen in ages." Ned.

The Tarzan swing was awesome and we all hit the target in archery (once the teachers' pictures were added to the target!).

"I enjoyed the archery, particularly a game of shooting drawings of all of the teachers!" Pearl.

After lovely lasagne, we worked together to orienteer in the dark. Once our eyes adjusted it really wasn't dark at all.

The next day we had the world's largest breakfast. Toast, cereal, bacon, scrambled egg, tomatoes, beans and fruit.

There were a lot of beans!

Today was our turn on the zip line! It was amazing and some of us did it upside down!

"I was surprised to get up to the highest zipline. I even went down without holding on!" Betsy.



Jacob's ladder was a challenge, but we worked together as a team to encourage each other.

When we caved it was so, so dark; we had to crawl through small spaces and wet tunnels to hunt for numbers, letters and other items. Stew and dumplings for tea and very sticky toffee pudding!

We did 'Night-line', blindfolded, in the dark, with so called Ninja squirrels on the attack! (really an instructor squirting a water pistol).

On Wednesday morning we were very tired, and for some of us, it was hard to get out of bed.

To end our trip, we went abseiling from a really high viaduct. We all challenged ourselves in different ways, it was amazing.

"I was very frightened to do abseiling, but when I got to the top I wanted to try. I did it twice!" Lauren.



After soup and sandwiches, it was time to head back for a long-deserved rest after a very busy couple of days.



Many thanks to Miss Wilson for accompanying them.



Anti-Bullying Week - 15th to 19th November



Throughout the week, we have spent assembly and PSHE time thinking about the anti-bullying campaign One Kind Word. On Tuesday, Mrs Wilson taught us all to sign 'Be Ready. Be safe. Be Kind.' The children have been carrying out random acts of kindness and spreading this through school with our spreading kindness boomerang.



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We enjoyed listening to the 'Kind Words' song with 'Andy and the Odd Socks' to remind us that we are all different and unique. We also talked about cyber bullying and how we can stay safe online. We are so proud of the kind and caring children we have at Castleton.

Children in Need

Thank you for your support with Children in Need today. The children looked fantastic and enjoyed raising money for this special cause. Thank you to the School Council for arranging the events. We will report on the total amount raised next week.

School Photographs

Individual/sibling photo proofs were sent home yesterday, together with order form and instructions. **All orders must be returned by next Friday (26th November) and payment should be made through MCAS.** Thank you.



Christmas Events

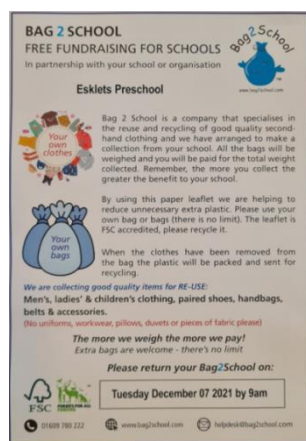
It is looking quite likely that government covid guidance may change and if it does, we will obviously have to be guided by that and there may need to be last minute changes to our plans for Christmas events.

- **Christmas Concert.** We will be having a dress rehearsal on Monday, 29th November. Performances are in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 30th November at 6.30pm and Wednesday, 1st December at 1.30pm. We may need to limit places to two per family, to either attend the afternoon or the evening performance (not both), and have socially distanced seating but we will confirm the details next week.
- **Carols Round the Tree - Monday, 13th December, 6pm at School.** The PTFA will be serving refreshments and holding a raffle. Any donations of mince pies and items for the raffle (which will be put together to make hampers) would be greatly appreciated please! Again, we may need to limit numbers and the refreshments, as well as the Carol singing, will probably have to be outside.

PTFA Quiz

Janet Alderson has kindly devised a quiz to raise funds for the PTFA – all the answers are names of towns or villages in North Yorkshire. Quiz sheets are now available from PTFA members, school and will also be on sale at forthcoming events, at a cost of £2 and there will be a cash prize. Completed sheets to be returned by Friday, 7th January, 2022.

Esklets Preschool Information



Esklets Preschool is reviewing their hours and please find information enclosed, including Survey. They would like to reach as many people as possible with their Survey and if you would like a paper copy please let Mrs Blacklock know.

Also, they are having a Bag2School collection on Tuesday, 7th December at 9am (see details). Katie Thompson is happy to collect bags from school if you are unable to get them to Esklets.

YEAT Annual General Meeting – Thursday, 9th December

The Annual General Meeting of Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust will take place on Thursday, 9th December, 5.45pm at West Cliff Primary School, Whitby.

For more information, please email the Company Secretary via companysecretary@yeat.co.uk or visit <https://www.yeat.co.uk/our-trust/notice-of-annual-general-meeting-agm-/>

Next Week

Tuesday

Acorn Trip to Danby Moors Centre – 10am to 2pm. **Please make sure that all slips are returned and payment is made through MCAS.** Thank you.
Music Lessons with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments.
“Signing” after school. Finish time 4.15pm.

Wednesday

All pupils outdoor learning. Children to come to school dressed in appropriate clothing.
Flu Immunisations, 1pm.

Thursday

Choir after school. Finish time 4.15pm.

Friday

PE (Dance) for all pupils.
Year 6 Booster Club after school. Finish time 4.15pm