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Message from Mrs Hird

As we approach the end of the school year, I'd like to reflect on some of the improvements the staff team have made since September.

- We have continued to develop our curriculum, including our music provision, forest school sessions, woodwork, computing and history.
- Children have had numerous opportunities to represent the school in sports, technology and music, with amazing success.
- Our passion for reading has continued with weekly performance poetry, World Book Day activities and the development of our library and other reading areas around school;
- Continued work on embedding Makaton within our school, including sign of the week, signed grace at lunchtime, signing assembly, signed greetings on the playground and signed songs in our performances.
- Lots of educational visits and visitors, including a trip to the Roman fort and art gallery in Newcastle, Danby fire station visit, countryside day in Harrogate, 'Let's Learn Moor' days, Kids Rock music day, choir trip to the recording studio and, of course, our residential stays at Peat Rigg.

The final two weeks of term promise to be just as exciting and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in school.

Mrs Hird

Attendance: This week's attendance was **97.90%**, so above our target of at least **97%**!



Staffing update

We are pleased to let you know that we have appointed a new administrative assistant, who will be joining the school in September, following a handover with Mrs Blacklock.

Mrs Hellon will be leaving her role as midday supervisor at the end of term. We are sure you will join us in thanking Mrs Hellon for being part of the team and wish her all the best for the future.

News from the Classes

Acorns had fun in the garden for Outdoor Learning this week 🌳🐞🐝🐌🐛



When you need to move a big stone from the bottom of the garden slope to the top, all you need is a plan, a rope and some strong friends 🤝🤝🤝🤝😊

Acorn teamwork makes the dream work! 🌞





Acorn Stars of the week are:-

Martha for writing a super 'Train Ride' poem and working hard to capture the rhythm of a train. Amazing!

Juniper for amazing independent writing and 'prop' making this week. You are so creative Juniper!



On Wednesday, the **Oak** rounders team played in the Whitby Rounders Festival at Caedmon College. We played three games, winning one and losing two. We were unlucky to lose out to Glaisdale by just one rounder and finished in 3rd place overall. Well done to everyone who took part.



Oak Star of the Week is **Joe**, for being ready to learn, with excellent listening and contributions during class discussion.

Staffing opportunity

Would you or someone you know like to join our friendly, hardworking team? We are seeking a midday supervisory assistant to work 1 hour per day, Monday to Thursday, term time only. Please direct any queries to admin.castleton@yeat.co.uk

Plants for the garden

If possible, please could each child bring a plant in on Tuesday or Wednesday as the Oaks will be doing some gardening for their outdoor learning on Wednesday.

Events during the last week of Term

- **Sports Day** is on Monday, 18th July, 1.30pm down at the cricket field – all welcome.
- **Year 6 Leavers Assembly** is on Thursday, 21st July, 10am at school.
- **Summer Fair** is on Thursday 21st July - 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm.

The PTFA have met this week to make plans for the Summer Fair.

Children are allowed to bring party clothes to change into, with a summer vibe, if they wish!

There are going to be various stalls and games, tombola, face painting and refreshments including ice cream, cakes and barbecue. Also musical performances by the children and maypole dancing!

We would be very grateful for donations of tombola prizes, which should be brought into school as soon as possible please, and cakes on the day. Thank you.

Next Week

Year 6 Secondary School transition week.

Monday	New Reception pupils in for morning and lunch. Whitby Library Assembly to launch the Summer Reading Challenge. PE for Acorn pupils. Please remember kit.
Tuesday	Music Lessons with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments.
Wednesday	Outdoor learning. All pupils to come in appropriate clothing.
Thursday	Final Choir after school. Finish time 4.15pm.
Friday	PE for Oak pupils. Please remember kit. Final Oak Sport Club after school. Finish time 4.15pm.