



NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mrs Hird

I'm not quite sure how it can already be the end of the year or the end of my time at Castleton, when it doesn't seem like two minutes since I was meeting children for the first time in our Castleton covid hub at the end of the summer 2020 term. I hope you will agree that the children have had a fantastic year with a lot of hard work but also lots and lots of happy memories.

This week, we say goodbye to our amazing Year 6 pupils, who are off to embrace secondary school life at Caedmon. We will miss them all and wish each of them all the very best for the exciting futures that await them. We also say goodbye to Mrs Blacklock, Miss Foster and Mrs Hellon. The school will be a different place without them all and I know you will join me in wishing them well as they leave.

And finally, I want to take a moment to say my own thank you and goodbye. Ever since I qualified as a teacher, I have always aspired to be a headteacher and I couldn't think of any better place to take on my first headship position. I have loved my time at Castleton and will be so incredibly sad to drive away on my last day. That said, as part of the trust, I am sure I will find an excuse to pop back from time to time! Your children have been delightful and I have so, so many happy memories of my time with them and our amazing staff team. Thank you too, for your support; your kind words, understanding and honesty over the years have really been appreciated. I look forward to seeing what is next for Castleton when Mr Cooper takes on the role in September.

I hope you all have a happy, healthy and safe summer.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hird 😊

Contact over the summer

Now that I've said my goodbyes, I should mention that I am officially still in post until 1st September so if you have any concerns that need my attention over the holidays, please contact me at headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk After 1st September, this email address will transfer to Mr Cooper.

Attendance: This week's attendance was **93.61%**, so below our target of at least **97%**.

Sports Day

Congratulations to all the children who competed in our sports day on Monday. They put on a great show of teamwork and determination, with a great sporting attitude, which was clear for all to see. Thank you to the PTFA for the refreshments and Castleton CC for their help in making it a memorable day and to all the staff, in particular Mr Sellers and Mrs Barber, for their organisation.



Castleton School Awards

The School Council came up with the lovely idea of giving awards at the end of each school year.

Mrs Hird organised some fantastic oak trophies, which the children will keep for a year, and here are our first proud winners, decided by the staff:-

Sport

Acorn: Ted

Oak: Ned

Outdoor Learning

Acorn: Robyn

Oak: Emily

Resilience

Acorn: Ernest

Oak: Kobie

Nurture

Rosie



Emily also received a Certificate for 100% attendance which is absolutely brilliant, bearing in mind covid etc!

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

We had a lovely assembly yesterday morning for year 6 and their families. They shared their school memories with us, all did an individual performance and we had some lovely singing from the Choir, including one song with lyrics specially re-written by Pearl, Betsy and Lauren! Many thanks to Mr Sellers, Miss Wilson and Mr Wadley for putting it together.

Good luck to Pearl, Betsy, Lauren, Rosalie, Ned and Jake as they move onto the next stage of their education.

Summer Fair

Thank you to the PTFA and children for a successful Summer Fair yesterday afternoon and to all who supported it, a lovely community event. The children ran stalls and games, we had musical performances and maypole dancing by pupils and enjoyed a barbecue, ice cream and drinks provided by the PTFA.





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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 (£2.60 per day, £13 per week) this is paid through MCAS which keeps a running balance.

School Age Immunisation Service Survey

Further to the email sent out a couple of weeks ago for feedback about the School Age Immunisation Service, the survey has now been extended until Tuesday, 2nd August, link below.

[School Aged Immunisation Survey for Children, Parents & Carers, and School & Education Stakeholders](#)

Week Beginning Monday, 5th September

Monday and Tuesday

Staff Training Days.

Wednesday

Children return to school.

Tour of Britain Cycle Race passes through village.

HAPPY HOLIDAY