



NEWSLETTER



16/09/2022

Dear Families and Friends,

It was great to see so many of you at Castleton Show last weekend, despite the weather. It was even more pleasing to see how many prize winners we had from our school. This really emphasises the strong work our children do in school and the efforts staff go to improve learning every day. This year, it is our absolute priority to build on this learning by implementing our curriculum in all subjects, supplementing learning with exciting visits and engaging visitors. We look forward to sharing some of this with you in future newsletters. You can find our curriculum overviews attached to the e-mail containing this newsletter.

Meet the Head Evening

Don't forget to let us know if you will be attending the Meet the Head evening on Tuesday (20th September) at 5pm in school. I look forward to meeting more of you at this community event.

September Permissions and Information Gathering

You should have received a link from the school office to complete all the typical start of year permissions and information forms. We are trialling a new system of collecting this by sending an electronic link (rather than paper copies), to reduce the burden on the environment and to make it simpler for parents to complete. However, you are always welcome to request paper copies of any documents/information sent from school.

Phonics Information Session

Thank you to those who attending our phonics information session on Thursday. Reading is one the most important skills we teach in school and it is crucial that parents understand how to support this at home. Mrs Porter and Mrs Barber will be sending regular updates on how you can do this, as we recognise that most parents were not taught using phonics when they were at school!

For more information on how to say the phonics sounds we teach in our school, please refer to this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

Secondary School Open Evenings

For parents of children in Year 6, you will soon receive communication regarding applying for secondary school, as well as how you can attend open evenings. We have received the following dates and times of the Whitby secondary school open evenings:

Eskdale: Tuesday 27th September (4-6.30pm)

Caedmon: Thursday 29th September (4.30-7.30pm)

Bank Holiday - Monday 19th September

Like the rest of the country, all of us here at Castleton were saddened to hear of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We have dedicated time in lessons and assemblies to discuss her life and impact on the world. Next week, as you are no doubt aware, school will be closed during the day of the funeral, which is now a bank holiday.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

Headteacher timetable for next week	
Monday	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	Castleton all day
Wednesday	am – Glaisdale pm – Meetings in Whitby
Thursday	Glaisdale all day
Friday	Castleton all day

Castleton School Office – until October 2022		
	AM	PM
Monday	Miss Gosling	
Tuesday	Miss Gosling	
Wednesday	Miss Gosling	
Thursday	Miss Gosling	None – Mr Cooper/Mr Sellers will manage any queries
Friday	None – Mr Cooper/Mr Sellers will manage any queries	

Attendance: This week's attendance was **98.8 %**, so over our target of at least **97% - well done!**

News from the Classes

Acorns



Star of the week: Rue - Great work representing numbers using a range of equipment

Oak



Star of the Week: Alfie H - For being a great participator in maths lessons and being kind and helpful

Headteacher Awards



**Robyn - Be Kind: For always saying 'Good Morning' to everyone she sees.
Max - Be Ready: Not being afraid to ask for help and for excellent reasoning in maths**

After School Clubs

It was previously stated that after school clubs would commence week beginning 26th September, however we have now been able to start earlier than planned therefore afterschool clubs will now commence week beginning Monday 19th September. All parents/carers should of received an email consent form which enabled them to choose which afterschool club their child or children would like to join this term, if for some reason you did not receive this form it has been included in this week's newsletter <https://forms.office.com/r/FAXLfvNX3n>

PFTA

The PFTA will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 17th September (10am-12pm) and have kindly requested if anyone could donate items that could be used as raffle prizes and do some baking for the event.



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Term Dates 2022/23

- ★ Half Term - Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October
- ★ Staff Training Day - Friday 9th December
- ★ Last day of Autumn Term - Friday 16th December
- ★ First Day of Spring Term - Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- ★ Half Term - Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023
- ★ Staff Training Day - Friday 24th March 2023
- ★ Last day of Spring Term - Friday 31st March 2023
- ★ First day of Summer Term - Monday 17th April 2023
- ★ Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May 2023
- ★ Half Term - Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023
- ★ Last day of Summer Term - Monday 24th July 2023

Next Week's Events

Monday	Bank Holiday- School Closed
Tuesday	Music Lessons with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments. Meet the Head Evening – 5pm
Wednesday	All pupils Outdoor learning. Children to come to school dressed in warm outdoor clothing, including gloves, waterproofs and wellies. Gardening Club
Thursday	Phonics Meeting at 3.15pm. This is open to all parents Choir Club
Friday	PE for Oak pupils. Please remember kit. Multi-Sports Club