



# NEWSLETTER



09/09/2022

## Message from Mr Cooper

Dear Families and Friends,

Thank you for such a welcoming and supportive first week of the new year. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the school and children further. I have been impressed with how well students have returned to school with a positive attitude to learning and a polite manner, showing that they are always 'ready', 'kind' and 'safe'. This provides a great atmosphere for children and staff to enjoy school. I am very much looking forward to getting to know everyone even better as the term develops.

### **Meet the Head Evening – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm (at Castleton School)**

I am very keen to get to know the wider community's thoughts on the school, including parents, as well as provide the opportunity for me to formally introduce myself face-to-face (and not just on the school gate).

With this in mind, I have arranged 'Meet the Head' evening in school on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm**, where I will briefly introduce myself to those attending, as well as take your ideas on the things you want to keep the same in the school (if possible) and any ideas you have for the future (again, if possible). I shall also be available to answer any questions you may have (time-permitting). This meeting is open to all parents and to the wider community, so please feel free to communicate this to anyone you feel would be interested in attending the event. So we can gauge approximate attendance, I would appreciate if you could either: contact the School Office, e-mail myself ([headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk](mailto:headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk)) or speak to me on the school gate with the approximate number of attendees.

### **New Faces**

This week, we welcomed lots of new faces (not just mine!) Our new Reception children have settled really well into their new school, making friends and enjoying the class' learning – we have some real 'bright sparks' in the group!

We also welcome three new staff members to the Castleton Family, including Mrs Thompson and Miss Lobianco, who will be working in our Acorns class as teaching assistants. We have also welcomed Miss Gosling into our team as School Administrator. I know you will all join me in supporting their transition into their new roles in the school. Miss Gosling will also be supporting Glaisdale school as part of her role in the first half-term (see overleaf for timetable of office support for the start of the Autumn Term).

### **Safeguarding & Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator**

For your information, especially for those new to the school, if you have any safeguarding concerns relating to the school and its pupils, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Cooper, through the school office. In the absence of Mr Cooper, you may contact Mr Sellers (our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) via the school office.

The school's Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) is Mr Cooper. Should you have any queries relating to special educational needs, please contact Mr Cooper through the school office.

### **Headteacher Timetable**

Finally, I would like to make you aware of my own timetable whilst working across two schools. In a typical week, I will aim to spend a full day in each school with the other days of the week being split across the Glaisdale/Castleton, spending the morning in one school and the afternoon in the other. This will be subject to change depending on my diary, however,

I hope you agree that it will allow you, the children and the school the opportunity to see me at some point on most days during the week. I will communicate my proposed timetable via the school newsletter (see below for next week's headteacher timetable). In the event that I am not in school, please refer all urgent queries to the Teacher-in-Charge (Mr Sellers). For any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the other school or via e-mail [headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk](mailto:headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk).

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

Headteacher timetable for next week	
<b>Monday</b>	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
<b>Tuesday</b>	Glaisdale all day
<b>Wednesday</b>	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
<b>Thursday</b>	am – Glaisdale pm – Castleton
<b>Friday</b>	Castleton all day

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

### News from the classes

Both classes had a very exciting time watching the Tour of Britain riders pass through the village on Wednesday afternoon, also well done to our new starters who have settled so well into school life this week. We are so proud of you all!

**Attendance:** This week's attendance was **98.3 %**, so over our target of at least **97% - well done!**

### News from the Classes

#### *Acorns*



**Star of the week: Esmae: for listening carefully to instructions and being 'ready' for learning.**

#### *Oak*



**Star of the Week: Loki J - Be Ready: for settling really well into his new school.**

#### *Head Teacher Award*



**Jack T - Be Kind: For excellent manners without needing prompting.**



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## After School Clubs

After school clubs will commence week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September. This term we will be offering Gardening on a Wednesday; Choir on Thursday and Multi-sports on Friday (all clubs will run between 3.15-4.15pm). Clubs are open to children of all year groups. A form will be sent out next week for children to sign up to clubs.

## Music Lessons

Music lessons with Mrs Lillie will restart next Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September. If your child had lessons last year, please let us know by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September if they intend to continue their lessons.

## Announcements

Don't forget it is Castleton Show this Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. The PFTA are holding a stall there with lots of fun activities for everyone to enjoy.

## Phonics Information Afternoon

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 3.15pm, Mrs Porter will be hosting a phonics information session with all parents, especially those new to the school. This will help parents understand how they can support the teaching of reading at home.

## PFTA

The PFTA will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Term Dates 2022/23

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

## Next Week's Events

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>PE for Acorn pupils.</b> Please remember kit.  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Music Lessons</b> with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments.   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>All pupils Outdoor learning.</b> Children to come to school dressed in warm outdoor clothing, including gloves, waterproofs and wellies. |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Phonics Meeting at 3.15pm.</b> This is open to all parents   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>PE for Oak pupils.</b> Please remember kit.  |