



NEWSLETTER

30/09/2022



Message from Mr Cooper

Dear Families and Friends,

Meet the Head Feedback and Parental Snap Survey

You will have received detailed answers following our first 'Meet the Head' evening. You will see that, from your suggestions, we have made some immediate changes. Although we will not always guarantee to implement every change suggested, I hope you can see that we are adapting to make Castleton even better. Some key changes to be aware of:

- PE kit: children can now come to school on PE days in their kit. This will save time changing and also reduced on wash loads at home! Children will wear this for the whole day, so please ensure they are wearing weather-appropriate clothing and footwear. Please note: Oaks will not have PE next week, due to Harvest Festival, so should attend school in uniform.
- Water bottles: children may bring one water bottle from home, if they choose. School bottles are still available, however.

Please see the full response for other changes and full feedback from the evening. We would like to gauge further views around issues raised regarding uniform, children's progress and wraparound care. You can do this by completing this short survey: <https://forms.gle/x9rGE1n1sW5cLyE99>

Harvest Festival – Friday 7th October 2022 – Castleton Church

We would like to invite you to join us for our annual Harvest Festival, taking place on Friday 7th October (2pm) in Church. It would be great to get the whole community together again after such a long time without events such as these. We will be collecting food donations for [Whitby Food Bank](#). Please can you ensure that donations are brought to school in easy-to-carry bags or boxes, as we will need to walk these down to the Church with the children on the afternoon. Children will be taking their belongings with them to the Church so, if preferred, they can be collected from here at the end of the service. Any children not collected from Church will be taken back to school.

Year 6 Bikeability – Tuesday/Thursday

Year 6 will have the exciting and important opportunity to practise safe cycling on Tuesday and Thursday next week. Information on this was distributed earlier in the week. Please ensure all permission forms are completed and returned to school. Please also ensure that bikes are roadworthy and that helmets are provided from home.

Governing Body

Our governing body, which is shared with Glaisdale and Lealholm Schools, met for the first time this year. There has been some changes to the body, which you can find on our website: [Link](#)

The biggest change is that our previous Chair of Governors, Jo Kevan, has stepped down from her role and is now the board's vice chair, with Mr Mark Hollingworth becoming Chair of Governors.

Our parent governor elections close at the end of this week. We shall announce whether there will be an election in due course.

MCAS

Please ensure you regularly access your MCAS account to maintain the balance for school services (wrapround care, lunches, etc). Some users have notified us that they are not receiving notifications for low balance, with some e-mails ending up in 'spam' folders, so please check regularly.

Ainthorpe Trust

We would like to say a massive thank you to the Ainthorpe Trust who have, once again, kindly donated funds to improve provision in our school. The Trust has donated £400 towards the cost of a new volleyball net and other outdoor equipment!

Sports Events

Our girls' football team enjoyed their first tournament of the year. Although the children did not win any games, they represented the team with pride, alongside their teammates from Glaisdale. The girls had an excellent time and will look to build on their learning in future events. Next week, our boys' football team will be taking part in their first competition on Wednesday afternoon.

We were disappointed that the weather beat us on Friday, meaning we could not attend the tag rugby event. We will look to attend future events.

Office and Lunchtime Staff

I am pleased to announce that we have secured a new administrator for Glaisdale School. This means, from October, Miss Gosling will begin working four days per week at Castleton. Miss Gosling has also taken on the additional role of midday supervisor during these days, meaning we are no longer looking to fill this vacancy.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper



Headteacher timetable for next week	
Monday	Glaisdale all day
Tuesday	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
Wednesday	am – Castleton pm – Whitby (Football)
Thursday	am – Glaisdale pm – Castleton
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	



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Attendance: This week's attendance was 93%, which is under our target of at least **97%**.
Our attendance this year is: 97.1%

News from the Classes

Acorns



Star of the week:
James – Super independence during maths this week!

Oak



Star of the Week:
Maddy – For excellent writing!

Headteacher Awards



Lucy – For excellent phonics and for always wearing her smile!
Emily - For amazing writing!

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	PE for Acorn pupils. You can come to school in kit and wear it all day.
Tuesday	Music Lessons with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments. Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday	All pupils Outdoor learning. Children to come to school dressed in warm outdoor clothing, including gloves, waterproofs and wellies. Gardening Club Year 5/6 Boys Football Event
Thursday	Choir Club Year 6 Bikeability
Friday	NO PE for Oak pupils. CANCELLED due to Harvest and fixtures Multi-Sports Club Harvest Festival – 2pm @ Church (all invited to join!)

Future Diary Dates

Please note: some of these events may still need to be confirmed.

October 2022

7th: Harvest Festival – 2pm @ Church (all invited to join!)

14th: Tag Rugby event

21st: End of half-term

31st: Children return to school

November 2022

4th: Sportshall Athletics

7th-11th: Parents' Evening Week

30th: Y5/6 Peat Rigg Residential

December 2022

1st & 2nd: Y5/6 Peat Rigg Residential

2nd: Dodgeball (inclusive competition)

13th: Pantomime

Christmas dinner/party (date TBC)

16th: End of term