



"Outstanding Together"



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Dear Families and Friends,

Year 6 Secondary School Application – Deadline: 31st October 2022

Year 6 parents will have received an e-mail reminding them of the deadline for applying for a secondary school place. You may apply using the following website: <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions>

Tax free childcare

Please see here for more information on how you can apply for tax free childcare, which can be used for Breakfast Club hours: <https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare>

Parental Survey Feedback

Thank you to everyone that responded to our parental survey regarding uniform, wraparound care and children's progress. A summary of the responses and the action the school is going to take can be found later in this newsletter.

Uniform

Following the parental survey feedback, we have decided to change our uniform supplier so that it is more cost effective for parents. New uniform does not need to be bought and the uniform policy itself will not change, however, for any new uniform purchases you should now use the following website from our new supplier, School Shop: <https://school-shop.co.uk/school/castleton-community-primary-school/>

Attached with this newsletter is a letter and parents' guide from School Shop which we hope you will find helpful.

You can find our uniform policy on our website (link below). Please note: the only item of clothing we expect to see a school logo is on jumpers/cardigans, so that we can easily identify uniform, especially on school trips. All other clothing items (e.g. polo shirts) can be bought from School Shop or other suppliers.

<https://www.castletonprimaryschool.co.uk/for-parents-and-carers/uniform/>

French Lessons

After half-term, I am pleased to say that we will be joined by Madame Cordingley who will be teaching both classes French lessons once per week. Madame Cordingley is a French national but moved to England several years ago. She has taught French lessons across schools (most of which are smaller schools like ours) in the Scarborough area. The children are excited about this but also know they will need to work hard to impress a new teacher!

PE and Outdoor Learning

After half-term, both classes will be having PE on Mondays. The children will be receiving dance lessons through Hannah Verity – dance teacher. Outdoor learning will continue on Wednesday, however, as the term develops, there may be some weeks where we cancel outdoor learning so that we can take part in other school events and make time for Christmas performance practice.

Admin Hours

After half-term, Miss Gosling will solely be working at Castleton School, now that Glaisdale School have a new administrator. Miss Gosling will be in office every day (8.30-4pm) except Wednesday. Mr Cooper or Mr Sellers will be able to deal with any urgent queries on the day Miss Gosling is not in school.

School Council

The School Council and I have been working hard on our first project: playground development. The children have surveyed the school to find out what ideas everyone has to improve their breaks and lunches. We will soon be looking to upgrade our equipment and storage facilities, so that children have a better range and quality of activities to do during the week. I have also been in touch with several companies to look into the possibility of installing astroturf on our playground!

The School Council's future projects will include: school clubs and Children in Need.

School Clubs

Gardening Club will now come to an end due to the darker evenings. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Wilson will be running our Signing Club again (on Tuesdays). Details of how to sign up for this have been distributed this week.

Year 6 parents will have received an e-mail regarding SATs Buster Club. Thank you to all that have responded to this. The most popular choice was a Wednesday morning (8-9am). Our first session will take place on Wednesday 2nd November in the school library (breakfast will be included free-of-charge).

Choir Club will continue after half-term. Sports Club will also continue but will come to an end when weather/dark nights set in.

Have a wonderful half-term break. School will re-open to children on Monday 31st October 2022.

Mr Cooper

| Headteacher timetable for next week | |
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| Monday | Glaisdale all day |
| Tuesday | Meetings at other schools all day |
| Wednesday | am – Castleton pm – Glaisdale |
| Thursday | Castleton all day |
| Friday | am – Glaisdale pm - Castleton |

Attendance: This week's attendance was 97.3%, which is above our target of at least **97% - well done!**
Our attendance this year (to date) is: 97.5%

News from the Classes

Acorns



Star of the week:
Ted - For excellent concentration and perseverance with all his work!

Oak



Star of the Week:
Philomena: For showing care and taking pride in everything she does.

Headteacher Awards



Katie - For amazing and inspiring story writing!
Joe - For making an excellent effort to improve in all his work and making every second count.

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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** **PE for Acorn and Oak pupils.** You can come to school in kit and wear it all day.
- Tuesday** **Music Lessons** with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments.
Signing Club
- Wednesday** **Outdoor learning for both classes** Children to come to school dressed in warm outdoor clothing, including gloves, waterproofs and wellies.
Year 6 SATs Buster Club (8-9am)
- Thursday** **Choir Club**
- Friday** **Note: PE for Oaks is now on Mondays**
Multi-Sports Club

Future Diary Dates

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

October 2022

21st: End of half-term

31st: Children return to school

November 2022

4th: Sportshall Athletics

14th-18th: Parents' Evening Week

W/C 14th: Brazilian drum, dance and culture workshop

16th: Flu Immunisations

W/C 21st: Islamic Diversity Centre Assembly and KS2 Workshop

21st: Men's World Cup: England v Iran (1pm kick-off)

30th: Choir singing at Danby Christmas Market

30th: Y5/6 Peat Rigg Residential

December 2022

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

2nd: Dodgeball (inclusive competition)

6th: Whole-School Nativity/Christmas Performance (afternoon)

7th: Whole-School Nativity/Christmas Performance (evening)

8th: Whole School Signing at Abbeyfields (afternoon)

Carols by the Tree (date TBC)

13th: Pantomime Trip

14th: Christmas Dinner

15th: Key Stage 2 York Trip (Jorvik and Van Gogh Expo)

16th: Christmas Party Lunch and Afternoon

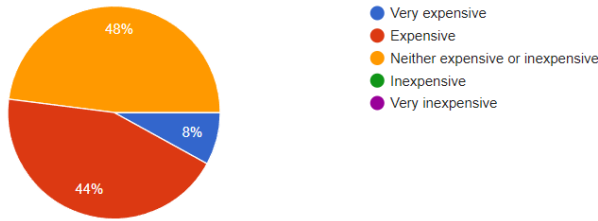
16th: End of term (Children return on Tuesday 3rd January)

Parental Survey Feedback- October 2022

Uniform

Uniform: How would you rate the current uniform's value for money?

25 responses



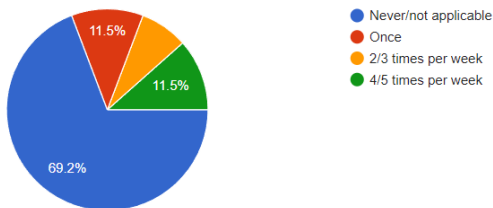
In response to this feedback, with the majority of parents expressing the opinion that our current uniform provider is too expensive and/or that they would be satisfied with a cheaper supplier, we have decided to change our uniform provider to SchoolShop (more details listed above in the newsletter).

We have decided to maintain the requirement of having a school logo on the school jumper and cardigan, but all other items can be 'non-branded'.

Wraparound Care

Wraparound care: We are considering extending our Breakfast Club provision so that it begins at 7.45am. How many times a week would you make use of this facility should this become available?

26 responses

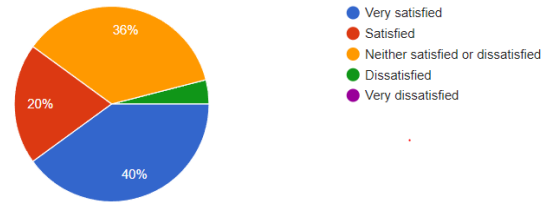


Following this feedback, the school is going to *consider* a trial of extending Breakfast Club provision and offering some after school care. However, this will be subject to having appropriate staffing in place.

We will communicate our plans on this in due course.

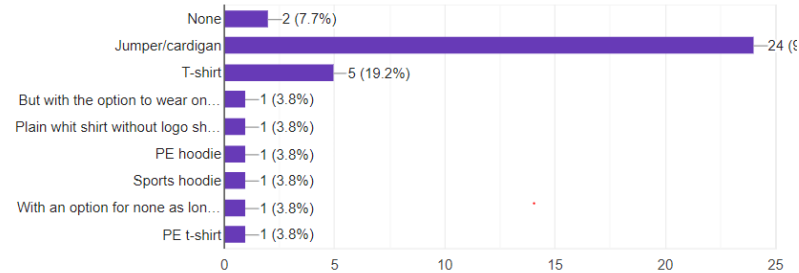
Uniform: How satisfied would you be if the school changed to a different and cheaper supplier?

25 responses



Which items of uniform do you believe should contain the school logo? (select multiple if this applies)

26 responses





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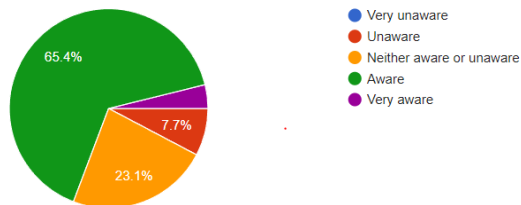
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Children's Progress

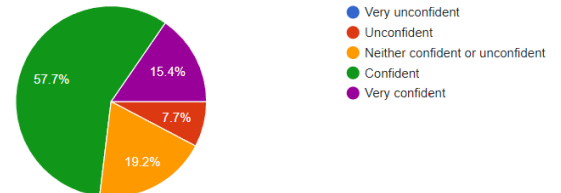
Your child's progress: How aware are you of your child's progress at school?

26 responses



Your child's progress: How confident are you that you understand how to support your child at home with anything they are learning in school?

26 responses



Your child's progress: How would you like to be informed of your child's progress?

26 responses




We are pleased that the majority of our parents feels that they are aware of their child's progress and are confident in supporting at home. We still want to improve on this, so, as well as hosting our termly parents' evening next month, we will look to provide a short overview of test results children have achieved at the end of term, alongside an explanation of what this means according to national averages. We shall also look to run more information sessions and/or provide materials to help parents understand what is being taught in school.

Parents Suggestions on what to Survey next:

- Clubs
- Trips
- Behaviour
- Lunches
- Transition to secondary school
- Parent-run school activities
- Awareness of PTFA and how to get involved

We will endeavour to gauge views on some of these in the future but will also make a conscious effort to improve in these areas where possible.



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North Yorkshire

Join us for a

Mini Christmas Market

Danby Village Hall

Wednesday 30th November



10am - 3pm



A variety of lovely stalls for some
Christmas shopping

Tea, Coffee and Cakes available with
donations towards Revival North Yorkshire

Contact Amy for further details

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