



NEWSLETTER

18/11/2022



Dear Families and Friends,

Staff Vacancies

We have two upcoming staff vacancies at Castleton:

School Administrator

We are both happy and sad to say that Miss Gosling has secured a fantastic new role as a therapy assistant in the NHS. This is a great opportunity for Miss Gosling and it relates really well to her background and degree. We are disappointed to see Miss Gosling leave, despite her being with us a short time but know that she will be fantastic in her new role. Miss Gosling's final day will be Friday 16th December.

Therefore, we will be advertising for a new school administrator to start in January 2023 (or sooner). For more details on this, please see the job advert and recruitment pack:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/castleton-community-primary-school-school-administrator>

Please share this with anyone you think may be interested in the role.

Key Stage 2 General Teaching Assistant (mornings)

To support our large Key Stage 2 class and provide children with more small group and 1:1 support, we are looking to recruit a part-time teaching assistant. This person will work mornings (Monday-Friday) supporting Mr Sellers, Mr Wadley and Mrs Wilson.

We are hoping to have this person in place by January 2023 (or sooner).

For more information on this role, please see the job advert and recruitment pack:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/castleton-primary-school-general-teaching-assistant-ks2-midday-supervisory-duties>

Please share this with anyone you think may be interested in the role.

Claudio Kron – Brazilian Drum Workshop

This week, all our children enjoyed an engaging and interactive Brazilian drumming and culture workshop. We all got to practise playing different traditional Brazilian music, as well as learning new dance moves. It was great to share this with so many parents at the end of the school day! You can see pictures of this on our social media account.

Stay and Play

We will be hosting a 'Stay and Play' afternoon for children who are considering/choosing Castleton as their school for next year. It will be an opportunity for children and parents to meet the staff and other children, as well as have a look round our happy family-orientated school!

This will take place on Thursday 1st December (1.15-3pm). If you would like to attend, please contact the School Office. Similarly, please share with any families with children who are starting school in September, especially if they are not in the local area.

Breakfast Club (earlier start time)

I am pleased to say that we will be able to offer an earlier start time to our breakfast club of 7.45am, starting from Monday. There will be no changes to costs for the club. We are still planning to offer some after-school provision, however this will not be possible until the spring term due to staffing changes.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents that attending our Parents' Evening this week. It was great to share your child's successes this term as well as outline next steps in their learning. It is important to still attend these meetings, even if you do not have any concerns, therefore, if you were unable to attend a meeting this week, please contact the school office or your child's teacher to arrange an alternative appointment (we can also facilitate phone appointments if this is more convenient).

Clubs – School Council

Our School Council have asked our students about which clubs they would like to see in the spring term. They have suggested:

- Martial arts/boxing
- School newspaper
- Reading
- Art or Sewing/knitting/crocheting
- Board games

The staff will be looking to start some of these clubs themselves or seek external providers. However, if you feel you, or someone you know, have a talent one of these areas, please get in touch. We will provide full DBS clearance for volunteers and ensuring resources are provided for the club. Clubs could take place for half an hour at a lunchtime (12.30-1pm) or after school (3.15-4.15pm), depending on when other clubs take place.

Please contact Mr Cooper through the school office or via e-mail: headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk

Thank you in advance.

Scooters and helmets – School Council

Our School Council are working on improving our playground environment. They have already purchased some equipment and are in the process of securing funding for additional resources, as well as looking at the prospect of installing astro turf onto the playground!

However, the School Council would like to ask if any member of the school community has any unwanted (but still safe-to-use) scooters and helmets to replace the ones we have at school that are now 'well-used'. We would be very grateful for any donations. Please bring these to school if this is the case.

Children in Need

Children thoroughly enjoyed marking Children in Need and raising money for an important cause. Thank you to our School Council for arranging the non-uniform day, activities and surprise for Mr Sellers' birthday, including birthday cakes made by Martha and her mum!

Thank you for all your kind donations. We will announce the total in next week's newsletter.

Men's Football World Cup

On Monday 21st November, children may also dress-up; this time in sporty/England clothing! This is because we are going to watch England's opening game (kick-off 1pm) in school, so that children (and staff!) do not miss out on this! Children who may not enjoy watching the full match will be provided with other fun activities.

Islamic Diversity Centre Visit

Next week, we are fortunate to be joined by the Islamic Diversity Centre from Newcastle. They will be coming to deliver an assembly to all children, sharing their religion and addressing misconceptions about Islam. The older children will then get the opportunity to take part in a workshop with our visitors. We are really looking forward to this experience as we recognise that it is not something we get to experience all the time in our rural location. It is also a great chance to reaffirm some of our own beliefs and understanding of the world.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

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

Attendance: This week's attendance was 93.5%, which is below our target of at least **97%**
Our attendance this year (to date) is: 95.9%

News from the Classes

Acorns



Star of the week:
Archie – Carrying out a super volcano project and being great at following your interests.

Oak



Star of the Week:
Matthew T: for super self-managing and great problem solving in maths.

Headteacher Awards



Jasmine – For being an excellent School Council member.

Martha B – For settling into her new school.

Next Week's Events

Monday	No PE for Acorn and Oak pupils. England vs Iran World Cup Football Match Children may wear England/sporty clothing all day, ready to watch the match in the afternoon (no donation required)
Tuesday	Music Lessons with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments. Signing Club
Wednesday	No outdoor learning for all children due to French and Islamic Diversity Visit Year 6 SATs Buster Club (8-9am) Islamic Diversity Centre Visit
Thursday	Choir Club
Friday	Multi-Sports Club PE for Oaks Children can come to school in PE clothing

Future Diary Dates

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

November 2022

21st: Men's World Cup: England v Iran (1pm kick-off) Children may dress-up in sporty/England clothing, ready to watch the match! (No donation required)
23rd: Islamic Diversity Centre Assembly and KS2 Workshop
30th: Choir singing at Danby Christmas Market
30th: Y5/6 Peat Rigg Residential

December 2022

1st & 2nd: Y5/6 Peat Rigg Residential
1st: New Reception Stay & Play (1.15-3pm)
5th: Carols by the Tree (6pm)
6th: Whole-School Nativity/Christmas Performance (1.30pm start)
7th: Whole-School Nativity/Christmas Performance (6pm start)
8th: Whole School Signing at Abbeyfields (afternoon)
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)

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



**Do you know someone interested in training to become a teacher?
Are you interested in training to become a teacher?**

The Esk Valley Alliance is pleased to announce that it is now taking applications for Initial Teacher Training for those that wish to become primary school teachers. Working in partnership with York St John University, the Esk Valley school-centred (School Direct ITT) primary programme is committed to delivering outstanding education and training that is current and relevant. With the Esk Valley Alliance you will work as part of the teaching team from day one, (similar to student medics in hospitals) learning from experienced, practicing colleagues and immediately putting your new skills into practice.


Forthcoming Information Events:

Pickering Memorial Hall Beckett Room - 10am to 1pm on Saturday 19th November. Zoom drop ins on 9th November and 29th November - 5pm-6pm.

For more information and Zoom links please contact:

Liz Orland, Headteacher, Egton CE School 01947 895369

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Wednesday 30th November



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