



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families and Friends,

## Staff Vacancies

### School Administrator

The interviews for the school administrator position will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. We hope to inform you of the successful applicant following this date.

### Key Stage 2 General Teaching Assistant (mornings)

We still have a vacancy in our Key Stage 2 team (the deadline for this has been extended until 8<sup>th</sup> December): 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-1>

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

## Peat Rigg Residential

Our Year 5 and 6 children will be heading off on an exciting adventure next week! On Wednesday, children will depart to Peat Rigg Outdoor Centre where they will take part in a range of outdoor adventurous activities, including abseiling, zipline, caving, archery, bushcraft and much more! The children will be attending the visit with children from Oakridge, Lealholm and Glaisdale Schools, helping them to forge and strengthen relationships with children from different schools.

Children should arrive at school at the normal time in outdoor clothing and footwear. They should have all their bags with them, containing the kit list sent out previously. Children will return on Friday mid-afternoon, in time for a normal collection at the end of the day (although we will inform you if we arrive back earlier, in case you would like an earlier collection of tired children!)

## Art Competition – Ady Wright’s Mini Merry Christmas Masterpiece

Our children will have the wonderful opportunity to enter a Christmas art competition where they will get to complete a Christmas themed mini-canvas. These pieces of art will be displayed in The Moorside Gallery at Danby Moors Centre over the Christmas period with members of the public voting on their favourite pieces. The artwork will also be displayed online for voting too with prizes for the winners from each school and age category. This competition is being run by Ady Wright’s Fine Art Gallery in Whitby for Glaisdale and Castleton Schools. We will share this competition when it goes live online so that you can vote too! Winners will be announced in the new year.

Thank you to Ady Wright and Andy Baker from the gallery for running this competition: <https://adywright.com/>

## Upcoming Training Day

Please note that on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December the school will closed for a staff training day.

### **SATs Buster Club**

With our residential taking place next week, there will be no SATs Buster Club. Children have been given new CGP 10-minute practice books, which they will use some weeks for the club. Children have been set the task of completing two 10-minute practice question sets from each of the three booklets before the next session (7<sup>th</sup> December 2022). They have been advised to complete one from each book before the residential and one from each book after.

### **Year 6 Proposed Trip to Edinburgh**

Parents of children in Year 6 will have received a link sharing the information about a proposed trip to Edinburgh in July. At this stage, we need to pre-book accommodation and some activities, so that these are secured for the trip. For this to happen, we require parents to let us know if they would be happy to cover some of the cost of this visit. If you have not yet completed this form, you can access it here: <https://forms.gle/Unih6HUTpH8YbPQV9>

Please note: the visit will not take place during the secondary school transition week. Currently, we have a provisional dates of 6-7<sup>th</sup> July.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **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](mailto:headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk)

Thank you in advance.

### **Choir – Danby Christmas Market**

Our School Choir will be singing at Danby Christmas Market on Wednesday afternoon. They will attend this with Miss Wilson and Mrs Wilson. They should come to school in uniform (they will not take part in outdoor learning that day) and, if they want to, they can come with a Christmas hat/headwear. All remaining children in school (in both classes) will come to school in outdoor clothing so that they can have an outdoor learning session with Mrs Barber.

### **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!



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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.

## Rewilding Project – Mrs Wilson (ex-Castleton Headteacher)

On Monday, we were fortunate to be joined by Mrs Carol Wilson, who was headteacher of our school between 2000-2007. Mrs Wilson is running a local rewilding project in Danby where she is hoping to introduce wild flowers back into our community. Some of our children are looking forward to being involved in this project in the spring!

## Children in Need

Thank you for all your generous donations to Children in Need last week. In total we raised: **£171.92** (a fantastic total for a small school – well done!)

## Men's Football World Cup

On Monday, the whole school enjoyed watching England's first game of the Men's Football World Cup! We were excited to see so many schools and an England victory. This is the only match due to take place during school hours, which is why we felt it important for children to experience some of their own country's 'culture', given that they have spent a considerable amount of time looking at other cultures over the last few weeks.

## Islamic Diversity Centre Visit

We were delighted to be joined by the Islamic Diversity Centre on Wednesday for an assembly and a workshop. The children came up with very thoughtful questions and were able to find out more about Islam, as well as address some misconceptions they had about the religion. Ishmael, our leader, was very impressed with children's strong knowledge on Islam which they have learnt in their RE lessons at school

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper

Headteacher timetable for next week	
<b>Monday</b>	Supporting a Scarborough school
<b>Tuesday</b>	Supporting a Scarborough school
<b>Wednesday</b>	am – Glaisdale pm - Castleton
<b>Thursday</b>	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
<b>Friday</b>	am – Glaisdale pm - Castleton

**Attendance:** This week's attendance was 88.6%, which is significantly below our target of at least **97%**  
Our attendance this year (to date) is: 95.4%

*News from the Classes*

## *Acorns*



**Star of the week:**

**Layla – Excellent column subtraction and for always being organised and ‘ready’ to learn!**

## *Oak*



**Star of the Week:**

**Matthew N - for great team worker and reflective learner!**

## *Headteacher Awards*



**Connie – For always being kind, thoughtful, hardworking and a brilliant person all round!**

**Nancy – For excellent work in French!**

## *Next Week's Events*

<b>Monday</b>	<b>PE for Acorn and Oak pupils</b> Children can come to school in PE clothing
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Music Lessons</b> with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments. <b>Signing Club</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Choir at Danby Christmas Market (afternoon)</b> Please wear uniform all day <b>Children not at choir: Outdoor learning</b> Please come in appropriate clothing/footwear <b>No Year 6 SATs Buster Club (8-9am)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Choir Club</b> <b>Stay and Play (1.15-3pm)</b> Please book with School Office
<b>Friday</b>	<b>PE for Oaks (Year 3/4)</b> 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**

**30<sup>th</sup>: Choir singing at Danby Christmas Market**

**30<sup>th</sup>: Y5/6 Peat Rigg Residential**

### **December 2022**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>: Y5/6 Peat Rigg Residential**

**1<sup>st</sup>: New Reception Stay & Play (1.15-3pm)**

**5<sup>th</sup>: Carols by the Tree (6pm)**

**6<sup>th</sup>: Whole-School Nativity/Christmas Performance (1.30pm start)**

**7<sup>th</sup>: Whole-School Nativity/Christmas Performance (6pm start)**

**8<sup>th</sup>: Whole School Signing at Abbeyfields (afternoon)**

**13<sup>th</sup>: Pantomime Trip**

**14<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Dinner**

**15<sup>th</sup>: Key Stage 2 York Trip (Jorvik and Van Gogh Expo)**

**16<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Party Lunch and Afternoon**

**16<sup>th</sup>: End of term (Children return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January)**

### **January 2023**

**3<sup>rd</sup>: Children return to school**



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4<sup>th</sup>: Cricket sessions begin  
9<sup>th</sup>: Swimming lesson begin

## 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

**TRAIN  
TO TEACH**

[www.eskvalleyteachingalliance.co.uk](http://www.eskvalleyteachingalliance.co.uk)

**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 9<sup>th</sup> November and 29<sup>th</sup> November - 5pm-6pm.

**For more information and Zoom links please contact:**

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## REVIVAL 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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