

Dear Families and Friends,

## Peat Rigg Residential

Our Year 5/6 children have had an amazing time at Peat Rigg this week! They took part in a range of outdoor/adventurous activities, pushing their limits and challenging themselves. The children really enjoyed working as a team, especially with children from different schools. They are, however, now ready for a relaxing weekend! Thank you to all the staff at Peat Rigg and to our school staff for organising and running this visit in their own time!



## Morning Snack

When there is enough, children will be given fruit; if parents would like their children to bring in something other, please make sure it is a healthy alternative

## Police Visit

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, we will be joined by PC Pete Lewis who will be delivering a talk to our children on what the police do and how they help us. Due to an increased presence of police in the village (for very understandable reasons), we felt it was the right time to reassure children about the role the police play in our lives and keeping us safe and that we should not be afraid if we do see them in our village (even if it is unusual!)

## School Performance

We are looking forward to performing for all our families and friends next week at our Christmas performances! Despite there being limited time to practice and lots of illness in our classes, our children have done a fantastic job in learning their lines and songs to share with you all.

Our first performance takes place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December (1.30pm start) in the Village Hall.

Our evening performance will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December (6pm start) in the Village Hall. Children from Acorns class will need to be dropped off at 5.15pm at school, so they can get into their costumes. Children in Oaks should arrive at the Village Hall at 5.45pm in their school uniform.

Please note: as we have an increase in the number of families since our previous performances, there may be limited seating available.

## Upcoming Training Day

Please note that on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December the school will be closed for a staff training day. For your information, staff will be receiving training on their assessment systems and how to deliver effective phonics provision. This is crucial to how we improve our practice in school and keep up with the most recent educational research.

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

We have had an overwhelmingly positive response to our questionnaire regarding a possible Year 6 trip to Edinburgh in July. We have provisionally booked accommodation for the visit and will be putting plans in place (after Christmas) to arrange formal consent and deposits, so that we can arrange activities and transportation. The proposed dates of this visit is Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

### **Additional Bank Holiday – SATs Week**

You will no doubt be aware that there is going to be another bank holiday to mark the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. This will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023. School will therefore be closed this date. This has meant that the SATs week schedule has changed. Year 6 children will now sit their tests from 9<sup>th</sup> May until 12<sup>th</sup> May – please avoid any absence during this period.

### **Choir**

#### Danby Christmas Market

Our School Choir, led by Miss Wilson and Mrs Wilson attending Danby Christmas market on Wednesday. Several members of the community noted how well the children performed and how nice it was to see the school out in the community. We are very proud of our budding singers! The children will get an opportunity to sing next Thursday afternoon at Abbeyfield. Please note: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December will be the final Choir Club of the term.

#### Carols by the Tree

Children will get further opportunities to sing next week. On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December (6pm), children will be able to sing around our Christmas tree alongside some local musicians. Our PTFA will also be selling refreshments to help fund future school trips and ventures, so don't forget to bring some change!

### **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.*

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper





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# NEWSLETTER

02/12/2022



**Attendance:** This week's attendance was 87.8%, which is significantly below our target of at least 97%. Our attendance this year (to date) is: 94.7%

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

## Next Week's Events

- Monday** PE for Acorn and Oak pupils Children can come to school in PE clothing  
**Carols by the Tree (6pm)** PTFA providing refreshments
- Tuesday** **Music Lessons** with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments.  
**Signing Club**  
**School Christmas Performance - 1.30pm start**
- Wednesday** **No Outdoor Learning** – due to play practice and DT projects  
**Year 6 SATs Buster Club (8-9am)**  
**School Christmas Performance - 6pm start** Acorns arrive at school at 5.15pm; Oaks arrive at Village Hall at 5.45pm
- Thursday** **Choir Club – Final one of the term!**  
**School Choir singing at Abbeyfields (afternoon)**
- Friday** **TRAINING DAY** School is closed to children

## Future Diary Dates

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

- 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)**  
**9<sup>th</sup>: Training Day**  
**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**

**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
- ★ Bank Holiday – Monday 8<sup>th</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