



NEWSLETTER

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"Outstanding Together"

News from the Classes

In **KS1** this week we have started reading "Lost and Found" by Oliver Jeffers which is all about a lost penguin. The children have been busy packing suitcases ready to journey to the South Pole. We have been exploring hot and cold countries and used the Atlas to help us find out where the South Pole is. The Reception children are especially enjoying making the characters and re-telling the story with puppets.

Year 1 and 2 children will have spellings to practise at home each week and spelling tests will be every Friday. The first set will be coming home tonight. Please help and support your child with these.

A reminder that year 1 and 2 children will be attending Multiskills on Wednesday afternoon and will be back at school to be picked up at the later time of 3.30pm. They will need PE kit.

KS2: You may be very tired of the question "Are we nearly there yet?" especially on long journeys, but it has been used very creatively in our writing. We have been learning all the family car secrets and all the problems that we all have on a long journey. We have been really pleased with all the excellent ideas and details that the children have put in their writing. All the excellent, yellow highlighted sentences which show really good work have been shared with the class. How nice to have writing work that makes Mrs Grace laugh while she is marking because of all the good ideas.

In Maths we have been working further on rounding up and down. This is a skill we will need to use when we move on to the addition and subtraction work.

We have been looking at pictures of different journeys and what connections can be made from the pictures. What was really amazing was some of the ideas the children had that went very deep into the journeys of life.

Age related Expectations/SMIRFs (Space Mission Instant Recall Facts)

Please find attached the Age Related Expectations for your child/children and an overview of the SMIRFS mental maths programme that we follow in school. Anything you can do to help your child to learn their SMIRFs is really helpful. Do ask if you have questions about any of the documents.

Uniform Reminder

The emphasis on uniform, with the appropriate school colours, is to ensure that all our pupils feel part of our school team, look smart, and do not place too much emphasis on clothing styles and values.

Some aspects, such as footwear styles, are for health and safety reasons as well as the above.

- **Royal Blue** sweatshirt, jumper (round or V-neck), fleece or cardigan **with school logo**. School fleeces may be worn for outdoor use only, except in winter when they may be worn indoors.
- **Black** or **grey** trousers **NOT leggings, shorts or jeans** (or skirt/pinafore dress for girls, optional blue checked dress for summer). Boys may wear black or grey school shorts in summer.
- **White** polo shirt (with or without school logo)/shirt or blouse
- **Black shoes** without heels or large logos
- **Black, grey or navy tights**
- **Black, grey, navy or white socks**

PE

Navy shorts, white T-shirt or **"Castleton" sports royal blue T-shirt**, optional royal blue "Castleton" sports hoody, **plimsolls** and a pair of **dark** jogging bottoms for winter and travelling to events.

These should be clearly marked with the child's name, and are to be kept at school in a labeled drawstring bag and taken home regularly for washing.

Children must have a change of clothes, including footwear, for PE

Reminder about Illness

Please can we remind you to check with school if you are unsure about when your child should return after illness. There should be a period of 48 hours after any bouts of diarrhoea or sickness. Other infections have specific guidelines so please feel free to ask. This will help us to prevent recurrence of infections.

Flu Vaccination Programme for Years Reception, 1, 2, 3 and 4

Parents of children in the above year groups should have received a letter, earlier this week, about the flu vaccination programme. **You must give consent online** at <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childhood-flu-programme/> by the end of September. **Even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination in school you still need to indicate this on the online form.** The immunisation session in school will take place on **Thursday, 2nd November at 9am.**

Whitby & District Rotary Club "Octoberfest" Fun Run, Sunday, 1st October

This annual event is on Sunday, 1st October at Caedmon College Whitby (Scoresby Site), from 2pm. If you would like to go along with your children please obtain an Entry Form from Mrs Blacklock and return to school by Monday, 25th September with the entry fee of £2.50 per head

Dates of Events up to Christmas and School Holiday Dates

Please find enclosed a list of dates up to Christmas (which, as always, may change!) together with a copy of this school year's holiday dates, for your information.

Year 6 - Eskdale School Open Evening

Eskdale have now notified us that their Open Evening is on Thursday, 19th October, 5 to 7pm

Next Week

There are a few outstanding Consent Forms for Trips and Visits to return on Monday please!

Wednesday	Year 3 Forest Schools at Glaisdale, afternoon Years 1 & 2 Multiskills at Caedmon College Whitby, 1.45 to 3pm Netball Club
Friday	Football Club
Saturday	PTFA Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale, Village Hall, 10am to 12 noon

News from Glaisdale

This week in English, **Class 1** has focused on revisiting strategies to help them with their spellings. They have also looked at question words and sentences to identify what they would like to know about stories based on the front cover of the book. Their Maths has concentrated on place value using a variety of practical apparatus, as well as more formal recording methods such as partitioning and tens and units tables. They have continued their Geography work on the world by thinking about modes of transport appropriate for holidaying in different locations, using this to complete their own Passports. This week saw the first Forest School session of the term – a new experience for the foundation stage. Despite the intermittent rainfall the children, as usual, thoroughly enjoyed their experiences.

Class 2 has been exploring the opening of the story of Aladdin, in particular the ways in which the characters are introduced and how they then interact with each other. In Science they have continued their investigations in electricity. The children have also been further studying the role of the Quran in Islam and exploring tessellating shapes through art.

Mrs Peacock is doing her teacher training at Glaisdale School this year. She will therefore be spending a percentage of her time teaching KS2 every week with Mr Hutt also working in the classroom as support.