



# NEWSLETTER

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## News from the Classes

This week **KS1** have been transformed into estate agents and have written some fantastic adverts for the Town House and the Country House. The children worked hard to describe the houses and persuade people to buy them.

Reception has been busy apple printing with all the apples we have collected this year and have been learning how to continue a repeated pattern.

Thank you for all the information about Castleton's history and the Castle, it has been very interesting.

Years 1 and 2 have Multiskills next Wednesday in Whitby and will need a PE kit in school for this.

**KS2:** The final week on light and how we see has been thwarted by the cloud cover. We will, however, wait until there is a fully sunny day to complete the experiment into light shadows throughout the day. It was interesting looking at how we see, in particular the fact that at the back of the eyeball we see the world upside down. Not that we see anything upside down, something happens to make sure everything is the right way up (please ask).

We are completing a block of work on place value and now understand that our number system is brilliant. This is especially with the place holder 0 that can change £1 into £1 000 000 - we wouldn't want to get those two muddled up! We have also looked at why using rounding up and down is really important.

In English we have been creating our own chaos with the Afghan puppy What-a-Mess. Frank Muir the author would be really impressed with the descriptive language and mayhem that we have been writing (please ask).

**Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing:** We have been focusing on relationships this week and looked at how families are different but also what is the same amongst all families. We realise that we cannot be resilient without strong, healthy relationships in our lives.

**Attendance:** This week's attendance was **92.17%** and, as a school, we aim for at least **97%**.

## Westerdale and Commondale Taxi Pupils - Reminder

Please could you ensure that the taxi company know what your children are doing every morning and night so that the appropriate vehicle is used. There is no longer the flexibility of the minibus with extra seats so if there is a change to the expected travel please let the company know.

## Advance Notice - Harvest Festival, Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, Castleton Church, 10am

For Harvest Festival this year we are going to collect items that we can put into the Samaritans Purse shoebox gift appeal in November (please see the enclosed leaflet for ideas). There is also a suggested donation of £5 for each shoebox which covers the project costs, including shipping, so any monetary donations will go towards that.

For harvest we are seeing how we can help other children. We are so lucky to have so much, so we are thinking how we can share. We will talk to the children about this nearer the time but here is pre-warning information!

## Events, Activities etc

### PTFA Coffee Morning Tomorrow

Please support the Coffee Morning tomorrow from 10 to 12 noon in the Village Hall. Donations for cake stall and raffle, together with help, would be greatly appreciated please.

### Year 6 - Secondary School Open Evenings

We understand that Open Evenings are as follows:-

- Stokesley School – Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 5.30 to 8pm.
- Eskdale School – Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 4 to 7pm.
- Caedmon College Whitby – the date has not been finalised yet and they said keep an eye on Social Media!

### Macmillan Coffee Morning, Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, Danby Village Hall

Please see the attached flier.

### FREE Speech Language and Communication Needs Parent Workshop

On Tuesday, 2nd October, 9.15am-12pm for KS1 and KS2 at Briercliffe Children's Centre, Scarborough.

The workshop will offer plenty of practical ideas and strategies you can use to develop your child's communication skills. It would benefit any parent wanting to learn more about how children acquire speech and language skills in order for them to communicate effectively. You will be given practical strategies that you can use at home to help your child's speech, language and communication skills.

If anyone is interested in attending the above please ask Mrs Blacklock for a form.

### Whitby & Moors Children's Centre Newsletter for September – December 2018

The Children's Centre offers lots of different activities, most of which are free. There is a copy of the Newsletter in reception if you would like to see what is on offer

## Next Week

**Please return all outstanding Consent Forms (Trips and Preferences) on Monday**

<b>Monday</b>	Choir starts after school until 4.15pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 3 Forest Schools, afternoon Years 1 & 2 Multiskills, Caedmon College Whitby, 1.30 to 3pm <b>(please return outstanding permission slips on Monday)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	KS1 Forest Schools, morning Fitness Club
<b>Friday</b>	Music lessons and recorders