



NEWSLETTER

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News from the Classes

This week **KS1** have been focusing on verbs as part of Grammar work and we had fun acting out the verbs for our sentences.

The years 1 and 2 children had a super afternoon at Multiskills on Wednesday and enjoyed meeting up with other schools, as well as completing all the fun sporting activities - a great afternoon!

All the great reading at home is having an impact as lots of children are delighted to be moving onto their next book band level. Keep up the great work.

If anyone has any toys they do not need anymore we would be grateful for any. We are particularly looking for cars and a garage!

Just a reminder that all year 1 children will sit a Phonics Screening Test next June. A super website for Phonics practise is www.phonicsplay.co.uk and you can find lots of fun interactive games.

KS2: We have been SUCCESSFUL in our quest to have a sunny day to map the shadows during the day. Even then there were two results which we couldn't have because of cloud cover. We have, however, discovered that the lower the sun appears to be in the sky the longer the shadows and the higher the shorter. (Sorry about the chalky uniform it was all in the name of Science).

We are now moving onto the topic of Castleton and in particular how it is mapped. It is amazing how much detail there is on an Ordnance Survey Map.

The "What-a-Mess" stories are coming to a completion. The description that has been added to the writing has been amazing. It obviously shows that children know how to describe mess and chaos.

In Maths we have moved onto addition, checking the basic understanding of the calculation methods, then moving onto manipulating this with the inverse, finding missing numbers and problem solving.

KS2 Homework Club will start next Wednesday, finishing at 4.15pm. Please make sure that permission slips have been brought in and children know the transport arrangements at the end of the club.

Important Reminders

- Please make sure that full PE kits are in school on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Please **name** all uniform. There are currently **6** unnamed sweatshirts in the corridor. Also, if uniform has been passed onto another family please re-name them. Thank you.

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing: This week we created a friendship potion and looked at developing healthy relationships

Attendance: This week's attendance was **96.30%** which is a marked improvement on last week but not quite to our target of **97%**.

Advance Notices

Harvest Festival, Tuesday, 16th October, Castleton Church, 10am

As mentioned last week, the idea for the Harvest Festival this year is that the children will bring in a donation that can be made into a shoebox for the Samaritans Purse appeal. The theme is that we have so much in our country that we need to think how we can give and help others. The complete shoeboxes will be a school activity where we work together to make them up.

We will therefore also need empty shoeboxes to use and if you need a further copy of the list of ideas of items for the shoeboxes that we sent out last week please ask Mrs Blacklock.

Pantomime Trip – Thursday, 13th December

We are sorry that this year, due to higher pupil numbers, there will not be spare seats available for parents to go on the trip with us. However, we are trying to find out from the Theatre the availability of seats for if any parents would like to make their own way there. Please let Mrs Blacklock know at the beginning of next week if you are interested in going if seats are available at the Theatre.

PTFA Coffee Morning Thanks

Many thanks to Helen Hellon for her organisation of the Coffee Morning last Saturday when £88 was raised. Thank you to everyone who helped Helen in anyway and supported it.

Events

Year 6 - Secondary School Open Evenings

We understand that Open Evenings are as follows:-

- Stokesley School – Thursday, 4th October, 5.30 to 8pm.
- Caedmon College Whitby – Thursday, 11th October, 4.30pm to 6.30pm.
- Eskdale School – Thursday, 18th October, 4 to 7pm.

Introducing Messy Church

This is for all ages and family groups with activities, fun, child-friendly praise and a light meal. The talented team leading this **Harvest Messy Church** at Danby Methodists have led sessions in other parts of the country - and in South Africa and Canada too. It is great fun! Please invite anyone you know with children to come and join us on **Sunday 14th October at 2.30pm**. We are intending to introduce occasional sessions and the next one will be a Christmas Messy. No unaccompanied children please, come as group of all ages. Get in touch with Revd Chris Rattenberry the new Vicar of Danby, Castleton and Commondale, Westerdale and Moorsholm on revdcjr@aol.com

Whitby & District Rotary Club “Octoberfest” Fun Run, Sunday, 14th October

This annual event is also on Sunday, 14th 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, 8th October with the entry fee of £2.50 per head. Everyone who runs receives a medal and there are special shields for the winner and runner-up in each race.

Next Week

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

Monday	Choir after school until 4.15pm
Wednesday	Year 1 Hearing Tests, 10am Year 3 Forest Schools, afternoon Boys Football at Eskdale School, 1 to 3pm (selected pupils have a letter) KS2 Homework Club commences, finishing at 4.15pm
Thursday	Literacy Bus at Caedmon School, morning (selected pupils have a letter) Fitness Club after school Stokesley School Open Evening, 5.30pm to 8pm (Year 6 have received an invitation)
Friday	Music lessons and recorders