



# NEWSLETTER

11.09.15

Welcome back to a new school year and we hope that you have enjoyed the holiday with your children. We would also like to welcome Miss Garbutt to our team, and to our infant class. She is already a valuable new addition to the school and she is enjoying working with your children

## News from the Classes

**KS1** – Welcome back everyone and a warm welcome to our new reception children - Betsy, Effie and Pearl, who have settled in so well and enjoyed exploring their new classroom, as well as making some lovely new friends. We have had great fun working together in the mud kitchen to make some delicious cakes, our very own “Castleton Bake-off!”

We have all enjoyed sharing our summer holiday diaries and finding out about all the wonderful things everyone got up to during the holiday. We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to lots of fun and learning.

**KS2** – Welcome back everyone and welcome to the new Year 3 and also to Theadora in Year 4.

What a great start to the new term, it is always tricky getting the brain working again after the holiday. The first week is all about remembering (or learning!) how the classroom runs. Even for the oldies the room has been jiggled and re-arranged in the holidays so it is that question, where will I find ..... ?

We have now sorted the jobs list out and the colour groups are almost in place (will be by Monday) so those team points can now be earned. Thank you to everyone who remembered their rock homework, it will really help with our topic work.

Well done to all those who have started the new year already on track with reading and spellings. SMIRFs are on their way too, to help with the Maths. A little bit of practise done often, helps to keep the brain alive and remembering the facts. That way we can all improve and get better. Here's to the new term!

## News from Glaisdale School

Glaisdale have welcomed a new MSA in school, Elaine Hirst. Amy Webster is now helping in the KS2 classroom every morning and Jean Hutt is continuing her work with year 6.

The topic for Class 1 this term is “I Live in the UK,” which they will be addressing through the Katie Morag stories.

They have welcomed 7 new members to the class this week and they, like the other children, have all settled back into school life wonderfully!

Class 2 are also basing their work this term around the theme “I Live in the UK,” and have so far identified the countries that make up the United Kingdom and begun some work using atlases. In History, they will be looking at the Saxons in Britain, while DT will be centred around the different buildings to be found across the country.

## Parental Consent Form for School Visits and Trips 2014/15

Please find enclosed a Form which **must** be completed for every child so that we have up to date medical and contact details for when they are out of the school on trips this school year. It is important that you notify us of any changes to these details throughout the year. **Please complete and return the Forms early next week.**

## Drink Money Reminder

Just a reminder that a breaktime drink of juice is available and costs 25p (this is provided by County Caterers and therefore they set the cost). Milk is also available, but this is provided by school and we charge 15p. Milk is free for pupils in receipt of free school meals (not the universal infant free school meal). After October half term hot chocolate will also be available throughout the winter months. Drink money is payable to the school kitchen weekly and Gaby keeps a record of the money that each child brings in, so the correct amount will be deducted each day depending on what drink is taken.

### *After School Clubs and Homework*

Please see the separate letters detailing the Clubs and Homework (meeting after school on Tuesday), both with permission slips to complete and return on Monday please.

### *Next Week*

**Tuesday**

Sewing Club

Meeting for KS2 parents at 3.15pm re homework etc

**Wednesday**

Netball Club

Castleton Play/Sports Area AGM in school at 7.30pm. Please support your local Play Area

**Thursday**

Governors Meeting at Glaisdale

**Friday**

Football Club