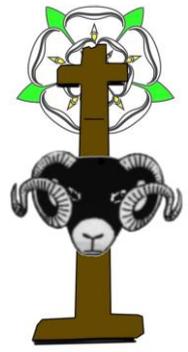




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NEWSLETTER

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"Outstanding Together"

Class 2

This week we have been reflecting on the past year, with Year 6 children extending this to look at their whole time here at this school. In maths we have continued to look at perimeter and area through a number of challenging investigations.

As part of our work on rivers we have also begun to look at bridges, with the children making a prototype out of straws that could support a minimum of 100g over a 40cm gap. Some of the designs were very interesting, and so the children are now using what they learned from this to design and make an improved version that must support a minimum of 800g and rise at least 10cm over a railway track.

While Year 5 & 6 were at Castleton on Wednesday, Years 3 & 4 were joined by Year 2 for some outdoor science where they became botanists. They looked at the variety of flowers growing down the grassy path and studied the flower petals, leaves, habitats and how the flowers grew. They made excellent sketches and recorded their findings with an impressive amount of data gathered.

Class 1

This week in English, the children have completed their own versions of Jack and the Beanstalk – some with happy endings for Jack, others not so happy ! The children have worked very hard on these stories and they should be very proud of their finished work – I know I am !

In maths, we have continued to look at interpreting mathematical language and identifying corresponding operations in order to undertake problem solving.

Our geography work has focused on the journey of a river, complemented by PSHE (Personal, Social, Health & Education) activities on working together as a team during which the children were challenged with making a human representation of a river using their bodies.

On Thursday, Year 2 children enjoyed an impromptu day in KS2 during which they tasted life as a junior. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Our caterpillars have all made their cocoons and have been moved to their new home ready for their transformation into butterflies. The children – and staff – are all now eagerly waiting to see this.

Yr 2 – Transfer Days – Tuesday 11th & Thursday 13th July 2017

Next week, there are two more transfer days for Year 2 going up into Class 2; they are Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th. Please note that Forest Schools will be on as normal on the Thursday morning.

Yr 6 – Next week - Transition Days – Caedmon & Eskdale Schools

Next week, the Year 6 children will be going to either Caedmon or Eskdale for their transition days, in readiness for September. Caedmon's are every day, whilst Eskdale's are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

REMINDER – Forest Schools – Thursday 13th July 2017

Please remember that KS1 will be going to Castleton next Thursday morning for their FS session, whilst Year 5 will be going over on the afternoon. Each child taking part should wear appropriate clothing and bring their wellies, waterproofs, sun-hat, sun-cream, gloves, etc. Yr 6 pupils will be on their transition days, so won't be going.

Antony Wootten visit – Friday 14th July 2017

Antony is coming into school next Friday to work with the KS2 children. His books will be available for the children to buy if they wish. Please see the attached letter.

Breakfast Club – consultation on proposed changes.

A request has been made to change the time this Club starts on a morning. Please see the attached letter stating how it could work and what the implications would be. We would welcome your comments on this proposal so please complete the comments slip and return to school. A decision will be made based on what parents say, so please do have your say.

“The Best Have Left” – Leavers magazine.

Please see the attached flyer about Year 6's leavers magazine that will be a limited edition and will only cost just £1 per copy. Please complete the order form and return to school with your payment no later than **Wednesday 12th July 2017**.

Diary dates for the week commencing 10th July 2017

Mon 10th: Yr 6 - Transition Day - CCW
End of Year reports issued – all pupils

Tues 11th: Yr 6 - Transition Day – CCW & Eskdale
Yr 2 transfer day – into Class 2
New starters session - into school for lunch & then stay (12.00pm – 3.15pm)
Relax Kids Club after school

Wed 12th: Yr 6 - Transition Day – CCW & Eskdale

Thurs 13th: Yr 6 - Transition Day – CCW & Eskdale
KS 1 & Yr 5 – Forest Schools - Castleton
Yr 2 transfer day – into Class 2
Netball Club after school

Fri 14th: Yr 6 - Transition Day - CCW
Antony Wootten visit to KS2

End of Year Reports & Parents Evening – Monday 17th July 2017

Your children's reports will be issued next week; attached to them will be a slip about Parent's Evening & whether you want to come into school to discuss their progress. Please complete and send back **next week** so the teachers know numbers, etc.

The Parents Evening itself will simply be a drop-in session after Sports Day to give you all an opportunity to come into school to see your children's work and also talk to their teachers if you wish. The session will run from 3.30pm – 5.00pm.

Sports Day – Monday 17th July 2017 - pm

Fingers crossed that we get fine weather a week on Monday! We have been asked if we could reserve an alternative day in future, in case we need to postpone. We did used to do this in advance and were very organised about it, but then found that other events came up on the reserve day - like an opportunity for a whole school trip or a sporting event - and we were having to say we couldn't attend because this was our reserve sports day in case it rained. It meant that children were missing opportunities and we were then being asked why. We can't see a way round this so feel we will have to plan one day in advance and do our best if it rains and we need to plan another. Sometimes it will just not be possible to plan another date but we will try! Thank you for your understanding.



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PTFA Sponsored Walk – cancelled

As you will be aware, the weather was against us on Wednesday so the walk had to be postponed. More details to follow as and when it's re-arranged.

Bonus Ball winner – As on 1/7/17 – John Ford - 6

National School Nurse Week

Please see the attached flyer about this service.

Lifestyle 2017

Please see the attached flyer about this initiative running over the summer hols.

News from Castleton Classes

KS 1 - This week they have had fun acting out the Gingerbread Man story and creating "freeze frames." In Maths we have been focusing on our doubles and halves. Due to the success of our chicks, we now have some caterpillars to care for and are observing them closely and learning all about the life cycle. We have also enjoyed testing our bridges.

KS 2 - There is nothing like a trip to experience and see first-hand the river. Monday was an excellent day and we all became river surveyors. Measuring, analysing and fishing for invertebrates. It also included Science with identification, classification and adaptation. Please ask about the alien invertebrates and how they suited their environments. Next time we will remember anti-bite cream because a few of us were midgy nibbled!

Well done years 5 and 6 the SRE learning went extremely smoothly. I was so impressed with how sensibly everyone tackled the learning. Hopefully it will give them all knowledge of the changes that are coming ahead.

A fond farewell to Hannah who is leaving us today. What a fabulous experience for her but also for us too. Hannah has learnt so much and it is thanks to the children for really helping her with her English. All the best back in South Korea.