



# NEWSLETTER

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#### Class 1

This week in English we have concentrated on recognising sentence demarcations in writing and in speech, amending written texts to make them grammatically correct and writing our own. We have also focused on developing our comprehension skills.

In maths we have, again, been securing number bonds, as well as working out how to use a variety of techniques and operations to check problem solving answers. We have also engaged in data handling, collecting and collating information and using this to create bar graphs and pictograms.

We have had a fun time designing and creating collaged fruit people and thinking about where we feel safe in and around school as part of our work to build up resilience in ourselves.

## Class 2

This week we have continued to use the text "Our Field" to look at different techniques of story writing. We have drawn setting maps based on the text, summarised key parts and written alternative versions to practise our dialogue. The latter has been our focus for grammar, so it would help if children could be encouraged to look carefully at all the punctuation involved in demarcating speech. We have also learnt about the perfect and continuous verb, which we will be using in our own stories.

In maths we have continued to look at conversions in both weight and capacity and will soon be using the sandwich surveys for data handling and interpretation.

# **Sandwich Survey**

Many thanks to everyone who has taken the time to complete our sandwich survey. We will be using these in maths on Monday, so would be grateful if any remaining surveys could be returned by then.

#### **Hockey**

A group of Y3/Y4 children participated in the hockey tournament this week where they had an enjoyable time.

#### **Forest Schools**

Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> March, KS1 will be participating in Forest Schools on Wednesday afternoon and Y5 & Y6 children will be going to Castleton on Thursday afternoon.

<u>E-Reader Tablets</u> – please make sure these are fully charged at home ready for use in school. If you have any problems with this please let us know. We need to know if the tablet isn't charging or the charger cable has a problem.

<u>Years 5 & 6 Peat Rigg Residential</u>. There is a parents meeting arranged for Thursday, 16th March at 6.30pm in Egton School. Please can parents who have not returned the Payment Form return this at the beginning of next week. If wishing to pay by instalments the first payment should already have been made. If you need a further copy of the letter and form please ask Mrs Ford.

#### **Advance Notices**

- Red Nose Day is on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March and we, again, have some Red Noses to sell in school for £1 each.
- Parents Evening 27<sup>th</sup> March

# **Week Commencing 13th March**

**Monday** Reception and Year 6 Height and Weights for the National Child Measurement

Swimming for year 2 and others, afternoon

Sumdog Club

**Tuesday** Booster Class Y6

Sumdog Club

Wednesday KS1 Forest Schools

**Thursday** Y5/Y6 Forest Schools, Castleton

Netball Tournament, 2-4pm

Peat Rigg meeting for Y5/Y6 parents, Egton School, 6pm

Friday NSPCC Assembly and workshop

## **News from Castleton Classes**

What a fantastic visit to Beacon Farm, Sneaton KS1 had on Wednesday. We learnt how the ice creams were made and were great quality assurance tasters!! The children asked some super questions and began to understand what is involved in running a business. We hope to create our own ice cream flavours as part of our Enterprise topic. In English we are reading "The Tiger that came to Tea" and are teaching the tiger how to be healthy. We enjoyed re-telling the story with character puppets.

KS2: Very well done to Theo (Guitar) and Alfie (Drums) for taking part in the Eskdale Festival this week and on both coming second! They represented the school really well and thank you to their parents for taking them.

Watch out the London Mint, we have been doing coin designs using rubbing and creating our own coins. This is because a new £1 coin is coming out on 28th March. We wonder if all the swimming pool lockers and supermarket trolleys will be ready for the change!

In Maths we have been doing time so if at any point you can do time at home, that would be great.

Year 5 had another fantastic forest school session on Thursday afternoon. Joined by years 5 and 6 from Glaisdale, they were set the task of constructing a raised seat that would support them with their feet off the ground. There were some excellent designs, both creative and practical. Next week we will move onto raised beds! On Wednesday afternoon, some of the years 3 and 4 from both schools took part in a Quick Sticks Hockey competition as a federated team at Caedmon College Whitby.

### Castleton PTFA Coffee Morning – Saturday, 18th March

There will be a table top sale and, as always, raffle prizes and cakes. Please come along and enjoy the fun. Thank you.