



# Weekly Newsletter

## Year 3 Castleton Residential

This week, our Year 3's embarked on their first Norris Bank residential. Getting straight into action after the Easter break, we started our journey to Castleton.

First we visited Treak Cliff Cavern. This half term we are learning all about rocks as part of our science work so this was the perfect hands-on experience to introduce them into our new learning. We then walked around Castleton looking at the broken road, Odin's cave, the crushing circle and fossils in walls! In the evening, we took part in some gem panning which they found very exciting!

On Tuesday morning, after a mostly restful night, we took part in 'the hats game' considering the impact of tourism on Castleton. This is linked to our geography which we will be doing this term. We then took part in some orienteering and map reading around the hostel.

A huge thank you to Mrs Evans, Miss Leonard, Miss Quinn, Miss Sarif, Mr McCall, Miss Hayde, Mr Holland and our parent helper Mrs Wells for all their help on the trip! We would not have been able to go without them, so we thank them for giving up their time.

Also, a huge thank you to all the parents and carers for paying for the trip and for your support in sending them with us!

Finally, our last thank you has to be to the children. They could not have represented our school any better. This was their first night away with school and they all loved the experience.

Well done Year 3! What a year group you are!

Mr Worth and Mrs Barrowcliff



## PTA Annual General Meeting

We are pleased to invite you to attend the upcoming PTA Annual General Meeting.

**Date: Friday 24th April 2026**

**Time: 7.30pm**

**Venue: TBC**

This is a great opportunity to hear about the PTA's activities over the past year and see how the funds raised have made a positive impact on our school community. Further details will be shared at a later date. We look forward to seeing you there!  
The NBPTA Committee

## PTA Easter Disco - Update

The Easter Disco raised a brilliant **£1727.34** with the PTA expecting another **£1000** via match funding!



# GROW STARS OF THE WEEK

## Reception

**Emmy & Lucy**

**KS1**

**Year 1: Theo & Lillie-Mae**

**Year 2: Joseph & Grace**

**KS2**

**Year 3: All of Year 3!**

**Year 4: Charlie & Eleanor**

**Year 5: Jaiden & Mateo**

**Year 6: Felicity, Hugh & Leyla**

## Year 6 Leavers - Virtual Mount Everest Challenge

Year 6 parents have arranged for the children to do a sponsored 'Virtual Mount Everest Challenge' to raise money for their leavers party.

This involves climbing the stairs at home, as a team (Team Doe and Team Aspey) to the equivalent height of Mount Everest.

The steps will be recorded on a simple online form (see link below) which takes seconds to complete. You will also find the link on the class WhatsApp group.

Information and sponsor forms were sent home this week.

<https://tinyurl.com/year6-climb-everest>



## Book of the Week

**A Child of Books by Oliver Jeffers and Sam Winston**

**Recommended reading age: 5-8**



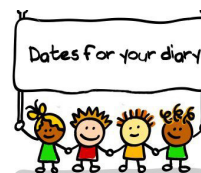
In this inspiring, lyrical tale about the rewards of reading and sharing stories, a little girl sails her raft 'across a sea of words' to arrive at the house of a small boy.

There, she invites him to come away with her on an adventure. Through forests of fairy tales and across mountains of make-believe, the two travel together on a fantastical journey that unlocks the boy's imagination. Now a lifetime of magic lies ahead of him..... but who will be next?

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

[For a full list of dates for the 2025-26 academic year, please see our Annual Planner which can be accessed by clicking on this link.](#)

Date	Event
<b>April</b>	
21st	Year 1 (IMc) trip to Science Museum
23rd	Year 1 (IF) trip to Science Museum
<b>May</b>	
4th	<b>Bank Holiday: School Closed</b>
11th	Year 6 SATS week
<b>22nd</b>	<b>Last Day of term</b>
<b>June</b>	
8th	<b>School reopens</b>
9th	Year 6 trip to Quarry Bank Mill



## Branching Out Kids Club News

**This week in Branching Out, we have been so lucky enjoying lovely weather and outdoor activities. As well as the usual arts, crafts and IT, Miss Quinn has also been leading lots of card games and competitions.**

