

Castle Newsletter



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Dear Families

As we reach the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to wish everyone a peaceful, relaxing and healthy Christmas and New Year break. We have a staff-training day on 4th January and so students return on Wednesday 5th January.

We are appreciative of how well you have all coped with the low-key nature of the end of term festivities and I am sure you will join me in praying for a return to our normal experiences in the New Year. Having thought about it we will hold an outdoor BBQ next Christmas if we cannot have you all in again (but I am hoping that this will not be needed.)

I must thank staff for their superb efforts this term in helping us return to some offsite visits and our pupils have felt the benefit of this.

The New Year will bring a new flavour to the school shop which has exceeded all expectations and has been loved by visitors. Thank you to everyone who has visited and be aware that we will be open in the new year to sell second hand clothes as well as Arts and Crafts. Our focuses will be Valentines and Easter and we will be looking for second hand clothes to sell. I was pleased that pupils from Primary and Secondary have worked there in the last three weeks and going forward our plan is for all pupils to help out in the shop.

We will continue to do our best with wherever the latest Covid developments take us and to offer you

and your family all the support we can.

Sad News

It was with very great sadness that we received the news of the death of our Secondary pupil Zack Hughes this week following a period of ill health. Zack will be missed by everyone at Castle and remembered as a great character and friend who was loved by all who knew him.

Our thoughts are with his family and many friends at this incredibly sad time.



We will be planning how to celebrate Zack's eight years with us and will share more information about this in due course.

Castle School Pop-Up Shop

The good people of the Phoenix Trust will be opening the Castle Pop-Up Christmas shop for us on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd December. The opening hours will be 10.00 – 12.00 and 1.30 to 3.30 on both days.

CAMCYCLE

As part of our ongoing cycling project, we were delighted to make the front page of CAMCYCLE's winter magazine. You can see the picture and read the article which is about how we are developing cycling as an important part of our curriculum by using the link below. The article starts on page 36 <https://www.camcycle.org.uk/magazine/magazine153/>

Alternatively look out for the magazine around Cambridge.



Hedgehogs Class News

Hedgehogs have had a great final week at school with lots of Christmas fun all round. We've enjoyed our snowman themed week, making snowman pancakes, building a felt snowman and getting crafty making snowmen Christmas cards for our families. We spent lots of time learning our Christmas song about 10 Tubby Snowmen and practicing our counting skills. We made a video of the song and we all get really excited whenever we spot ourselves on the big screen!

We loved our Christmas party on Tuesday and Christmas lunch on Wednesday. We all wore party hats, danced to Christmas tunes and shared party food. We played pass the parcel and had a brilliant time!



Best wishes

Chris

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