# Castle Newsletter

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## Castle School Cambridge

#### **Dear Families**

This half term has passed so swiftly that I can hardly believe we have already arrived at the midway point. We all wish our families a peaceful and happy break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Thank you for all your support and understanding in helping us reach the end of a challenging (thanks to Covid) but nevertheless rewarding, exciting and productive half term. Obviously there is much talk about a relaxation of Covid guidance but as a school we will continue to be cautious to ensure we can remain open to as many of our pupils as possible. We will continue to wear masks at transport times and keep a close eye on the local picture where rates still remain an issue in the Cambridge area.

The school shop will be open for a few days over half term on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon. Thank you to our friends at Phoenix for opening for us.

Letters were sent home to the families of our pupils aged 5-11 stating that the Schools Immunisation Team will be with us on 23<sup>rd</sup> February to carry out Covid 19 vaccinations. Consent needs to be given via the online portal link contained in the letter. The link closes at noon on 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

#### **Tintagel Class News**

Tintagel have been busy painting pictures of the 'outdoors'. The canvasses were given to us by Rowan Arts Centre who will display our lovely work on their gallery wall.



During Wonder Week Tintagel painted and decorated some donated mannequins. These are now being used to display jewellery, clothes and accessories to sell at our shop in Arbury Court. Go take a look!









### **Foxes Class News**

Foxes have had a fantastic term! Everyone started to utilise their communication aids meaningfully and communicated their wants and observations to adults and even to their friends!

The students used their communication aids for many things such as saying hello to each other, describing how they were feeling and to also give hugs to a chosen person. Some of the students even used PECS to say if they wanted to play with their friends! Everyone asked for messy play materials, the colour of the paints they wanted, arts & crafts items, their favourite music or activity and of course their snacks.



Students used communication grids to identify African animals and then they counted them and identified how many there were. In Lego therapy, pupils talked about the colour and the shape of the bricks and some of us made up sentences such as "I want red window please".



The favourite lesson of this term was Touch and Taste, as students could ask for scrambled, fried and boiled eggs, bread, butter and even ketchup! We all learnt to say and sign "I want more"! ③

Have a good half term break.

Best wishes

Chris

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