

Castle Newsletter



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Dear Families

Welcome back to the first week of the new half term. I hope that everyone had a good break, despite the storms.

Much has been made of the recent Government announcements regarding the end of many Covid-19 restrictions. A letter outlining the Local Authority's updated advice has been sent home to parents today.

Our continued aim is to ensure the safety of our pupils, staff and families. Please do not send your child into school if they are showing any signs or symptoms of Covid-19. Along with Local Authority guidelines, we continue to recommend that children with symptoms undertake testing.

We sincerely hope that, if the situation continues to improve, we can return to normality after Easter.

We will continue to wear masks at transport times and keep a close eye on the local picture.

Deal Class News

Deal have been practising their driving skills, using one or two switches to drive and steer the tractor around the bottles. They worked hard to move their hand to press the switch then watched carefully as the tractor moved along.





We are having a visit from an author Charlie Brown who has written 'There's a Poem in my Dungarees' which has been recently published. Charlie will be sharing her skills and experience with the children.

World Book Day could not happen without the support of parents and carers - thank you, you make it happen!

Research

The parent of one of our former pupils is supporting a colleague, Dr Joanna Griffin, to promote some research she is conducting around positive family connections.

If you would be interested to learn more a link to the research is below:

<https://cerebra.org.uk/research/positive-family-connections-take-part/>

Joanna Griffin has also written a book supporting emotional wellbeing in parents of disabled children, which may be of interest to families. A link to this on Amazon is given below:

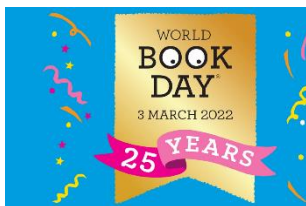
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Best wishes

Chris

Chris Baker
Headteacher

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March 2022



We are looking forward to an exciting World Book Day on Thursday and sharing lots of fun stories together.

To celebrate the day we would like to invite pupils to dress up as a fictional character from a book of their choice. You can find lots of creative ideas at worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas.

Suggested donations of £1 on World Book Day support Book Aid International, a charity providing books for children around the world. Every £2 received sends another book.

In school, we will be sharing books with our readers and non-readers via zoom links; they will be read by our teaching staff and Castle school readers throughout the half term; sharing with all pupils the love of literature.