



Dear Families

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a really peaceful and relaxing break.

It was lovely to see our young people returning to school this week and to welcome new students, parents and staff to the Castle family.

What a glorious summer we have had! I hope you all kept safe and well hydrated in the sun. The rain we have had this week has been much needed.

We finish the week absorbing the sad news about the death of our beloved Queen. We will wait to hear further details associated with this.

Welcome

We would like to welcome all our new members of staff and hope you enjoy being part of our school family.

We are going to meet different groups during the coming weeks. This week is the turn of our new teachers.

Get to know our new teachers

Wolfson Class



Hello everyone, I'm Tom and I'm going to be teaching in Wolfson Class this year. I am really looking forward to supporting my new class as I begin my journey here at Castle school. A little bit about me..... I have a real passion for sport and music which is something I love to incorporate into my practice. I'm a big Cambridge United fan, therefore working in a school in Cambridge is ideal, especially when it comes to midweek games as I can sneak off after meetings to go and watch them play!

Dragonflies Class



Hello to you all, my name is Ellys and I am teaching in Dragonflies this year. I worked at Castle a number of years ago and I am very excited to be back and greeted by lots of friendly, familiar faces. I have been working in special education for the past 9 years, I love that every single day is different and I love being on the go!

Hedgehog Class



Hello all, my name is Jo and I am the new teacher in Hedgehog Class. I have been a teacher in mainstream schools for many years (mainly early years and key stage 1) and am really looking forward to the challenge of working at Castle School. I also work for the Cambridge Maths Hub one day a week training other teachers in maths education. My passions are maths and music and I also love outdoor activities such as walking, running and biking.

Trinity Class



Hello! My name is Beth and I am the Class Teacher for Trinity this school year. I am excited to be starting my teaching journey here at Castle and look forward to learning lots from all the students. I have worked with SEND for 4 years within social care and hope to help all my students become the best that they can be!

Owl Class



Hello, I'm Jesús and I'm going to be the teacher in Owl class this year. I'm looking forward to supporting all of the students and providing the best education and care that I can, alongside a great class team. About me... I have worked as a teacher in Spain, but I also have experience as an entertainer and group leader in summer camps. I have a passion for music, sports and outdoor adventures such as mountain climbing. I look forward to teaching your child and hopefully meeting/ speaking with you.

KS4 and 6th Form



Hello all, I am Tanzi and I have been appointed as the new Assistant Headteacher for KS4 and 6th Form. I am very excited to be re-joining Castle School. I left 11 years and ago and have been teaching in the London area. I cannot wait to get to know all the amazing children here and look forward to working closely with you all. Please feel free to contact me and introduce yourselves, I'm here to help.

New building

We are very pleased to announce that our new building The Fields Centre is now up and running.

Our Wrens and Robin classes are based at the Fields and having a wonderful time.

All parent communications will still be handled through our school main office.



Medication

At the start of a new term I thought it would be helpful to remind you of the statutory regulations we have in place regarding medication.

We cannot give any medication to a child without a signed Consent Form from parents/carers or if the information on the box/bottle does not match the protocol we have. We also have to check that the medication is 'in date' and the correct name is on it.

I know you will support us in this and we in turn will ensure we inform you of any concerns.

School Transport

Apologies for all the disruption cause this week by School transport. This can often cause challenges and we are working hard with Education Transport to ensure we solve difficulties as soon as possible.

I thank you for your patience and good communication whilst we work with providers to ensure a smooth transition for our pupils and families.

School Uniform

Please can you ensure uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

We are aware that our uniform supplier has let some of you down with deliveries. We have a small selection of preloved T-shirts and jumpers in the school office if you are in need of these please contact your child's class teacher.

We are welcoming any second-hand uniforms. Please send them to school with your child or drop them in the school office.

It is essential everyone has PE kit to change into particularly those in the Secondary department. This does not need to be branded.

Swimming

Swimming will start next week 12th September. Please provide your child with a swimming costume, towel and labelled swimming bag.

Meeting Us

We welcome visits from parents and are very happy to see you to discuss any aspect of your child's education and well-being.

We are in the process of developing a programme of drop in sessions and training for parents, details will be out in the next few weeks. Parents evening is scheduled for 10th October.

Nut Free School

Finally, can I remind you that we are a nut free school. Thank you for your help in keeping all our pupils safe and well.

Term Dates 2022 to 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Training Day	5 September*
Term Starts	6 September
Half Term	24 – 28 October
Training Day	31 October*
Term Ends	21 December

Spring Term 2023

Training Day	4 January*
Term Starts	5 January
Half Term	13 – 17 February
Term Ends	31 March

Summer Term 2023

Training Day	17 April*
Term Starts	18 April
Bank Holiday	1 May
Half Term	29 May – 2 June
Training Day	7 July*
Term Ends	21 July

*School will be closed to pupils on Training Days

Best wishes

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