



Castle Newsletter

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Dear Families,

The week started with a joyful time watching our pupils perform so well at the Christmas light switch on in the Market Square.

We also had an amazing dance performance, please keep looking out for our social media posts that will keep you updated.

Christmas is coming, we will be sending out a December calendar to you next week.

There will be opportunities for you to visit school. We are aware that some pupils may find this time overwhelming so there will also be some quieter opportunities for you to join in next term.

We are aspiring to be Panther taxi's charity of the year. Please vote for us using the link below and putting Castle School in the comments.

<https://fb.watch/gPpTUnLpY0/>

Foxes Class News



This term in Foxes, children have been learning to introduce themselves by signing the initial letter of their names. Now they can answer if someone asks them, "what's your name?" They have also been practicing choosing, who they want to say hello to in the morning. Students have been using PECS to communicate their choices, then walking to their chosen friend and giving the sentence strip to them, to share their wish. We like making friends and having lots of giggles! We are rocking the fist and elbow bumps, and are getting better at winking and waving to each other.



Foxes also started to take part in community visits. They took the bus to Tesco and also started to walk to the corner shop to get the ingredients for Touch and Taste sessions.

Students used a shopping list, found the items, lined up and paid for them, and packed the items in the bag.

All the hard learning about money came in very handy! Well done Fantastic Foxes!



Tintagel Class News

Tintagel students are working hard on their independent skills such as gardening, D.T., using the gym and learning to dress independently.



Christmas Lunches

This year lunches will be divided into different sittings. Our Castle site at The Field Centre will be having their Christmas lunch on Tuesday 13th December.

Our Christmas Lunches at the Castle main site are on Monday 12th (Primary), Tuesday 13th (KS3) and Wednesday 14th (KS4) December and we very much hope that you will be able to join us to celebrate with the older children at the Castle school main site.

A gentle reminder that completed order forms need to be returned to the school office by Wednesday 30th November. Please note that orders can only be accepted if paid for on Pay 360.

Parking on site continues to be a challenge so please give yourself plenty of time to get to us for Christmas lunch.

If you need a paper copy of the dinner form please contact the school office as soon as possible and we can arrange that for you.

Amazon Smile

We are pleased to let you know that Castle is registered for Amazon Smile. Please search for Castle School (Cambridge) Charitable Association as there are several other Castle Schools out there! Please tell your families and friends.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1139105-0>

Easy Fundraising

Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand. Please follow this link to shop and donate to the school. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and we turn that into a donation - magic!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/castlecambridge/?searchSessionId=a6463c2a-668e-465b-aeeb-f951a7aee5af>

School Photographs

We will be having our annual visit from the school photographer on Thursday 1st December to take individual pupil's photographs.

Christmas Bazaar

Thank you for donations so far received. We would also love to receive any 'bigger' donations to use as raffle prizes. If you have links with organisations which might support this, please ask them.

Christmas Salt Dough Decorations

You will need:

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| • Large Bowl | • Cup of Salt |
| • 2 Cups of Flour | • 3/4 Cup of Water |
| • Spoon | • Baking tray |
| • Oven | • Cutters |
| • Paint | • Ribbon |

1. Mix the salt and flour together, gradually stir in the water to make a dough
2. Knead on a work surface and roll out. Heat the oven to 180C
3. Use the cutters to cut out lots of shapes, put a hole at the top of each one with a pencil
4. Bake in the oven – length of time depends on size of shapes, but can be as long as 3 hours. (I have heard it can take 90 seconds in a microwave so this is worth a try!)
5. Once the decorations have completely cooled you can paint them! Use paints and glitter for extra Christmas sparkle. You can seal the decoration with a layer of PVA or varnish, but this is not essential.
6. Once the paint has dried you can thread them onto string or ribbon into a garland, or use ribbon and make individual decorations.



You could also cut around your hand and make a Father Christmas (as above) and give as keepsake gifts. Grandparents would LOVE these!

Best wishes

Anne