



Dear families

We have had a week full of celebrations. School is looking very festive, and it has been lovely to see some of you in school for our Carol's and Coffee events. Parents and pupils had a great time singing and waving pom poms. We are looking forward to seeing more of you next week, for Christmas lunch. Last Friday it was great to see several of our leavers, who came back to school to collect their certificates, everybody is doing well.

### Wrens Class News

Wren's have been reading a lovely book called Winter. We have been acting out the story. The children wake up to a bright yellow sun, we use a pompom to explore. We have been enjoying wearing lots of different hats, some have funny faces on. We have been having pompom snowball fights and been playing with sparkly tinsel. At the end of the story, we all snuggle under blankets and watch the stars projected onto the ceiling. It gives all the Wren's a calm feeling of wellbeing.



### Duke of Edinburgh

We are the 6<sup>th</sup> form silver DofE group.

For our volunteering we are raising money for winter comfort and supporting homeless people in Cambridge.

We are collecting:

Cd's

DVD's

Console games

Books in good original condition

Please bring any donations to Churchill class.

## Sixth Form

Sixth form driving group love Wednesdays. We go to Alconbury driving centre and have an hour's lesson followed by actual driving around an abandoned airfield. We learn a lot about road safety and love to put it into practice with driving.



## Memory Garden

Now we need your help again to be Panther Taxi's charity of the year.

### **VOTE NOW for Castle School to be Charity of the year 2023**

Voting closes 10:00am, 19th December 2022.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1639546576459752/permalink/1639548353126241/>

[https://twitter.com/Panther\\_Taxis](https://twitter.com/Panther_Taxis)

[https://www.instagram.com/panther\\_taxis](https://www.instagram.com/panther_taxis)

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/panther-taxis>

Please make sure that you vote and share this information in order for Castle School to have as much chance as possible of receiving this support.

## Christmas Bazaar Donations

Thank you to everyone that has donated a raffle prize. We would now also love smaller children's tombola prizes, bric-a-brac and second-hand books for the Bazaar. If you have any of these that you wish to donate, please either pop them in the box in Reception marked 'Christmas Bazaar' or send them in with your young person marked 'For the attention of Kathryn L'. Many festive thanks.

## Christmas Bazaar

We look forward to welcoming you all to our wonderful Castle School shop Pop Up Christmas Bazaar on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9.30-11am at our Main School Site in Courtney Way, Cambridge. There will be lots of craft stalls with hand-made goodies, a raffle, children's tombola, fun festive games including 'Beat the Elf' and 'Pin the Nose on Rudolph', refreshments, bric-a-brac, and a festive photo booth. To support students' money handling skills and for easier transactions, we ask that you pay by cash only. A single card reader will be available but please expect delays if paying by this method. Parking may be limited on site so please arrive early to avoid disappointment. Parking in Perse Way and walking is another possibility. Please feel welcome to wear your Christmas jumpers!

We look forward to seeing you all for a fun festive morning!

## Collecting your child from school

If you are sending someone different to collect your child from school, even if it is a close relative, you need to contact the school office or the class teacher in advance with a photo ID. This is so we can verify that the right person is collecting your child.

Thank you so much for your cooperation.

## Group A Strep

Group A streptococcus (GAS) is a common bacteria. Lots of us carry it in our throats and on our skin and it doesn't always result in illness. However, GAS does cause several infections, some mild and some more serious.

GAS causes infections in the skin, soft tissue and respiratory tract. It's responsible for infections such as tonsillitis, pharyngitis, scarlet fever, impetigo and cellulitis.

GAS infections cause various symptoms such as sore throat, fever, chills and muscle aches. If you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement.

### Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration such as dark, strong smelling pee, feeling thirsty but going to the loo much less often than usual, or feeling dizzy
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

### Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake



## Christmas dates

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Primary Christmas Lunch

The Junction – Class Trip

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> KS3 Christmas Lunch

Arts Theater – Class Trip

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> KS4 Christmas Lunch

The Junction – Class Trip

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Form Cook your own Christmas Lunch

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Bazaar (9:30-11:00am)

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Service at St Giles Church

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Disco for Secondary Classes

Class Parties for Primary

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Last day of term

Best wishes

*Anne*