

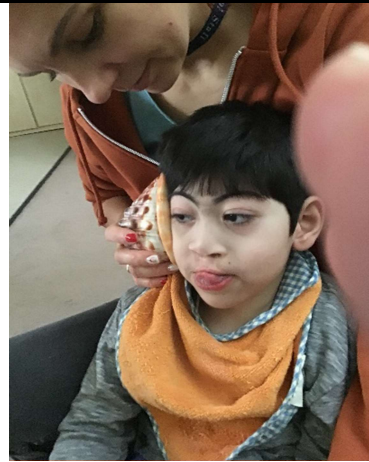


Dear Families

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the start of our new Spring Term. I hope that you all had a pleasant and relaxing break. It has been wonderful to see everybody this week and the term has started well. We are all looking forward to the many adventures the New Year will bring.

This half term we have a focus on creativity, so we will be further developing our love of music, art and dance. We have been working closely with Kettle's yard who have funded an artist to work with us, we will be showcasing this work later in the term.

Bees Class



Bees have just started their new topic, Underwater. They took part in a sensory story, Sharing a Shell by Julia Donaldson, exploring a crab, anemone and bristle worm and how they come to share a shell after a thunder storm.

Balmoral Class

In Balmoral, we started the new term with a visit to the panto. It was really exciting to go out as a class and see such a great show. There was lots of laughing, clapping and dancing. We have also spent time together in school enjoying each other's company, playing in the specialist areas, talking and making music together, always working on our social targets.





Medication

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.

National Immunisation Programme

In line with the National Immunisation Programme, the Community School Aged Immunisation Service offers Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio and Meningococcal ACWY vaccinations to all pupils in Year 9. It also will be offered to anyone who missed the vaccinations in year 10 and above.

The Immunisation Team is coming on **Monday 9th January**, to maintain privacy and dignity, please ensure students wear a short sleeve shirt or a PE top to the session.

To say yes or no to this vaccine please click on this link: <https://imms.hct.nhs.uk/dtp/2022/cambsandpeterborough>

to complete the form.

A response is required. Please complete the online form to accept or decline these vaccinations.

Respite Opportunity: pilgrimage holiday with HCPT

HCPT Group 104 take children aged 8-18 and with a range of additional needs and a team of trained volunteers to Lourdes (France) on a 'pilgrimage holiday' at Easter time. They have taken children from Castle in previous years. They aim to take between 5-

7 children from the Cambridgeshire area and although they aim to say "yes" to as many families that are interested, we will select based on the number and expertise of our volunteer helpers. Although they are a Catholic charity, we welcome children and volunteers from all faiths and none.

The letters "HCPT" stand for the Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust. More information can be found on the trust website

<https://www.hcpt.org.uk/about-hcpt>

Please see attached leaflet for more information.

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 2023

Spring Term 2023

Training Day	4 January*
Term Starts	5 January
Parent's Evening	6 February
Half Term	13 – 17 February
Term Ends	31 March

Summer Term 2023

Training Day	17 April*
Term Starts	18 April
Bank Holiday	1 May
Bank Holiday	8 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

Anne