



It's hard to believe how quickly the time has flown. This is my last Newsletter as Acting Head as we will be welcoming Charlotte after Easter. Thank you to everyone who has supported me throughout the year, we have seen many exciting developments and events, as well as avoiding the Ofsted phone call which is well overdue!

The results of the parent survey are in. The overwhelming majority of parents are very happy with the school and the progress their child is making. There are some positive comments about the care and support we give to the whole family. I have written to all parents with a more detailed overview.

There have been lots of Easter activities this week and we are hoping the rain stops in time for the Easter egg hunt at the Fields.

We wish all our families a peaceful and relaxing break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Please remember Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April is a training day.

### Wrens Class News

This half term in Wrens we have reading about and looking at people who help us. We have been watching and learning from the wonderful Field's Cooks Julie and Sue. We have been exploring different foods and making egg mayonnaise sandwiches, wraps, pancakes and pasta with tomatoes and herbs. We then had lots of fun washing up.





### Carisbrooke Class News

Carisbrooke have been working on their communication during our communication cafe. We are working on our life skills by safely putting the bread in the toaster and switching it on. We use PECS to ask what spread we would like on our toast and then use our fine motor skills to spread it (honey and chocolate spread are definitely our favourites!).

This week we have also enjoyed some Easter activities. In our sensory play we explored some Easter items and have been on an Easter egg hunt.







### KS4 Enterprise

The KS4 enterprise group have been busy making bee bombs today. They are on sale for £3 each.

We are also selling vegetable seedling trays, decorated pots and will be having a sunflower competition.

Please see poster for details.



### Eid Party - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Please join us in the hall on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April for our first ever **Eid Party**. There will be food and drink, music, art and craft activities, dressing up, sensory activities and more. Drop in anytime between 9.30 and 11.30 to share some fun cultural activities with your child. All families are invited to join the fun (all faiths and no faith!) Wear your Eid clothes or dress to impress!

**We need your help!** We would be very grateful for any donations of:

- traditional (nut free) snacks to share - homemade or shop bought

- any traditional clothes for our children to try on - if you would be happy for us to borrow any salwaar kameez or similar clothes, please get in touch. We will return these at the end of the day

- any prayer mats, prayer beads, head scarves or hats that you are happy for us to borrow

Please contact Katy Docherty on [kdocherty@castle.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:kdocherty@castle.cambs.sch.uk) or speak to your class teacher if you can help us - thank you!



**Come and join our Eid Party!**

**Monday 24th April in the hall**

Drop in anytime between 9.30 and 11.30

**Food & drink, crafts, music, dressing up & sensory fun**

**Can you help us? Could you donate:**

- traditional snack food to share
- Salwar kameez or other clothes for our children to try on (we will return these)

Speak to your class teacher or email [kdocherty@castle.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:kdocherty@castle.cambs.sch.uk)

## School Dates

### Summer term 2023

#### \*Training Day 17<sup>th</sup> April

Term Starts 18<sup>th</sup> April

Bank Holiday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Bank Holiday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Half Term 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

#### \*Training Day 7<sup>th</sup> July

Term Ends 21<sup>st</sup> July

**\*School is closed to pupils on training days**

## Milton Road Library

This coming Tuesday (4<sup>th</sup> April), Milton Road Library will be putting on a special, interactive Bag Book Story time from 10:30-11:15am. It is completely free to attend, and the intention is to raise awareness of alternative storytelling for children (and adults) with learning disabilities. Everyone is welcome to attend.



**Bag Book Storytime**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April • 10:30-11:15am**

**•Milton Road Library**

A special bag book story time with sensory toys to celebrate inclusivity and neurodiversity as part of Autism Awareness week!

Free drop-in; all welcome. Parents/carers to stay with their children.

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**APRIL 4TH 10AM – 1PM**

**Easter Family day**

- PONY CUDDLES & GROOMING
- SMALL ANIMAL ENCOUNTER
- GREET SOME LOCAL LAMBS
- EASTER EGG HUNT WITH A CHOCOLATE PRIZE! AND MUCH MORE!

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Best wishes

*Anne*