Castle Newsletter
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I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing Coronation bank holiday weekend.

Despite the poor weather this week, summer is definitely on the way. Just a quick reminder to send sun cream and sun hats into school. We will put sun cream on all exposed skin in sunny weather and encourage pupils to do this themselves where they can.

## **Ladybirds Class News**

Ladybirds have enjoyed learning about our new story for the term, The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We have made a great start on our giant caterpillar collaborative artwork, and we loved working together to explore green paint and make marks using our hands, paintbrushes, lolly sticks, sponges and other materials. We loved the sensory experience of feeling the paint between our fingers and also experimenting with different tools to make purposeful marks.





Singing and music are always a highlight of our week, and this week we have worked on our communication skills in music sessions. We practised taking turns using the instruments, using communication boards to choose our favourite instruments and songs, whilst also developing our fine motor skills by pressing keys and plucking strings. We listened to a wide range of music, from Baroque and Classical Music through to Katy Perry and we responded by vocalising and playing along.





Ladybirds love sensory learning and we have lots of sensory input as part of our daily routine. We have enjoyed deep pressure, pushing, pulling, squeezing, jumping and spinning. It helps us to regulate and also develops our body awareness.





# **Corfe Class News**

This week, 6 students from Corfe class have been doing their bike ability course with 2 guest instructors. They have cycled on the roads, both as one large group and by doing individuals exercises such as turning right at a junction. This has improved their positioning, priority, observation and communication skills while on the road.







## **Castle School Shop**

We are collecting donations of good quality clothing, bric-a-brac, children's toys, CD's, DVD's, and games console games.

# **Castle School Shop**

We are looking for volunteers to help work in the shop. This could be a great opportunity for anyone wanting to get work experience or looking to get back into work.

#### **End of day routine**

At the end of the day the minibuses arrive and park around the school car park in rows of 3. Classes have different end of day routines, allowing for calm and independent transition between home and school.

Our independent travellers leave at 3pm, to allow them to exit safely from the school grounds before the buses depart.

Pupils collected by parents leave at 3.10pm, this again allows them to safely depart from the school site before the buses leave.

Pupils on school transport are supported to locate their bus or car. This is marked on a board so that staff and independent pupils can easily find the correct transport. When all the students are safely on board, buses are given to go-ahead to depart. **This is by 3.20pm.** 

# Thinking about making a change

Have you ever thought about being a Foster Carer to children who can't live with their families? Ever thought to yourself 'I'd love to care for a child' but then wondered how this would fit with your work commitments? Are you held back by thoughts of doubt that you could be a Foster Carer? If so, you could be denying a child or young person the opportunity to have a wonderful home with you.

There are children and young people who need a loving home, and you could be just what they need. If you would like more information about

becoming a Foster Carer or know someone who could offer a safe, secure and loving home then please get in touch on: 0800 052 0078 or email <a href="mailto:fosteringmarketing@cambridgeshire.gov.uk">fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</a> or visit <a href="mailto:www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk">www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk</a>/fostering



**Best wishes** 

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