Castle Newsletter
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Today we come to the close of an incredibly busy week in school – with the hard work and dedication of our staff we were able to continue as normal to provide our learners with some fantastic opportunties and have an Ofsted inspection!

As you will be aware, we had an OFSTED inspection this week. The inspection will not be graded, but once the information collected by the team is quality assured we will get a formal outcome letter which we will share with our families before it is published on the Ofsted Website.

Thank you very much to those of you that took time to complete the parent view survey.

Finally a **great big** thank you to all our amazing staff for their hard work and to all the parents and carers for your support.

### **Pupil Absence**

We have made a few tweaks to how we follow up with families if a child is unexpectantly not in school – it is really important that if your child is going to be absent from school (this could be due to illness etc) that you call the office before 9.30am and let us know why. If we don't

receive a call instead of using our text message system you will now receive a phone call from us. If we are unable to make contact with you and haven't heard why your child is absent by the end of the morning we may need to do a safe and well check by visiting your home.

As a school we have a statutory duty to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students and this includes knowing why they are not in school.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

#### **Saint Johns College School**

Once again, we are lucky to have been confirmed as Saint John's College School's charity of the year! This Sunday is their fun day and some of our staff will be running a stall – it would be great to see you there!

#### **Dragonflies Class News**

Dragonflies visited Wimpole Hall farm this week for our community outing. We visited the pigs at feeding time and they were very noisy! We liked comparing the big mummy pigs with the baby pigs. We learnt that pigs are not just pink, some have black spots like cows!







# **Trinity Class News**

In Trinity class this term we have been looking at the book "A Good Place", we have been looking using positional language in math's to describe a bee moving around different sized flowerpots. As a class we have also been working on using flowers and plants in different ways in our creativity sessions! We have been

using different natural resources in our bucket sessions and building our own mini beast plates, while also learning some different Makaton signs for mini beasts.









## **Desert Rats Challenge**

A group of KS4 and 6<sup>th</sup> form pupils had the privilege of being invited to Desert Rats Challenge 2023 at the Cambridge Army training ground this week. The pupils had an amazing time participating in various team challenges and learning about what it is like to work in the Army.













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Best wishes



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