Castle Newsletter Friday 30th June 2023 Headteacher Charlotte Whysall V 18 No. 37



Dear Families

It was wonderful to see our students performing alongside Milton Road students at the Better Together Concert on Monday. A huge thank you to Sofia and all the amazing staff who made it possible.

Please remember that Wednesday 5th July is a Strike day and Friday 7th July is a Training Day as well as strike day. We will be closed to all children on Friday 7th July 2023.

Better Together Concert



Congratulations to all the students that took part in the Better Together project. The performance on Monday at West Road Concert Hall was simply amazing and we are incredibly proud of all our performers. Many thanks to all parents and carers for your support - we hope you enjoyed the concert as much as we did!

Website

Due to strike action on 7th July, our website content may not be up to date.

Each year we usually use the INSET day before we start transition to ensure that all information about our 'new' classes is up to date on our website- due to the industrial action this day we may not be able to guarantee that all class pages will be updated, we have therefore made the decision to take down all pages for a short time with a view to ensuring they are back up and running for the start of the next academic year - thank you for your understanding.

Wrens and Robins News

The field's students took part in national mud day! We had a fab time really exploring the mud and getting messy!







Badgers Class News

This week in Badger class we have enjoyed outdoor learning. In forest school we acted out the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. Pupils made a bridge from loose parts and enjoyed getting into character with the

puppets. We have also practiced turn taking on the trampoline, zip wire and swings.





Dover Class News

It's been a busy week in Dover class. Some of our students started the week by taking part in the 'Better together' concert that took place in the concert hall in Cambridge on Monday. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to be part of a big community and have an amazing time shared with other friends.

This year has nearly come to its end, and we have less than a week together before we move into our new classes and meet new

friends. For that reason, in Dover class, we have used our time wisely and we have spent lot of time doing activities that involves socialising and having fun with each other. We have enjoyed sessions like music playing our favourite instruments and singing some our favourite songs.







Support for Families Struggling Financially

Have your circumstances changed recently? Have you checked if your child might be eligible for Free School Meals.

Your child will get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit but no element of Working Tax Credit - and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC)) that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less hours per week
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (as from 1 April 2018)

Families who are currently paying for school meals will save around £450 a year for each primary school child if they are entitled to free school meals.

When you child is registered for free school meals, if your child is in Reception to Year 11, the school will also receive Pupil Premium, which is extra money to support children from families on lower incomes. If your child is in receipt of universal infant free school meals (where your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2), we still recommend you apply if you believe you may be eligible for free school meals, because the protection will continue beyond Year 2 and the school will receive Pupil Premium funding to support your child's education.

You can apply for free school meals online at:

https://cambridgeshireself.achieveservice.com/service/Apply for Educa tion Welfare Benefits

Ask the office or your class teacher if you need help making an online application.



Best wishes

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