



Dear Families,

It was wonderful to watch our pupils perform so well at the Christmas light switch on in the Market Square last Sunday.

It is definitely starting to feel like Christmas.

Please see the Christmas dates at the end of the newsletter.

Foxes Class News

In the Autumn term Foxes learnt about the Gingerbread man story. We made some gingerbread men, counted them and practised using symbols to explain what we could see on the picture. We learnt to mix different colour paints and painted the characters of the story. We even made the gingerbread man in the Forest school using natural materials.



This term we started to attend the school Sensory circuit which helps us to regulate ourselves in the morning. We also had some great PE lessons where we wore ourselves out! We practised different skills such as, climbing, going over different equipment and jumping off safely. We also practised waiting and taking turns on the big trampoline.



We had lots of amazing Music lessons with Anthony.

We love tuning into the music, playing on the instruments, we are very good at playing along the Russian music and we even practised singing in the microphone!



We made some amazing progress in Pet Therapy too.

Bertie, the therapy dog has been visiting us. We are now ok to stay in the classroom when Bertie is in, and some of us are also happy to stroke Bertie!



Tintagel Class News

Every Thursday for their Work-Related Learning, Tintagel class have been working at Wicken Fen.

Recently they have been clearing the board walks.



They have been learning to follow instructions and use simple gardening tools.



The journey home is usually very quiet.



School Photographer

On Monday, we had our annual visit from the school photographer.

Please allow 10 days for the photos to go live on their website.

Flu immunisation

For your information - Please be aware that on **Monday 27th November** the immunisation team will be in school to give Flu nasal sprays/vaccines for children whose parents/carers have given consent and did NOT received it last time.

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 14th December



At castle school we are celebrating Christmas jumper day on Thursday 14th December. If students (and parents, siblings, carers and staff) would like they are able to come to school dressed in a Christmassy way! Christmas jumper day is a national event run by Save the Children- please find our school fundraising link-

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/castle-school-christmas-jumper-day-2023>

To make donations!

We are aware that many other schools are having their Christmas jumper day on the 7th or 8th of December- which is the official Christmas jumper day- students who wish to wear Christmas jumpers on these dates are of course welcome to do so as well as the 14th.

Christmas Jumper appeal.

Castle school fully supports the Save the Children's Christmas jumper day appeal. However, we are also conscious of 'fast fashion' and the rising costs of living. With this in mind we are collecting pre loved or unused Christmas themed clothing between now and 12th December. Parents are welcome to request, if possible, their child is given one of the donated jumpers to wear on the 14th December.

If you would like to donate any pre loved Christmas clothing please just send in the clean items in a bag marked Christmas jumpers or put in the box in reception.

If you would like to request a Christmas jumper for your child to wear, for whatever reason, then please either let your child's teacher know or email kdocherty@castle.cambs.sch.uk or TMerry@castle.cambs.sch.uk

Preparing for adulthood

Please see our new SEND Preparation for Adulthood parent guide which can be downloaded here:

[parent carers guide to preparing for adulthood oct 2023 final.pdf \(openobjects.com\)](#)

This is a helpful booklet which supports parents to think about some of the different aspects of preparing for and moving into adult life.

It complements the information we also have on our Send Hub, parent tile:

[SEND Information Hub \(Local Offer\) | Preparing for Adult Life - Parent or Carer Information \(cambridgeshire.gov.uk\)](#)

Christmas Dates

Parents are invited to those highlighted in yellow, please be aware that there is limited parking on site.

Monday 11th December

Christingle assembly KS 4 and 6th form

2pm Coffee and Choir (Kings, Wolfson, Trinity, Tintagel) - **Parent Event**

Tuesday 12th December

Christingle assembly KS 2 and 3

Main site Primary Father Christmas KS 1 and 2

KS 4 and 6th form (Selected pupils) Pantomime Junction

Wednesday 13th December

10am Castle Nativity – **Parent Event**

(Dragonflies Bees Ladybirds Squirrels Foxes Hedgehogs Deer Badgers)

Thursday 14th December

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

10am Coffee and Choir: Group 1: Carisbrooke, Edinburgh, Pembroke -**Parent Event**

11am Group 2: Conwy, Leeds, Dover, Balmoral, Corfe-**Parent Event**

2pm Fields Site Production Robins and Wrens – **Parent Event**

Friday 15th December

9.30-11am Christmas Bazaar – **Parent Event**

Monday 18th December

10.15am St Giles Church Parents go directly there

Tuesday 19th December

Pm Disco Secondary Class Parties Primary

Wednesday 20th December

Main site Carols Round the tree in the morning

Fields Christmas Lunch

Competition: Design a logo for the Castle School Charitable Association

The school receives amazing support from the Castle School Charitable Association (CSCA), who are in need of a new logo to use in their correspondence and online presence. The Trustees of the CSCA would love to have a logo designed by one of our students and are running a competition to find the best design.

Your design can reference elements of the school's logo, but must be distinctly different. Remember the successful design will need to work both as a small image (roughly 2cm wide by 2cm tall) as part of a letterhead and as a larger image on a computer screen or mobile device.

Entries can be submitted on A4 paper to the school office or by email (in a jpeg format) to csc@castle.cambs.sch.uk. The closing date for entries will be 4th January 2024 (the first day back after the school holidays and the winner will be selected by the Management Committee of the CSCA. Please remember to include your name and class with your entry. Every effort will be made to return original artworks to the creator once the Management Committee has selected the winning design.

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