



Dear Families,

There was a challenge last week as we started term on a Thursday which can be confusing for some of our young people and staff!

Our New Term starts with everyone being supported in settling back into school routines. It takes time for pupils and staff to 'get started' so I am pleased to report the term has started very positively.

Our first full week back has seen all our activities in full swing with external activities such as horse riding, swimming and work experience.

Please can all clothing be named (apologies to those families who have named clothing and we have still managed to lose it – we will try harder).

Squirrels Class News

Squirrels class have done a fantastic job settling back into school after their Christmas break. They were all super happy to be back at school and share their stories and adventures.

This week we began our new story 'Micheal Recycle' by Ellie Bethal. During story time Squirrels class were amazing at acting out the story and sorting the rubbish for Micheal recycle. They touched some yucky slime and smelt some disgusting rubbish to show what a mess the town's people had made Aberdoo-Rimey.

They all enjoyed dressing up as Micheal recycle as part of our attention building sessions and flying around the room ready to save the town. We will continue to focus on this book for the remainder of the half term.

We have also started trampolining this term during our PE lessons. All the class have been amazing at listening to the instructions so we can turn around, and do different jumps like a star jump. We also have to wait for our turn which is a very important skill. We

hope that over the turn we will learn lots of new trampoline skills.



Wolfson Class News

This term, Wolfson have been learning how to estimate and measure in maths. Pupils were asked to estimate the length of the corridor and the school playground using a trundle wheel. Pupils were then required to calculate the correct distance in metres, as we work towards our OCR life and living skills accreditation for numeracy. In

PE, pupils have been learning about the game of Hockey. Pupils have been developing their skills within the sport. For example, learning how to execute a 'push' pass, dribbling with a hockey stick using close control, shooting and intercepting an opponent.



Pots for sale



After checking our stocks of pots ready for this year's Arts Wonder Festival, we have more than we need!

To help fund future creative projects, we're selling these cement pots for **£2 each** or **box of 12 for £15**.

The pots are cement, 5 inch diameter and 7 inches in height with no drainage hole.

Please e-mail the office with subject line: **FAO Chloe Brown - Pot sale** with how many pots you want and times you're available to collect them.

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.

Term Dates 2024

Spring Term 2024

Training Day	3 January*
Term Starts	4 January
Half Term	19-23 February
Term Ends	28 March

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts	15 April
Bank Holiday	6 May
Half Term	27-31 May
Training Day	5 July*
Training Day	22 July*
Term Ends	22 July

*School will be closed to pupils on Training Days

Cambridge City Council
2024 programme

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ACTIVE FAMILIES

Affordable activities to
keep you and your
family active this winter

Family Glow Dance

15 Jan to 12 Feb

Mondays, 6:15 to 7pm

At Meadows Community Centre

Family Tickets
Just £4
Per Course



Family Indoor Bowls

4 & 11 Feb

Sundays, 9:45 to 11:45am

At Chesterton Bowls Club



Wellies in the Woods

28 Feb - 3 April

Wednesdays, 10 to 11:30am

At Cherry Hinton Hall
FREE



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Grassroots activity grant

Funding of up to £250 to support local families to
access community sport and dance opportunities

APPLY ON OUR WEBSITE FROM THE 15TH JAN 2024 OR
EMAIL SPORT@CAMBRIDGE.GOV.UK FOR A PAPER COPY

 www.cambridge.gov.uk/grassrootsgrants



- Do you live in Cambridge City?
- Are you in receipt of income support / universal credit?
- Is your child/ren aged between 4 - 16 years?
- Are you struggling to afford sport, dance and activity provision for your child/ren?

Then you can apply for a grassroots activity grant between the 15th
January and 23rd February 2024.
The grant can be used towards joining fees and weekly session costs.
Please include code GR2024 in your application



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