

Castle Newsletter



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Dear Families

The half term has flown by and here we are at our first break. We wish all our families a peaceful and enjoyable time and look forward to welcoming pupils back on Monday 29th October.

Meet the Head

It has been wonderful to meet so many parents and carers over the last half term. I would very much like the opportunity to meet with you again at the first of our 'Meet the Head' coffee mornings on Tuesday 20th November at 11am.

The meeting will be a great chance to get to know our parents and carers and discuss the re-launch of the 'Friends of Castle School' group. Together we can look at all the exciting ways we can work together to enrich the lives of families at Castle.

One of our parents has suggested creating a "Castle Dads' Club" with its main (and currently, only) purpose to create a chance for the fathers of our students to get together in an informal, child-free setting.

Andy Kulina has offered to organise the group and the first outing, will be to the Milton Keynes Lightning Ice Hockey game on Sunday, December 9th at 5:15pm. Depending on interest, group transport may be arranged. Costs will depend on getting the group ticket price and if you require transport.

If you would be interested in more details about the Dad's Club and/or the outing to the Ice Hockey game, please email
Andy: andy.kulina@stylepoints.com

Swimming Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to support our swimming lessons in school. If you, or someone you know, has an hour or two spare to support our swimming groups please contact the school office on Office@castle.cambs.sch.uk. All volunteers will be subject to an enhanced disclosure and barring service check.

School Events

We are delighted to have welcomed 20 additional students into Castle. They have settled in well and are enjoying being part of our rich community. As a result of this we are looking at revising some of our whole school events. This will include splitting KS1 and KS2 Christmas performances to ensure that extended families and friends can attend; also splitting the end of term Oscars to Primary and Secondary. If you have any thoughts about how we can improve please don't hesitate to contact us.

Creative Art News



Pupils have been working hard designing and making pop-up stories. Keddy found lots of great

images to create a scene showing a monkey swinging through the jungle.

Owls Class News

This term we have been enjoying the story – Mrs Wishy Washy’s Farm. We have enjoyed joining in and helping to re-tell the story. Some of us have learnt key Makaton signs and words related to the story whilst others have learnt to anticipate the different events in the narrative.



Accompanying our sensory story we enjoy the story being told through touch in our massage story. The hand cream is our sensory cue to get us ready for the story.

PE News

This term we have been very busy in PE with many new and fun activities taking place.

A particular highlight was our recent visit to Cambridge University's Sports Centre where we participated in the Powerhouse games. Our students teamed up with Cambridge University Rugby Club and several other schools to participate in a multi-sport competition. Our sixth form students had a fantastic time and thrived in this new environment. As a school we are also making



some close links with the university's sports teams.

Zip Wire Fun

Deer Class enjoyed using the Zip Wire, all helping each other to push and pull!



Pet Therapy Dog

We are delighted to welcome Bertie to Bee class. Bertie is a pet therapy dog and visits with his owner Felicity every Friday.



Best wishes

Chris

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