

Message from the Headteacher:



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our Thought of the Week has been “*I know how to keep safe online*” and our Theme of the Week has focused on Internet Safety. Across school, pupils have been learning how to make safe choices online, recognise risks, and understand what to do if something doesn’t feel right. It has been wonderful to see classes exploring this in appropriate ways from practising safe messaging, to understanding personal information, to using technology responsibly. We have also welcomed families into school for some of our workshops, and it has been fantastic to see so many parents and carers attending. Thank you for engaging so positively; your involvement really strengthens the work we do with your children. As we move towards the end of November, it’s hard to believe that December starts next week and that Christmas is fast approaching!



Staff are already busy preparing festive activities (my favourite being ChristMATHS), performances and winter events, and the excitement has certainly begun to build.

Alongside our learning themes, pupils have been taking part in the Castle Try-athlon, with classes working incredibly hard across swimming, PE and cycling activities. It’s been lovely to see how motivated the children are to challenge themselves and celebrate their achievements. If you would like to support the event, our JustGiving link remains open.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to a joyful, busy and festive few weeks ahead.

Warm regards,

Charlotte

Wrens Class News:

We've had a wonderfully busy week in Wrens class. The children have enjoyed the first week of the Castle triathlon, each with a set of three activities to complete. They've been very proud to earn sticker for each activity they complete, tracking their progress.



In Expressive Arts and Design, we've been getting creative making stars and costume props for our Nativity performance next month. The children have loved using different materials and letting their imaginations shine.



We've also enjoyed plenty of outdoor learning, from sharing books together to spending time in Forest School. Exploring nature, spotting seasonal changes, and engaging in play have been real highlights of our week.



Churchill Class News:

Sixth Form Grafham Water Residential Trip.

A group of us went to Grafham Water from the 18th to the 19th of November. We took part in a wide range of activities, such as crate stacking, climbing, archery, problem solving and boating.



We also had a campfire and roasted marshmallows. We were accompanied by another school.

'Archery was my favourite activity' Eleanor.

'My favourite part was the boats' Kacper.

'I particularly liked climbing due to the thrill of the height. I also enjoyed the adrenaline rush from the boats which was amazing.' Leo.

It was a fabulous experience and helped to build confidence, independence and problem-solving skills.

Written on behalf of all the Year 14 students who took part by: Leo, Eleanor and Kacper

As part of our personal development and community trips Churchill also enjoyed a successful and enjoyable trip to Duxford Museum and had a great time despite the torrential rain!



This week we have been making Bee Bombs with wildflower seeds from Wimpole Hall so watch this space for when we will be selling them – they will make an ideal bee/environmentally friendly stocking filler 😊



Castle Try-athlon

This week we have begun our whole school try-athlon (triathlon).

Students are working hard across the school during their Swimming lessons, PE lessons and during class time.

Some students this week have also been undertaking a full triathlon by cycling on the road, running and then swimming at Chesterton pool.

Well done everyone

Please sponsor us on our just giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/castle-accounts-1>



Christmas Bazaar Donations



It's that time of year again when we start preparing for our annual Christmas Bazaar in December.

To support our preparations, we would be extremely grateful of donations of any of the following:

- Raffle Prizes
- Tombola Prizes
- Teddy Bears
- Books
- Medium Sized Plastic Plant Pots

· Bulbs – hyacinth, amaryllis, cyclamen

To donate – drop item/s off at reception in a bag marked 'For the Christmas Bazaar'.

There will be a box in reception for donations to be placed in.

Many festive thanks!

Free Parent/Carer Support Session

CHRISTMAS CRAFT MORNING

Led by Kathryn & Mary S

Thursday 4th December
10 am – 12 pm
Castle School – Main Site

All Welcome!

Fun craft event making items to sell at the
Christmas Bazaar.

Refreshments & Festive Music
In person event

Please sign up to register your place on this free event:
<https://forms.office.com/e/GnNAXsiiDb>



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JustHelping supports volunteers, businesses, and charities to contribute to their community and the environment. Our national Christmas tree collection raises essential funds for charities in the local community.

