

# Castle Newsletter



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Dear Families

Massive thanks to the parents who joined us at our 'Meet the Head' coffee morning on Tuesday. We officially launched the Friends of Castle group and had a really positive meeting with many brilliant suggestions for family social events and fundraising. The first two events have already been agreed. Our Friends group will have a cake stall at the Christmas Bazaar on 14<sup>th</sup> December and hold a family BBQ in the summer. More details to follow.

The Friends of Castle will meet again on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm. Please do come along to share your ideas for ways to support and enrich the lives of our students and families.

## The Giant Egg



Our three school hens have been busy laying eggs and we were all very excited this week to discover a giant one (so big the egg box would not close!).

## School Photo Orders

The school photographer visited yesterday; we hope you are pleased with the results. Orders can be placed online or sent to the school office.

Please note that the deadline for orders is Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November to ensure photos are back in time for Christmas.

## Christmas Lunch

We are very much looking forward to our Christmas lunches which will take place in school on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> (Primary) and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> (Secondary) December. This year lunches will be divided into two sittings as follows:

Primary Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery and KS1      11.45 – 12.30

KS 2                      12.30 – 1.15

Secondary Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

KS 3                      11.45 – 12.30

KS 4 & 6<sup>th</sup> Form      12.30 – 1.15

## National Citizenship Gold Award

We were presented with a National Citizenship Gold Award for participation at a celebration dinner in Dunstable. This is in recognition of the joint work we do with Cambridgeshire County



Council. Last summer the students pictured above, plus Michael and Kurt, participated in the scheme and had a fantastic time. We look forward to joining the programme again this year.

## Class News - Owls

During Friendship Week we have been learning to play co-operatively through parachute play.



We have been greeting our friends and giving them 'high-fives'. We have also been learning to play alongside each other through Parallel Play.

## Tintagel's West Stow Visit

On Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> we went on a trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village to learn about Beowulf and Grendel.



First we explored the huts, looked at when the people used to live in them and how they kept warm, and went to

look at a hut decorated for Christmas. Then we explored the museum and looked at different things. After that we had lunch then we did the Beowulf and Grendel trail and it was super fun. I had a really good time. – Kaitlin

## Opportunities Afternoon 2018

Last week we hosted our annual Opportunities Afternoon. It was a successful and fun event showcasing opportunities available from local and national social organisations, colleges and

employers for our students when they leave



school. Thank you to everyone who attended.

## Cambridge Rare Disease Network

Please find below some information about 'Rare Fest'. One of our students will be taking part in Unique Feet children's dance performance at the Friday evening launch and her mum will have an exhibition stand about inclusive design on Saturday. Please do go along.



## Pantomime – 6<sup>th</sup> December

We have been invited to the Arts Theatre to this year's Pantomime of Aladdin. A voluntary contribution of £5 per child would be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes

*Chris*

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