

Castle Newsletter



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Dear Families

We had an amazing meeting with the 'Friends of Castle' group this week. Thank you so much to the parents who were able to give their time for such a productive meeting.

The main focus for our fundraising will be the creation of a new soft play area at Castle which will be built in the memory of Sophie. We have lots of ideas for activities to raise funds and will be sharing these with you over the coming weeks.

The Friends group will also be organising the first of our annual school summer barbeques. The date of which, and more information, will be confirmed soon.

Owls' New Floor



We are delighted with the new floor which was installed in Owls class at the weekend. It's lightly cushioned which makes it comfy to sit on whilst absorbing sound; it looks great too. Foxes will have their new floor by Monday; other classrooms will follow as funding allows.

Butterfly Class News

Butterflies had a super time when we visited 'Pets at Home' on Monday.

We really liked the rabbits and were interested in looking at the big and little fish. Afterwards we visited Costa for a snack which was lots of fun.



Kings' Volunteering Project

Kings are working together to create lucky dip boxes. We will be selling them to raise money for our Duke of Edinburgh volunteering project: Operation Christmas Child.

The boxes will cost 50p each. Please encourage students to keep a look out for our shop which will soon be open on Tuesday afternoons for them to make their purchases.



The Information below is from Special Needs Community Information Point (SNCIP)

SCIP Card Update

Please check your SCIP Card – if it is out of date you can renew it by completing the form available here: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/scip

If you don't have a SCIP Card and would like more information about it or to apply for one – information and an application form are available on the above website.

Activity Passport

SCIP, Pinpoint and Living Sport have joined forces to produce an Activities Passport. We each provide services to families who have a child with additional needs or a disability and work together find ways to make life a little easier for families.

One idea put forward was to have an Activities Passport.

This booklet will help you to provide essential information about your child when they are going to an activity such as; scouts, play schemes, organised activities, etc. The Passport can hold information about your child's medication, likes and dislikes, and emergency contacts. You can get your copy here: [SCIP Activities Passport](#)

New benefit rates for 2019/20 announced

The Department for Work and Pensions have just published the new benefits and pensions rates from April 2019 onwards. While many working-age benefits remain frozen, most disability and carer's benefits are to see small increases in line with inflation. You can download full details from the GOV.UK website.

Help with heating bills

Now that winter is upon is it is worth finding out if you can get £140 off your winter fuel bill. [Contact website](#)

Money Matters – information for parents of disabled children

https://www.contact.org.uk/media/1390131/money_matters.pdf

Advice on claiming Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

https://www.contact.org.uk/media/1212211/claiming_disability_living_allowance_for_children.pdf

Best wishes

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