

Castle Newsletter



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Dear Families

Welcome back to the second half of Spring Term and doesn't it feel like Spring has finally sprung! The pupils have all returned in good spirits and the week has been a successful one. Our soft play fund raising campaign gathers strength and I hope we will be able to let you know where we are up to soon. As part of this we are organising an Easter Raffle. We have some fantastic prizes and the event has been arranged by our Friends of Castle group. Tickets will be coming home next week and more information will follow.

School Transport – September 2019

If your child will be in Post 16 education (for example 6th Form) in September please be aware that school transport will not automatically renew for September 2019 and students must re-apply for their transport to continue, otherwise no transport will be in place for the new academic year 2019 – 2020.

Further details regarding the criteria for Post 16 transport can be found on the County Council website:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education/transport/sen-post16/. Students can apply for transport for the academic year 2019/2020 shortly, the website will be updated with further information in the coming term.

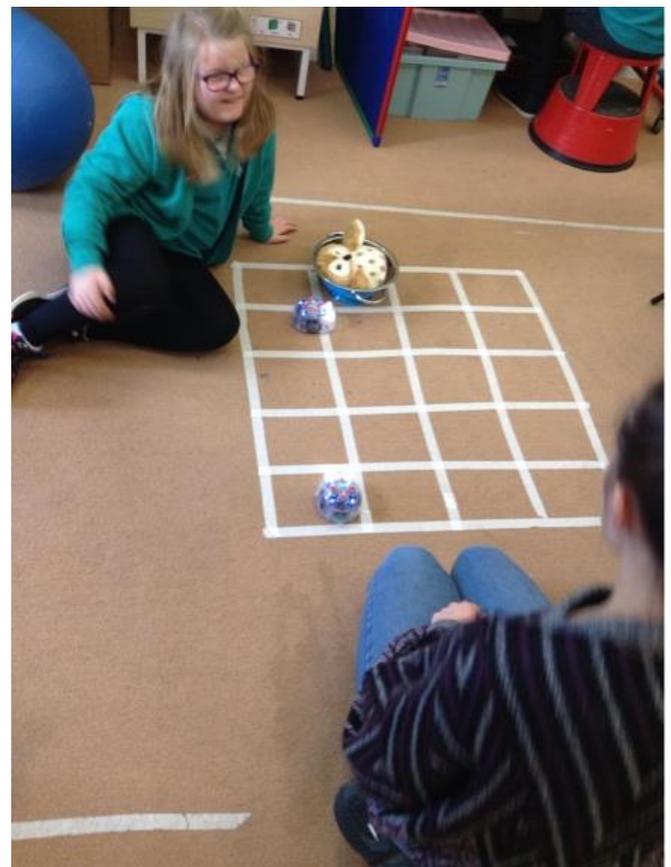
Artsmark

As part of Artsmark some of our classes will be making 'Railing Textiles' which will be used to decorate the trees by our chicken coup. For this

project we need lots and lots of rope, ribbons, strings and fabric. Therefore we would appreciate your support through any donations that you are able to give. There will be a box by reception for these. Thank you for your support.

Deer Class News

In Maths, the Deer class have been using grids with simple co-ordinates to program directions onto the Beebot, 'left, right, forward and backward' to reach a toy from the story 'Whatever Next!' Sometimes it is great to get onto the floor and work! Look how much fun we have had! We are the Beebot experts! Carol Rule will be so proud!



Cambridge United Match

An amazing time was had at the Cambridge United match on 16th February. The students who watched this event had either attended Football Club or represented our school team this year.



Mobiloo at Anglesey Abbey

We have been informed by one of our parents that Anglesey Abbey are hiring the Mobiloo (mobile changing places toilet) on 6th March. It will also be there during the Easter Holidays on Monday 15th April. An excellent opportunity for young people who need access to changing/hoisting to actually have a dedicated toilet available!

[Mobiloo at Anglesey Abbey | National Trust](#)

Rising Stars (0 – 11yrs)

Waterbeach Child and Family Zone, Primary School, High Street CB25 9JU
4th Saturday of each Month
10am to 12 noon

Rising stars is a relaxed group for diagnosed or undiagnosed SEND. There will be a different theme each month with sensory experiences alongside.

There is no charge but please bring a snack for a shared snack time. Drop in session but for more information please get in touch 01223 472 791 or www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/child-and-family-centres

SENDIASS/Parent Partnership Road Show

Seminars for Parents

Wednesday 6 March 2019

Wood Green Animal Centre, London Road, Godmanchester, Huntingdon PE29 2NH

Free - 9.15am to 12.30pm. Booking required.

For more information contact Bob Wilson on 01223 699211 or email

ppsadmin@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Special Needs Today

A new website has been launched by a parent of a child with autism who saw a gap in the market for a "one-stop shop" web information resource.

[Special Needs Today](#) was created and provides information for parents, educators and medical professionals, as well as signposting to specialist organisations supporting children with SEND.

Transitions Information Event

Saturday 23 March 2019

Orchard Park Community Centre, Central Avenue, Cambridge CB4 2EZ, 10am to 2pm

Pinpoint and UK charity Contact are teaming up again to run this transitions event for parent carers of young people with additional needs and disabilities.

Come along to find out more about:

- wills and trusts
- Mental Capacity Act
- transferring to PIP benefit (for young people aged 16-plus)

To book a place contact Jackie King

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Best wishes

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