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Newsletter

16th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to say a warm welcome to all of our new pupils and parents. The children have made a great start to the new academic year.

This is our first newsletter of the new school year, we will be producing a newsletter once every half term, which you will receive via email. It will also be available to view on the School App and our website www.castletiverton.school. Please take some time to read the newsletter as it will keep you up to date with all that we are celebrating in school and any upcoming events. Each class also has a dedicated page on the website where you will find pictures and news about their activities.

We have several ways of keeping in touch with you, the School App, emails, our Facebook page and text messaging, all we ask is that you keep us up to date with any email or telephone changes. Thank you.

Harvest & Christmas Celebrations

This year's Harvest celebrations will be held in the School Hall over two afternoons; KS2 will be on Monday 21st October and EYFS/KS1 on Tuesday 22nd October. Unfortunately, due to numbers, we are unable to invite families in to join us on this occasion. We are awaiting confirmation of the date of our Christmas service where everyone will be welcome. As soon as we have this, we will let you know.

We can however advise that we will be holding our Christmas Workshops again this year. This is when we invite parents/carers in to school to take part in Christmas activities in the classrooms with their children. This is taking place on **Tuesday 17th December**, more details will follow nearer the time.

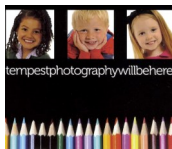
New Clubs for the Autumn Term

Starting w/c Monday
23rd September

Check out page 2 for details



School Photographs Monday 30th September



The school photographer will be coming to school on Monday 30th September. All children will have individual photographs taken and a photo with any siblings **at the school** during school time.

Don't be Late!

Registration starts at 8.45am – the school gates are open from 8.35am to allow pupils to come in and hang their coats up before registration. We cannot stress how important it is that children arrive on time, a good morning routine is essential to a child's welfare and learning. None of us likes to feel rushed and stressed before the day of learning has even begun!



SAFEGUARDING - If you have any queries or concerns please contact Mrs Noble (Head Teacher), Mrs Paton (Assistant Head) or Mrs Gardner (Family Liaison Officer).

Dates For Your Diary

30th Sept	School Photographs (see below)
8th Oct	Year 6 Open Evening at Tiverton High School
14th -18th Oct	Year 6 Residential Trip
21st Oct	KS2 Harvest Celebration
22nd Oct	EYFS/KS1 Harvest Celebration
25th Oct	Whole School Flu Vaccinations
28th Oct - 1st Nov	Half Term Break
11th Dec	EYFS Nativity
17th Dec	Christmas Workshops in school
18th Dec	Christmas Lunch
19th Dec	Last day of term

Swimming - Key Stage 2

The school tries very hard to keep requests for voluntary contributions to a minimum and we really appreciate your help and support. Costs for swimming and other trips we provide for pupils are rising and your donations help us to continue to offer these activities across the school.

We are requesting a voluntary contribution of **just £3** per swim this academic year in spite of rising costs. You will receive a letter when it is your child's turn to swim with a request for your donation. If you wish to make a contribution of a different amount, please speak to the admin team who will be happy to help.

The School App

We have noticed a large number of parents have not activated their School App account. This is one of our main methods of contacting parents. If you require us to re-send the invite, please contact the school office.



Not sure how to pay for school meals or trips?

We are now a cashless office and all payments must be made online through 'The School Gateway' please. If you require any assistance with this, please contact the school office.

The Full Governing Board meetings are open to members of the public, and anyone wishing to attend must inform the Clerk who will issue agendas as appropriate. Please contact the Clerk on clerk@castletiverton.school should you wish to attend. The dates for this academic year are 22/10/24, 17/12/24, 23/01/2025, 11/03/25, 24/04/25, 22/05/25 and 01/07/25 with all meetings starting at 5.30pm.

PRIVACY NOTICE

Our Privacy Notice is available to view on the school website - if you wish to view this please click on the following link: <https://castle-primary-tiverton.secure-primariesite.net/privacy-notice-1/>

You may update your preferences at any time by contacting the school office.

After School Clubs

Autumn Term 2024

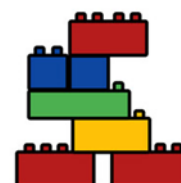
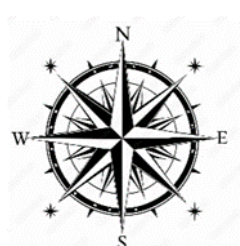
We are really excited to tell you about the range of after school activities which we are able to offer our children this term. School staff will be running after school clubs from 3.15pm - 4.15pm as detailed below. These clubs will be free of charge and run for 10 weeks from the week beginning Monday 23rd September.



Please have a look at what is on offer and email the teacher leading the club to express an interest - email addresses can be found on the information table.

Unfortunately, some clubs may be oversubscribed and so you should wait for an email from the teacher to confirm that they have a place. If your child can't be accommodated in the first round of clubs, please do not be too disappointed as there will be plenty more clubs running over the Spring and Summer terms.

Day	Club	Age Range	Lead Teacher	Joining Instructions
Monday	Choir	KS2	Mrs Plumley Ms Heap	Email teacher if you would like to join: Y5-kp@the-castle-primary.devon.sch.uk
Monday	Fit Club	KS1	Miss Chapman	Email teacher if you would like to join: y1-2-bc@the-castle-primary.devon.sch.uk
Monday	Map Reading & Orienteering	Years 5 & 6	Mr Fullerton	Email teacher if you would like to join: Y3-4-mf@the-castle-primary.devon.sch.uk
Tuesday	Lego Club	KS1	Mrs Ballard	Email teacher if you would like to join: y1-2-ab-ec@the-castle-primary.devon.sch.uk
Tuesday	KS2 Home Learning Club	KS2	Mrs Paton	Please email your child's teacher on their class email address which can be found on our school website.
Wednesday	Castle Keepers Club	KS2	Mrs Gardner	If your child would like to start attending, please email their teacher who will then provide you with a joining letter.
Thursday	Library Club	KS1	Mrs North	Email teacher if you would like to join: eyfs-jn-kc@the-castle-primary.devon.sch.uk



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