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Newsletter



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Castle Primary School

A Message from Mrs Noble

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a good Christmas break.

We hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas activities at the end of last term. Thank you to our staff, parents and children for all their hard work, their efforts made a wonderful festive end to 2024.

I hope everyone has seen my letter which was sent on the last day of term. I would like to say thank you for all the kind messages I have received. If you have not seen the letter, it can be viewed on the Latest News section of the school website.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2025, please ensure you have applied for their place by WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY. Please see details below.

Was your child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2024 to the 15th January 2025

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling our Education Helpline on

0345 155 1019
or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk

Even if you have already given details to a primary school, you must apply for a place through the Admissions Team. This is the only way to apply; other forms or lists held by schools will not count.



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Dates For Your Diary

16/1/25 - Rescheduled Parents' Evening
20/1/25 - Height & Weight measurement's - EYFS & YR6
6/2/25 - Bake Sale 3.15pm (Yr 4 to provide cakes)

17/2/25- 21/2/25 Half Term

24/2/25 - Pupils return to school
25/2/25 - Yr 1/2 trip to Rosemoor Gardens
6/3/25 - World Book Day
3/4/25 - Bake Sale - (Yr 3 to supply cakes)
4/4/25 - Last day of term

7/4/25 - 21/4/25 Easter Holiday

22/4/25 - Pupils return to school

All our term dates are available to view on the school website: <https://www.castletiverton.school/term-dates/>



After School Clubs Spring Term 2025



Please find below our Club offer for the first half of this Spring Term. All clubs will start straight after school and end at 4.15pm, except for Castle Keepers which ends at 4.00pm.

Please read joining instructions carefully and take note of the club start date.

Day	Club	Year	Start Date	Joining Instructions
Mon	Choir	KS2	Mon 13 Jan	If you are already a member of the Choir, you don't need to sign up. If you would like to join Choir, please email Mrs Plumley Y5-kp@the-castle-primary.devon.sch.uk
Mon	Rugby Club	Years 3/4	Mon 20 Jan	Please email Mr Fullerton to express your interest. Y3-4-mf@the-castle-primary.devon.sch.uk
Mon	Story and Drawing Club	EYFS & KS1	Mon 20 Jan	Please email Miss Westcott to express your interest. eyfs-lw@the-castle-primary.devon.sch.uk
Tues	Home Learning Club	KS2	Tues 14 Jan	If you already attend Home Learning Club, you don't need to sign up. If you would like to join, please email Mrs Paton admin@castletiverton.school
Tues	Lego Club	KS1	Tues 14 Jan	Please email Mrs Ballard to express your interest. y1-2-ab-ec@the-castle-primary.devon.sch.uk
Wed	Castle Keepers	KS2	Wed 15 Jan	If you are interested in joining Castle Keepers Club, please email your class teacher to ask for a joining letter. Castle Keepers Club ends at 4.00pm

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page and website for photos and news of school and class activities. There are some lovely Nativity pictures in the EYFS class pages. Printed copies of this Newsletter are available from the school office.

Fresh Start, New Year!

Did you know that whilst scoring 90% in a test would be considered a great result, when it comes to attendance, 90% is equal to at least 19 days (almost 4 weeks) of missed school in a year. A child whose attendance is at 90% or below is considered to be persistently absent.

If your child's attendance was low last term please rest assured it can be turned around this year - talk to your child about attendance and how important it is to be at school, both for learning and friendships. If you need any support or are concerned about attendance please let us know and we will do all that we can to help.

We are hoping all the dreadful coughs & colds will have now passed and we can have a fresh healthy start to the year. **We are however noticing a large number of children arriving late. Please can we all ensure children are here on time and ready to learn in their classrooms by 8.45am. The gates are open at 8.35am. Thank you for your co-operation.**



“From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to



If your child is worried or anxious about school - please encourage them to come into school and talk to their teacher or bring them in and ask to speak to a member of staff.

Keeping them at home often makes it worse!

If a child learns to say they are worried and they have a day off this is a behaviour soon learnt.

As adults when we have a bad day we have to get on with it. It is all of our jobs to teach our children how to face up to some of their fears to help them move on. Our children need to learn how to resolve things to develop resilience for their

Coming during the Spring Term

We are changing our Management Information System where we store all our pupil records. Please be assured all data will be carefully migrated to the new system. This will have new and exciting features including the ability to book parent meetings with the teacher and communicate direct to the school through a new app. This will be a one stop shop and you will be able to view your child's attendance data and pay for meals and trips all on this same app. Our office team will shortly be receiving training and will send more details later this term.

Trips

We are looking forward to the new term and have some great trips planned for the children.

As with all things, the trips do come at a cost. We will do our very best to subsidise these as much as possible with help from our fundraising events.

Fundraising

We have a wonderful group of parents who help organise and run various fundraising events but new helpers are very welcome. If you would like any further information, please contact the school office.

Cauliflower Cards Christmas Project

Thank you to everyone who supported the Cauliflower Cards Christmas Project - a total of £312.30 has been received in commission and this will be added to our fundraising balance to subsidise school trips.