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Newsletter

12th September 2023

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, 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 webpage 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.

Breakfast Club 8.30am

Breakfast Club begins again on Monday 11th. This is a free club for any children who wish to eat breakfast here at school. Please ensure all children are here by **8.30am** as they need to eat up quickly before lessons begin!

Harvest & Christmas Church Services

Children will be attending a service at Tiverton Baptist Church this term to celebrate Harvest Home, unfortunately due to the size of the church we cannot invite parents to this event.

However..... Please note in your diaries the date of our Christmas Church service at St Peter's Church on 12th December, time to be advised at a later date but everyone will be welcome.

Exciting News!

New Clubs for the Autumn Term

Check out page 2 for details



School Photographs

Monday 2nd October



The school photographer will be coming to school on Monday 2nd October. 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!



Dates For Your Diary

2nd Oct - School Photographs (see below)

23rd Oct - 27th Oct - Half Term Break

30th Oct - 3rd Nov - Year 6 Residential Trip

1st Nov - Whole School Flu Vaccinations

12th Dec - Christmas Church Service

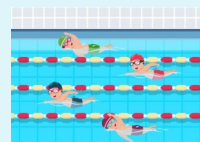
15th Dec - Last day of term

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 £2** 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.



Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will be held in the week beginning 9th October. An invitation will be sent to you via email with a link where you will be able to book a time slot with your child's teacher. All meetings will be held in school. We hope to get these invitations out to you shortly. Please advise us now if you have changed your email address or do not receive school emails. Thank you.

Not sure how to pay for school meals or trips?

We are now a cashless office and all future payments must be made online through 'The School Gateway'.

What you need to do

Download the app if you have a smartphone from your app store (android and iPhone), or visit the website www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'.

You will receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to login to School Gateway.

If you have problems activating your account it may be because the school does not have your correct email address or mobile phone number. Please call into the school office if you need assistance with this.

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

If you require a printed copy of this Newsletter they are available from the School Office.



After School Clubs Autumn Term



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 18th 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.

Teacher Leading	Club	Age Range	Number of children	Day All clubs 3.15 – 4.15pm	Email contact details Please email the Teacher below if you want to register your child
Miss Chapman	Fit Club	KS1	16	Monday	y1-2-bc@the-castle-primary.devon.sch.uk
Mrs Plumley & Ms Heap	Choir	KS2		Monday	Y5-6-KP@the-castle-primary.devon.sch.uk
Mrs Retter	Netball club	KS2	15	Tuesday	y5-6-ar@the-castle-primary.devon.sch.uk
Mrs Ballard	Lego Club	KS1	15	Tuesday	y1-2-ab-ec@the-castle-primary.devon.sch.uk
Mrs Paton & Miss Green	Home Learning Club	KS1 & 2	By Invite	Tuesday	Separate letter to be sent out shortly
Miss Willey	Origami Club	Year 3 / 4	15	Tuesday	y3-4-rw@the-castle-primary.devon.sch.uk
Mrs Gardner	Castle Keeper Club	KS2	30	Wednesday	Permission letters to be sent home shortly
Miss Hallet	Forest School Club/Eco Warriors	Year 3 / 4	10	Wednesday	Separate letter to be sent out shortly
		Year 3 / 4	10	Thursday	
Mr Hanrahan	Coding club	KS2	20	Thursday	y3-4-ch@the-castle-primary.devon.sch.uk
Mr Fullerton	Rugby Club	Year 5 / 6	20	Thursday	Y3-4-MF@the-castle-primary.devon.sch.uk

