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**CASTLE ACADEMY**  
Astrea Academy Trust  
INSPIRING BEYOND MEASURE

Weekly Newsletter- Autumn Edition 14

Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> 2019



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Good Provider



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have enjoyed our Christmas activities including Christmas lunch, 100% Golden Time and visiting each class to share the learning for the term. It has been a highly successful term – our recent Challenge Partnership report demonstrates how the school has continued to improve since the “good” judgement in May. I am especially proud of the comments below:

“Pupils are proud of their school and can talk eloquently about their local area, referring to local history and conservation. The head boy and the head girl take their roles very seriously and support their peers effectively. The pupils’ council has a strong voice. Members of the school council are not scared to challenge one another and share their views.”

“The school is a strongly inclusive community and equal opportunities are well promoted. British values such as tolerance, understanding and respect for all are at the heart of the school’s day-to-day work.”

**Attendance and punctuality.**

Our attendance target for this year is 97%.

The attendance figure for last week was 92.6 %. **This is an increase on the previous week.**

**Well done to Lynx who had the best attendance with 98.9%.**

**Your child must arrive in school no later than 8.40 am each day in order for them to not miss out on any learning time.**

**If your child is late more than 4 times then you will receive a letter from us.**

**Well done to Tigers who were all on time last week.**

Please make sure you continue to let us know when your child is unwell- this means that we do not have to chase you for a reason. We hold a termly brunch to celebrate children who managed to maintain 100% attendance.

I hope you have a relaxing Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Ann-Marie Mason  
Executive Principal



**All together for Christmas lunch.**



Castle Academy Reading Incentive



Is your picture on our board?



Don't forget our Reading Challenge over the Christmas holidays.



**Team Point Challenge**

This week:

	Cloakrooms		Total
Gryffindor	30	244	274
Ravenclaw	30	253	283
Minions	30	183	213
Slytherin	30	363	393

We had a quiz in assembly this week. The quiz was called “We are Conisbrough.”

Each team worked together to answer the questions - Slytherin Team won!

This means that Slytherin team earned the most TPs for this term.

Year Group	Name	Reason
Lynx	Latif Rosey	For an enthusiastic approach in Phonics. For showing resilience and attempting challenges independently.
Tigers	Judd Jacob	For being resilient and trying very hard to create a curriculum overview poster. For learning how to correctly spell his name
Leopards	George L Stanley	For being an excellent role model and having lovely manners. For always striving to achieve his best in all areas of the curriculum.
Jaguars	Ben Mikolaj	Having a really good half term and settling into school really well. For a really good week making positive choices throughout the week.
Cougars	James Kaci	For being an excellent role model and having exemplary manners. For always striving to achieve her best in all areas of the curriculum.
Pumas		Class reward



Happy Birthday Dillan

Look what we have learned in KS 2 Spanish.

Write in your Spanish books and practice.

good morning	buenos dias
good afternoon	buenos tardes
good night	buenos noches
today	hoy
tomorrow	mañana

**Los colores**

verde	gris	marrón	negro
amarillo	rojo	blanco	rosa
morado	naranja	azul	

**Los números**

1	uno	6
2	dos	
3	tres	
4	cuatro	
5	cinco	
6	seis	
7	siete	
8	ocho	
9	nueve	
10	diez	
11	once	
12	doce	
13	trece	
14	catorce	
15	quince	
16	dieciséis	
17	diecisiete	
18	dieciocho	
19	diecinueve	
20	veinte	

Hola Hello

¿Cómo te llamas? What is your name?

Me llamo ... My name is ...

¿Cómo estás? How are you?

Muy bien Very well

Adiós y hasta luego Bye! see you later

### Eco Council News

#### Bread Bag donation point

For every bread bag we collect the school will receive 1p. Please could you send all bread bags, toothbrushes and biscuit wrappers into school and help reduce the plastic waste that is sent to landfill.

Dates for your diary- dates in red are new

Come and join in with reading morning every Tuesday. You are also welcome to join in with a coffee and a chat in our Spanish room until 9. 20 am. (The room will then be needed for teaching)

#### December

20<sup>th</sup> 2pm Come and visit our Art Gallery and listen to Christmas carols.

School closes for Xmas.

#### January

6<sup>th</sup> School reopens.

### Golden Time

Each week we breakdown the percentage for each class of how many children earned 100% of their Golden Time.

Lynx	Tigers	Leopards	Jaguars	Cougars	Pumas	School Total
89%	60%	83%	72%	72%	93%	79%

Thank you to you all for supporting this important behaviour initiative.

We have raised £146.68 so far!

If you buy any products online then please use the link below to find retailers and select Castle Academy.

If you share the link and an account for spending is created we will also be eligible for an extra £5 donation. Please support the school by sharing this as widely as possible. Thank you.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/castlacadmp>



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