



Weekly Newsletter– Summer 2 Week 3  
Monday 20th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we are really looking forward to getting active with the Astrea Olympics taking place on Wednesday and Thursday and also looking forward to Sports Day on Friday 24th June. In addition to enjoying the traditional competitive sports, we are inviting parents and staff to attempt to cycle 25 miles altogether throughout the afternoon (the distance from Castle Academy to The Yorkshire Heart Centre in Leeds) to raise funds to purchase a defibrillator machine for use of the school and local community.



Hopefully the need to use it will never arise, however with a defibrillator: the chance of survival increases to 75% if a controlled electrical shock is administered within the first 5 minutes after SCA; the survival rate increases to 90% if the shock is administered within the first minute of collapse, opposed to only a 5% chance of survival if no shock from a defibrillator is administered.



LRW telecoms, our local telecommunications company, have kindly offered to match fund this event. There will be exercise bikes set up on the KS1 playground and we would like parents to sign up to take part in 5-minute slots to help us reach our target. Please contact the office to sign up. We will have a donation bucket to spur on our riders and a light refreshments stall throughout the afternoon. The Sports Council will also be holding a sponsored event for pupils in the coming weeks, more details to follow later in the week.

Sticking with the sporting theme this week, we want to say a huge well done to Miss Goodyear, our PE Lead, who has worked hard to develop a range of sporting opportunities across the school which have enabled us to achieve the **School Games Mark Gold Award** for Castle Academy.



Miss Blagden

## Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance: **91.1%**

This is below National expectation of at least 96%

Remember doors open at **8.30am**. Make the most of learning and ensure that all children are in their classrooms ready to learn by 8.40am. Doors close at **8.40am** and any children arriving after this time will need to enter via the school office and will receive a late mark in the register.

### Class attendance:

Spain (FS2)	95%
Mexico (Y1)	90.1%
<b>Australia (Y2)</b>	<b>99.1%</b>
Madagascar (Y3)	93.8%
<b>Japan (Y4)</b>	<b>97%</b>
Chile (Y5)	88.2%
Syowa (Y6)	92.9%

### TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

We have had an increasing number of families taking holidays during term time recently. Under the Government regulations, schools may not grant leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please try to avoid taking holidays during term time as these will be **unauthorised**.





Well done to the following children who were awarded certificates in assembly this week.



Year Group	Name	Reason
FS2	George Olivia	Showing scholarship and showing improving enthusiasm in keeping his classroom environment tidy. For showing tenacity and using the classroom environment and resources around her to help her to write independent sentences.
Y1	Anya Poppie	For showing scholarship and working hard to improve her handwriting. For showing tenacity in writing lessons and producing some fantastic pieces of writing independently.
Y2	Hasan Noah	For demonstrating scholarship by having an excellent attitude in writing lessons and writing accurately showing a good understanding of spelling and punctuation. For demonstrating aspiration in Maths by contributing enthusiastically to lessons and showing a very good mental recall of number facts.
Y3	Caspian Chloe	For showing aspiration by being ready to learn at every opportunity this week. For showing scholarship by using technical vocabulary and answering in full sentences.
Y4	George Eliza	For showing aspiration with his times tables by asking Miss Westwood to take extra work home so that he can practice. For showing scholarship by giving up her own free time to complete learning tasks and taking great pride in her achievements.
Y5	Amelie Ellenor	For displaying a high level of tenacity when completing her Maths assessments and class work. For displaying an impressive level of aspiration when working in our daily Maths meetings.
Y6	Patience Alfie H	For displaying outstanding tenacity, concentrating on your work and not giving up when something is challenging. For displaying outstanding scholarship– working hard to learn his part for the Y6 performance and following advice and seeking help when needed.

## Celebration Assembly

Every Friday we have Celebration Assembly where we award two children in each class who have demonstrated one of our school values:

**Scholarship**

**Curiosity**

**Tenacity**

**Aspiration**

**Empathy**

During assembly we also like to celebrate the children's achievements outside of school too. Last week **Thomas (Y3) and Noah (Y2)** proudly brought their football trophies to share with the whole school! Well done boys!

If your child has a special and recent achievement to share, please do let us know.

## Team Points

The Summer Team Point Challenge is on! Well done to everyone who has earned team points so far this half term.

Gryffindor	1196
Ravenclaw	1044
Minions	1124
Slytherin	808



## 100% Attendance Bingo!

Each week we put all the names of children who have attended school all week into a random number generator and draw 3 numbers in Friday's Assembly. Well done to Edie, Archie and Freddie who were our winners this week.

## School Council

Congratulations to the new members of the School Council who gathered, alongside the Head Boy, Daniel, and Head Girl, Madison, for their first meeting last week.

**Y6– Andrew & Alfie H; Y5– Lottie & Ollie; Y4– Rosielee & Rio C; Y3- Chloe & Troy ; Y2 Evie R & Hasan; Y1 Archie & Hollie**

During the meeting, the children discussed their plans for the half term ahead and how this will link to organising events and activities but also how they will work on whole school improvement priorities and continue the hard work of the preceding School Council members.

### The Castle Charter



At Castle Academy we are ready, respectful and safe.

1	Always be ready to learn.	
2	Be resilient- never give up!	
3	Respect our learning environment.	
4	Show kindness to others and build each other up.	
5	Be safe.	
6	Strive to be the best we can be.	

School Council discussed how we can ensure that the new Castle Charter is embedded across the school. Members decided that they need to make sure that the Charter is displayed and referred to around the school environment, including on outdoor notice boards and cloakrooms etc. They will be putting copies of the Charter up around school this week.

Members discussed the concept of 'Team Castle' and agreed that there are three stakeholders: pupils, staff and parents. We talked about how the Charter applies to all stakeholders and discussed ideas on how we can involve parents more in school life.

Several members raised concerns about how some members of the school community do not show respect for our learning environment or equipment and can spoil things for others. They stated that they were worried to put out new equipment, such as the new Reading Trolley for playtimes, as they were worried others may use it inappropriately or damage it. We discussed how we would be clear with everyone about expectations and outline consequences. We discussed that when children have damaged school property deliberately or through inappropriate use, school have charged for damaged items.

**CASTLE PRIDE!**

### Tuesday 28th June

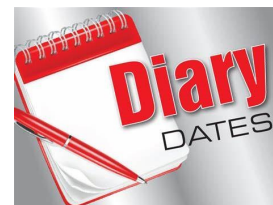
The new School Council have been tasked with organising their first event within school, Castle Pride Day, which will celebrate the work we have done across school throughout Pride Month. Members have suggested that children are invited to wear colourful clothing to school on the day but did not want anyone to go out and buy anything new for the occasion.

They have also come up with the idea to hold a Pride themed 'Arts & Craft Competition'.

***All entries need to be handed to School Councillors by Monday 27th June.***



**Diary Dates-** dates in red are new



**June**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day (1.30pm)

Tuesday 28th June - Castle Pride (wearing rainbow colours); Dogs Trust Workshops-

Wednesday 29th June- Y5/6 Kingswood Residential

**July**

Tuesday 5th July- INSET Day-Maths Ark

Wednesday 6th July- New FS Parents Meeting

Thursday 7th July Y4 Magna Trip

Friday 8th July Y2 Magna Trip

Wednesday 13th July- New FS children visit for lunch.

Friday 15th July Y3 & Y6 Murton Park Trip

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Y6 Play

*Tuesday 26th July Chile Class- North Lincolnshire Museum Trip*

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July End of Year Celebration/**Last Day** of Summer Term

**Reading Morning Dates:**



Friday 10th June; Monday 13th June; **Friday 24th June**; Monday 27th June; Friday 8th July; Monday 11th July; Friday 22nd July.

*In the Hall between 8.30am and 8.55am*

**School Uniform**

It is getting around to the time of year where we all start thinking about preparations for next year, including thinking about school uniform. As we are all aware the cost of living is on the rise and we would like to work together to support our families by setting up a 'Pre-loved Uniform Shop' where we would be able to make pre-loved uniform available for a minimal donation. This initiative will not only keep costs down but also support sustainability, slow the pace of fast fashion and divert funds back into school which will be used to drive school improvement initiatives.



In order to make this initiative work, we would be looking for a small number of parent volunteers who would be willing to get involved in the project and work with Mr Smith and the Eco-Council to set up and run the 'Pre-Loved Uniform Shop' later in the Summer term. Please contact the school office via the [admin@astreacastle.org](mailto:admin@astreacastle.org) email to express your interest.

We will provide more information about this project very soon and will let you know when we are ready to accept general donations of school uniform.

***In the meantime...***

If your child has grown out of their black school shoes and they are in good condition and you don't have anyone to pass them onto, school would be happy to accept donations at any time.



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