



CASTLE ACADEMY

Astrea Academy Trust

INSPIRING BEYOND MEASURE

Wednesday 6th September 2017

Dear Families

We've had a lovely start to the term now the children are back and it has been great to meet some of you already. I am very impressed about the level of care and commitment shown by staff and families for the children of Castle Academy. There is an enormous amount of energy in the community and I am sure we can expect great things for the children over the coming year! We've already had offers of help with school projects from families and will be in touch with plans to make the very most of all opportunities to work together for the benefit of the children.

We also welcome Mr Smith (who will be teaching Y4) and Miss Womack (who will be working in our office) to the school. Please say hello when you get chance.

We know there are already areas we need to work on as a school (i.e. communication) and we will be making a few changes to ensure school runs as efficiently as possible. One of the first of these is to offer an additional 'catch-up' meeting for families at 6pm on Tuesday 26th September in the school hall. We will have our first Celebration Assembly on Thursday 21st September at 2:30pm and our first Reading Morning on Tuesday 26th September from 8:40am, so please join us if you can. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher or me at any time.

We're also investigating ways to use school funds as efficiently as possible to add value to the children's education. We're working with our local partner schools to explore opportunities to enjoy shared curriculum trips to cut down on costs to save money for families and school. Money saved can be used to directly improve children's education. Year 1 and 2 plan to visit The Yorkshire Wildlife Park in early October – details to follow soon.

I will also be visiting Hillside Academy to meet families there this Friday morning as part of Astrea's school to school approach whilst they are led by Joe Woffinden (currently their Interim Principal). Working alongside partner schools is something I have a great deal of experience of and cannot understate the benefits this has for children in every school involved.

As I said to those who were able to make the meeting on Monday evening, providing the best possible education for children requires the positive energy of all those involved in a child's life. It is obvious to me that everyone in the whole school community wants the very best for the Children of Castle Academy. I have no doubt that, by working positively together, we will be able to achieve great things!

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Calum Campbell".

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