



Friday 7th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another week draws to a close the Christmas spirit has truly arrived at Castle. As I type the members of the School Council, wearing their Christmas jumpers are gathering the donations you have sent in (thank you.) Year 2 have been practising the songs for their nativity performance and the whole school has been working upon our advent calendar. This week we have also had a successful Ofsted Compliance Review with Astrea Trust. The children demonstrated how hard working and well behaved they are which was brilliant to be able to share.

Pantomime

This week we watched a performance of Sleeping Beauty which was funded by our Parent Teacher Association. This was a super way to kick off our Christmas season. A big THANK YOU to everyone involved in raising the funds to pay for this. There is an annual general meeting next week of the PTA at which roles and responsibilities will be decided. Please pop along to school on the 12th December at 5pm if you can support this group.

School Council non uniform day and craft afternoon

Thank you for your support with this event. We raised £109 from your £1 donations and £66.32 for the refreshments which will be added to the £60 I have raised from making and selling Christmas puddings. We will use this money to provide extra Christmas treats for the children.

Attendance

This week's attendance figure is much lower than our target of 97% at 93.6%. Hopefully the coughs, colds and sickness which has impacted upon the school will pass quickly.

I am sorry to have to tell you that there were no classes of children who were on time every day last week so we do need to improve on this next week. Please remember that if your child misses the beginning of the first session then they are missing out on important learning.

Well done Pumas and Lynx - you have been awarded a certificate for the highest attendance.

Remember- any class managing 100% attendance all week will be able to have a non -uniform day on the Friday of that week. We are also holding a 100% attendance tea party at the end of each full term.

Reading Challenge.

Each Thursday children will add a star to the Golden Book, be recognised in our special assembly and have their name added to the prize draw. At the end of each term we will pull out 2 names so the more you read the more chance you have of winning!



I hope you have a good weekend.

Ann-Marie Mason

Principal

Sheffield Hallam Fundraising appeal.

We are taking part in the above challenge. The fundraising competition provides schools with the opportunity to fundraise over the Christmas half term with prizes for the top 6 schools in our area.

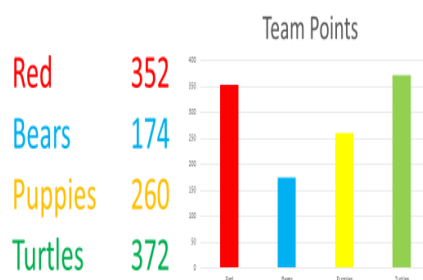
Our target is £2500 and we have until 24th December in which to raise as close to this as possible.

Please bring this in by Monday 10th December.

<https://www.cashforkidsgive.co.uk//campaign/school-challenge/fundraisers/castle-academy/>

Come on Castle!!

This week's winners.



Our team names are under discussion! Some of the teams have reported that they are not happy with the names they have chosen. It has been a good lesson in thinking carefully before you give an opinion. More information soon.

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

Year Group	Name	Reason
We will resume our Celebration assembly next week.		

Golden Time

Below is a breakdown of how many children earned the full 50 minutes for the last week of last term. Thank you for maintaining your support of the strategy.

Week	Lynx	Tigers	Leopards	Jaguars	Cougars	Pumas	School Total
26 th November	100%	76%	79%	70%	90%	67%	75%

Well done to Cougars- a much better week!

Dates for your diary- dates in red are new

11th 9.15 am Nativity Performance- all welcome and a repeat performance at 2pm- all welcome.

12th Year 1 safety talk. Playground leaders training for children.

12th December 5pm PTA AGM- new members welcome.

18th December – Church Christmas Assembly for children.

19th Christmas dinner followed by 100% Christmas Golden Time.

21st 2pm Christmas Fair- all invited- come and join in the fun

School closes on Friday 21st December at 3.15 pm

School reopens on Monday 7th January 2019

18 days to go until Christmas day.



In assemblies this week we lit the first candle on our Advent wreath. We are also displaying our whole school countdown to Christmas on the front windows of the school. Please have a look when you are next walking past.

Station Road, Conisbrough, Doncaster, DN12 3DB.

Phone: (01709) 513010

E-mail: admin@astreacastle.org

www.astreacastle.org

Principal: Mrs Ann-Marie Mason

Assistant Principal: Miss C. Blagden



CASTLE ACADEMY
Astrea Academy Trust
INSPIRING BEYOND MEASURE