



Friday 14th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in school we have taken part in a review with the Challenge Partnership. Our team consisted of a team of 1 Headteacher, a Deputy Headteacher and a lead reviewer who works as an Ofsted Inspector. They spent 2 days with us in school talking to staff and children, looking at work and observing lessons. I am pleased to tell you that they recognised all of the hard work that has been going in school and were very complimentary of the staff and your children. I would like to say a special thank you to the School Council who were interviewed by one of the team and described their school as a safe place where they enjoyed learning. We will receive the full report within 2 weeks but the work to act upon recommendations starts now so watch this space. In the next few weeks we will really be working hard upon encouraging children to be proud of their achievements and to read more.

Sponsored Santa Walk

Once again thank you for your support with this event. We raised a super £999.04 which has been added to our fundraising page. Thank you to the kind souls out there who have also donated directly on the page.

Attendance

This week's attendance figure is a fantastic...97.9%

Well done Leopards - you have been awarded a certificate for the highest attendance and have come to school in non-uniform.

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.

You forgot to read!! We only 31 stars this week.

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.

Any remaining sponsor money please bring into the office or alternatively sponsor online using the link below

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

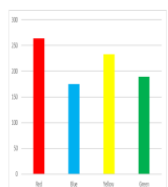
Come on Castle!!

Sarah and Sidnee have produced a family shield. 5 team points each!



This week's winners.

Red	264
Bears	175
Puppies	233
Turtles	189



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

Year Group	Name	Reason
Lynx	Alex Darcie	For developing confidence in selecting his own learning tasks. For confidently counting on to find one or two more independently
Tigers	Hadley George	For developing his phonics knowledge and writing independently For making an excellent effort in maths
Leopards	Marnie Len-James	For making an excellent start to Year 2 For an excellent effort in improving his writing
Jaguars	Ellenor Ralph	Making an extra effort in her Maths Challenging himself in maths and working independently
Cougars	Olivia Adam	Outstanding arithmetic Supporting his peers confidently during peer coaching
Pumas	Ethan Joe	For constantly striving to achieve his best. For having an excellent eye for detail and producing a stunning piece of artwork

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	78.7%	73.3%	80%	78.6%	53.3%	96.7%	76.9%

Well done Pumas – a much better week!

Dates for your diary- dates in red are new

Christmas week- lots of different activities taking place.

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

**9 days to go until
Christmas day.**



In assemblies this week we lit the second 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.

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