



Dear Parents and Carers,

Everyone at Castle Academy wishes you a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



Attendance

Last week's attendance figure dropped to 93%. This was due to the impact of the coughs and sickness which are still in school. Hopefully after a good rest the children will come back to school feeling better and attendance will improve.

Well done Lynx, - you have been awarded a certificate for the highest attendance and can come to school in non- uniform once again.

We will be holding a 100% attendance tea party at the beginning of next term.

Reading Challenge.

Well done to all children who read 4 times each week- you will have made really good progress. We have pulled out 2 names from our box and they are ..

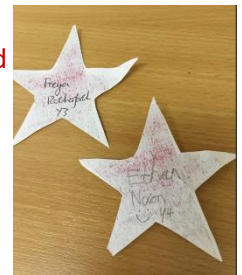
Special prizes on the way to you both.

I hope you have a super Christmas.

See you all in the New Year.

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.

So far we have raised £1000 of this total so let's keep going. Please join us at the Christmas Fair on Friday. All profits from this will be added to the total above.

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!!



We had a special visitor today in school. Each child received a book from Santa.

Thank you to staff and parents for your generosity.

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
12 th December	76.5%	73.3%	80%	80%	53.3%	96.7%	76.9%

Dates for your diary- dates in red are new

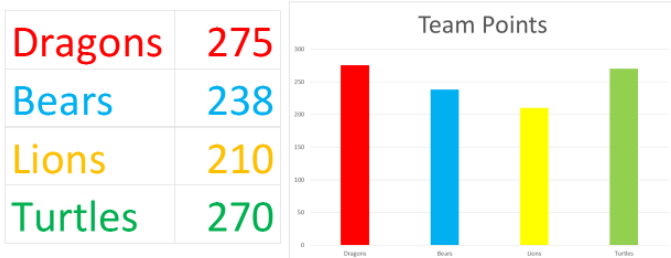
Christmas week- lots of different activities taking place.

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

This week's winners.

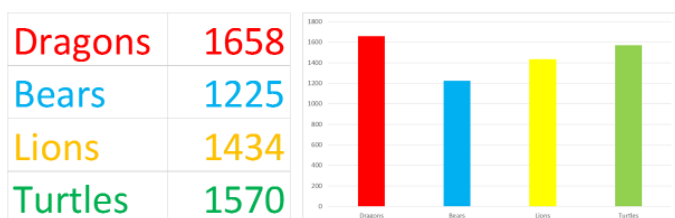


**6 days to go until
Christmas day.**

Our team names are finally sorted out!

Dragons win this term.

Running total.



In assemblies this week we lit the third 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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