



Dear Parents and Carers,
It has been a busy week in school. Doncaster Rovers worked with children- hearing readers and then teaching football skills. The Young Voices singing event at Sheffield Arena was a fabulous opportunity for our children to shine and Mrs Underwood was thrilled with the children's behaviour and commitment. We also held our 100% attendance tea party- brunch for 40- what fun!

Sheffield Hallam Fundraising

We raised a fantastic £1850.77 last term.

The photo below was taken during assembly when Michelle Osbourne from Cash4 Kids presented the school with our cheque. Thank you so much for your generosity. This money will help to fund an improvement in our reading books.

Attendance

Last week's attendance figure climbed to 96.5%.

Our target for the year is 97%.

Well done to Lynx class who were on time every day and to Pumas and Leopards who had 100% attendance last week.

Cougar's class have also had their non -uniform day today for the best attendance of last term.

Reading Challenge.

Each Thursday children who read at least 4 times can 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



Thank you to our Young Voices group- you were fantastic! You are each awarded 20 Team Points for your commitment to the singing challenge. Thanks also to the staff who have supported the event.



Revised Homework Policy at Castle Academy.

We have been reviewing our homework policy and below is a summary of what children are expected to do at home each week. Homework really helps your child to practise skills learnt during lesson time so we ask for your support in encouraging your child to complete and return their homework. Work set will be within your child's capabilities so they should not be asking for lots of help with this. We would appreciate you listening to your child read so that they can ask you the meaning of any tricky words.

There will be a weekly lunchtime homework club on a Monday with Miss Blagden for children who need support with their work. We will also be monitoring the homework of our upper KS 2 children (Years 4- 6) to make sure that this is completed.

All classes should be reading at least 4 times each week.

FS 2- Phonics sound sheets when they are introduced to the children and tricky words to read and spell.

Year 1 and 2- Weekly spelling and a Mathematics activity.

Years 3- 6 "TT Rock Stars" practice, weekly spellings and a Mathematics activity (arithmetic focus) and a grammar or reading comprehension activity.

Homework will be sent on a Thursday to be returned by the following Wednesday.

We also have our termly homework challenges linked to the current theme. If you have any questions about homework then please speak to your child's teacher.

Year Group	Name	Reason
Lynx	Oscar Lily	For confident approach in spelling during Phonics. For using sound mats independently to help her with spelling.
Tigers	Brody Stanley	For a great start in Tiger Class and trying very hard with his learning. For wonderful effort in reading
Leopards	CJ Mikolaj	For making a fantastic and enthusiastic start to Year 2. For demonstrating an enthusiastic approach to maths and showing a good understanding of division.
Jaguars	Ethan Jamie	For participating in class and contributing to the whole class learning. For become a more independent learner.
Cougars	Alicia Harvey	For trying extremely hard with her Maths and using resources effectively to help her solve problems. For a great start to Castle Academy, particularly when taking part in a guided Maths group and developing confidence throughout to answer questions independently.
Pumas	Pacey Holly	For showing enthusiasm and resilience within all of her learning. For developing the way in which he articulates his mathematical thinking.

Weekly certificates.

Golden Time

Below is a breakdown of how many children earned 100% Golden Time last week.
Thank you for maintaining your support of the strategy.

Week	Lynx	Tigers	Leopards	Jaguars	Cougars	Pumas	School Total
07.01.19	93.3%	95%	68.8%	86.7%	89.7%	88.9%	85.6%

Dates for your diary- dates in red are new

January

21st Doncaster Rovers in school each Monday until half term.

24th School Nurse- height and weight screen

25th Y5 and Y6 to Cycling Championships.

February

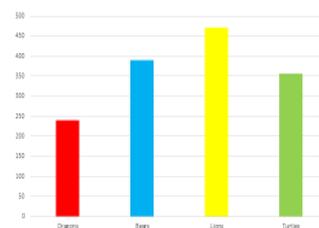
4th Y2 Multi sports event

15th School Closed to children - staff training.

Half term holidays. School reopens on Monday 25th February

Dragons	239
Bears	390
Lions	471
Turtles	357

Well done Lions- a great start to the term!



Thank you to our new School Council members.

The minutes of the first meeting will feature in the newsletter next week.

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