

Weekly Newsletter- Autumn Edition 9

Friday 9th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thursday November 15th Children In Need- organised by the School Council.

Next Thursday the School Council would like you to come to school wearing colourful clothing.

Please bring a donation for the charity which the School Council will collect these during the morning.

We will also be having a coin race in the school hall. Please bring any 1p, 2p or 5p coins you have spare so we can see which class can make the longest line. Thank you.



Sheffield Hallam Fundraising appeal.

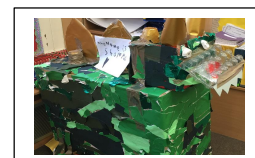
We are taking part in the above challenge. The fundraising competition provides schools with the opportunity to fundraise over the Christmas half term and all money raised will go back to the school with prizes for the top 6 schools. Our target is £2500 and we have until 24th December in which to raise as close to this as possible.

We will be hosting a sponsored Santa Walk on Friday 7th December following our Curriculum Landing assembly.

More to follow soon.

If you click on the link below it will take you to our profile page where you will find more information.

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



Astrea Promise

We are now working on the Astrea Promise across the school. Years 1 and 2 made a fabulous dinosaur as part of a collaborative sculpture project. Thank you to Year 1 and 2 parents who donated the boxes!

100% Golden Time Reward

I have spoken to the children in assembly this week about this term's 100% Golden Time Reward. This will be Christmas themed. Ideas from the children so far: making decorations, decorating cookies, creating Santas and outdoor art. I hope that we can beat last term's total of 98 children who managed to earn all of their Golden Time for the term.

Attendance

Whole school attendance was 94.5% in the week before half term.

Well done Pumas- 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!

This week we have 36 stars in our book which means that 24% of children recorded that they had read 4 times this week.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Ann-Marie Mason

French of the week.

In our French lesson this week we have been counting up to 100.

Autumn Term 1 winners

Red	1545
Blue	1301
Yellow	1208
Green	1476

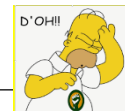
Bears

Turtles

This week's winners.

Red	236
Bears	249
Yellow	186
Turtles	161

We discussed how getting things wrong and making mistakes makes us better learners.



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

Year Group	Name	Reason
Lynx	Judd	For showing initiative and an enthusiastic approach to learning.
	Ava	For always trying her best and being helpful to others.
Tigers	George	For trying his hardest in every area of his learning.
	Taylor	For being polite and always using his manners.
Leopards	Erin	For an excellent improvement in the presentation of her work and listening to advice given.
	Amelie	For always challenging herself to do the very best she can.
Jaguars	Riley	For being a resilient and determined learner.
	Louie	For demonstrating great learning attitudes.
Cougars	Lewis	For being a critical friend.
	Morgan	For trying hard with her instructions.
Pumas	Holly	For being a resilient and determined learner.
	Ewan	For displaying an enthusiastic attitude to his learning.

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
19 th October	68.1%	75%	85.7%	40%	79.3%	88.8%	74.17%

Dates for your diary- dates in red are new

12th November Anti bullying week.

Wednesday 14th November 5pm PTA meeting - new members welcome.

15th November Children In Need day- change of date

16th November- Jaguars visit

Tuesday 4th December 5pm PTA meeting- new members welcome.

20th November- Cougars visit

28th November- Year 1 Multi skills event

30th November- Pumas visit

December 6th - School Council non uniform day and craft afternoon. Parents invited at 1.30 pm

Please bring a donation of £1 which will be used for Christmas treats for the children.

7th December- Curriculum landing assembly at 10 am **and Santa Sponsored Walk**. Parents invited.

School closes on Friday 21st December

Outdoor Learning.

We are making great progress with developing our outdoor area. Mrs Cope has been hard at work creating a wood store, compost heap and our very own fire pit. Yesterday Y2 enjoyed making shelters which protected them from the rain. Today Mr Timmins and I have started planting the first 6 of our 420 trees.

Castleforce will help plant some more trees on Thursday evening and I will be asking all classes to come outside on the next few days to plant a tree for each child.



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