



# Castle Primary and Nursery School

*'Developing learning for life'*

## **JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER**

Happy New Year and welcome to the start of the Spring Term 2018! The children have all settled well and are working hard to make progress in their learning. Each morning years 1 to 6 now start the day with times tables with different members of staff – please help your children with their times tables.

### **STAFF NEWS**

Mr John Minton has been appointed as our new Caretaker taking over from Mr Ecclestone. He will be on site each morning making sure our school is ready for the day ahead. Miss Jackson will take over locking the school each evening.

We are still looking for another Lunchtime Supervisor who would be able to work over lunchtime each day alongside Mrs Breeze and Mrs Smith, who do a marvellous job. If you know anyone who would be interested please contact the school office.

### **HOMEWORK & READING**

Homework will begin again this week for all children. Please can we ask that families support and help their children with homework. This is an important addition to their work in school. Family involvement is very much appreciated by all the staff at Castle Primary. Homework usually involves spellings, reading plus some Maths and English which will be an extension of the work undertaken in class. Please try to hear your child read regularly and to write and sign in their journal.

### **PE TIMETABLE**

PE for each class will take place on the following days:

Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2  
Years 3 to 6

Monday and Thursday  
Tuesday and Wednesday

Please ensure that the children have their PE kits in school each week (black shorts/skorts/skirts and plain white t-shirt plus trainers)

**PE kit is also required for Golden Time if undertaking sporting activities**

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## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

The clubs below will run from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018  
(9 weeks) after school until 4.30 p.m.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

DAY	CLUB	STAFF IN CHARGE	COST
Monday	Chess Years 3 to 6	Mr Blackburn	£18.00
Tuesday	Dodgeball Years 3 - 6	Sports Coaching North West	£18.00
Wednesday	Techno Club Years 3 - 6 (First 15 only)	Mr Evans	FREE
Thursday	Gymnastics Years R to 4	Sports Coaching North West	£18.00
Friday	Multi-Sport Activities Years 1 to 6	Sports Coaching North West	£18.00

Please make cheques for Multi-Sport Activities, Dodgeball and Gymnastics to Sports Coaching North West.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# **SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN**

Please read this important information regarding the safeguarding of our children.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Our current attendance figure is 96.75% which meets this year's target. Thank you to everyone for working hard to improve our attendance.

You will receive a copy of your child's attendance for the Autumn Term 2017. If your child is Late this counts against their attendance also.

If your child has unauthorised absences, either with or without holidays in term time, you risk receiving a fine from the Local Authority. Attendance below 90% may be reported to the Education Welfare Officer for Staffordshire.

Please remember to telephone the office each day if your child is unable to attend school by 9 a.m. – this is a legal requirement.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Attendance %</b>
1	93.87
2	96.23
3	96.28
4	97.83
5	97.25
6	97.53
R	97.72
Overall Total	96.75

## **INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR CHILD**

Remember to keep school informed of any changes to your child's information, in particular:

- Address or telephone changes
- Contact information
- Medical information
- Allergies
- Preference for school's use of photographs and media reports

## **PHOTOGRAPHS AT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS**

As a school we are duty bound to safeguard all of our children at all times. This is extremely difficult to uphold, especially when parents take photographs of children who are not members of their family, as happened at the Christmas play and in church. We have therefore decided that **no** photographs will be taken by families at any school function in future. We hope you will support our decision to safeguard all our children.

## **MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL**

A reminder to all families that when you are on the school premises mobile phones must not be used. If possible turn them off on entry into school. In an emergency situation please speak to a member of staff who will find somewhere private for you to make a call or use the telephone in the school office. **Under no circumstances should a mobile phone be used to photograph our children.**

## **COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL**

Please remember that it is very important for parents to inform the school office if someone different is collecting their child at home time, such as going to parties, going to play at a friend's house etc.