

Castle Primary School

Weekly Bulletin - 25/09/26



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along to support us at our coffee morning! It was great to be together as a community and support such a worthy cause.

A special thank you to the families who sent in a cake donation. We made a grand total of **£258!** Thank you!



Harvest Donations

A big thank you to everyone who kindly sent in a harvest donation yesterday.

Our kindness ambassadors have delivered all of the food donations to the foodbank today.

Thank you for helping us to support our community.

Academy Photography

Monday 28th September

Academy photography will be in school on Monday, please remember to send your child to school dressed in their full school uniform.

If you have a younger child who is not yet attending school and you would like a sibling photograph to be taken, please come to the hall doors from 8:30am.



Clonter Opera Y5/6

On Wednesday 30th September, Year 5 and Year 6 will be going to Clonter Opera. Please ensure that you complete the Microsoft 365 permission form and make payment via Arbor.

PTA HALLOWEEN DISCO

Nursery - Year 6

Halloween disco invitations have now been sent home with children. Please return all completed reply slips and money to the school office by Wednesday 7th October in a named envelope.

There will be one disco for all the children, with snacks, drinks and professional entertainment included in the price. Children can bring outfit/costume into school to get changed into at end of day before the disco starts.



CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Helping Your Child Succeed Through Good Attendance

★ OUR TARGET

96%+

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

GOOD ATTENDANCE HELPS CHILDREN: - Learn and achieve their best - Build friendships and confidence - Develop positive routines - Prepare for future success	HOW YOU CAN HELP ✓ Ensure your child attends school every day and on time. ✓ Contact the school on the first day of absence by phone, giving a reason. ✓ Provide medical evidence if requested for repeated illness. ✓ Arrange medical appointments outside school hours where possible. ✓ Keep contact details up to date. ✓ Avoid taking holidays during term time. ♥ If your child is reluctant to attend school, please contact us as soon as possible so we can help.	REPORTING AN ABSENCE 🕒 By 9:00am, please inform school each day your child is absent. 🏥 Provide medical evidence if requested for repeated illness. ❗ If no reason is given, the absence will be marked as unauthorised. ☎ School will contact you if no explanation is received.	BE ON TIME! 🏫 School gates close at 8:50am ✍ Registers close at 9:00am ⚠ Being late disrupts learning and can affect your child's progress. 🕒 Arriving after registers close at 9am will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. 🔄 Ongoing lateness will be addressed in the same way as poor attendance.			
AUTHORISED ABSENCE Absences approved by school may include: 🏥 Illness (evidence may be requested) 🏥 Medical appointments ★ Exceptional circumstances agreed in advance	UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE Not approved by the school, including: ✖ Term-time holidays without permission 🏠 Keeping children off unnecessarily ❓ No explanation for absence 🕒 Arriving after registers close (counts as absence)	ATTENDANCE BENCHMARKS <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;"> 😊 96%+ GOOD ATTENDANCE </td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;"> 😞 Below 90% PERSISTENT ABSENCE (CAUSE FOR CONCERN) </td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;"> 😡 50% or below SEVERE ABSENCE (SERIOUS CONCERN) </td> </tr> </table> 📞 We will contact and support families where attendance falls below expectations.		😊 96%+ GOOD ATTENDANCE	😞 Below 90% PERSISTENT ABSENCE (CAUSE FOR CONCERN)	😡 50% or below SEVERE ABSENCE (SERIOUS CONCERN)
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WE ARE HERE TO HELP Support may include: ♥ Meetings with school staff ♥ Individual 'Raising Attendance Plans' ♥ Support from external services (e.g. wellbeing, family support) 💬 Please speak to us early if there are any issues affecting attendance.	HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME • There is no automatic right to take holidays in term time. • Leave is only granted in exceptional circumstances. • Requests must be made in advance. A "Request for Leave during Term Time" is available from the office. ⚠ Unauthorised holidays may lead to fines or legal action.	THE LAW Parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school regularly. The Local Authority can take action if attendance is poor, including: • Penalty notices (fines) • Court action in serious cases	WORKING TOGETHER We want every child to succeed. Good attendance is achieved when: ✓ Parents, pupils, and school work together ✓ Concerns are shared early ✓ Support is put in place quickly			

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!

📞 If you have any concerns about attendance, please contact the school at the earliest opportunity. 🤝 We are here to support you and your child. 🏆 Every Child Ready to Learn



**SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE
SCHOOLS & GPs**

NHS

CAMHS

CRISIS & INTENSIVE SUPPORT TEAM

Support • Advice • Guidance



**AVAILABLE
7 DAYS A WEEK**



9:00am – 10:00pm



CALL NHS 111 → OPTION 2

Before directing any child or young person under 18 to A&E



STOP & CALL FIRST

If you are concerned about the mental health of a child or young person under 18, please contact our CAMHS Crisis & Intensive Support Team to speak to a CAMHS Practitioner **before** directing them to hospital.



OUR AIM

To reduce avoidable attendances at local A&E departments and ensure children and young people receive the **right support**, in the **right place**, at the **right time**.



HOW WE CAN HELP

Mental health advice and guidance



Risk assessment support



Clinical support and intervention



Assistance in determining whether an A&E attendance is appropriate



AFTER 10PM

Calls will be answered by a call handler who will ensure CAMHS receives the information for appropriate follow-up the next morning.



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