



Castle Primary and Nursery School

'Developing learning for life'

MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Families

This half term has been very busy for all year groups – in particular Year 6 who have now completed their SATs tests. All the children are looking forward to their half term break week beginning Monday 27th May.

Some children recently attended a STEM engineering event. They presented cars and lighthouses that they had made. The children came first and runners up at the event. Congratulations to everyone.

EXCITING NEWS

Mr Alexandridis and his wife welcomed a baby boy on Wednesday morning. Our congratulations to them and their family.

RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Our residential trip this year for Years 4, 5 and 6 is to Conover Hall near Shrewsbury from Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd May 2024. Everyone attending the residential should be in school on Monday at normal time. We hope to return by home time on Wednesday. Please remember to hand any medications (including inhalers) to Mr Playford on Monday morning.

Miss Moore will be teaching Year 3 Monday to Wednesday next week.

STAFFING NEWS

It is with great sadness that Mr Playford will be leaving Castle Primary in July. He has taken a decision to teach abroad in Thailand. We wish him all the best for the future.

It is hoped that once Mr Playford has settled into his new role Castle will forge links with his new class in Thailand.

We are in the process of deciding on our staffing structure for September 2024. We will send information about classes as soon as we are able.

THURSDAY 23RD & FRIDAY 24TH MAY

On Thursday and Friday next week the children will be learning about Thailand through different activities. All children in Years 1 to 6 should come to school in their PE kits. They should also bring an apron with them as one of the activities is learning about foods in Thailand.

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Chair of Governors at Castle Primary School, I am writing to encourage your continued engagement with the school's Local Governing Body (LGB). We understand that balancing daily life with the needs of your children can be demanding, but your involvement is crucial in shaping the future of our school and ensuring its success.

Why should you get involved?

- Your voice matters - The LGB plays a vital role in setting the strategic direction of the school including its values and ethos, and in monitoring progress. Your valuable perspectives and insights as parents are essential in informing these decisions.
- Stronger partnership, better outcomes - Open communication and collaboration between parents and the LGB lead to a more positive and supportive learning environment for our children.
- Stay informed and make a difference - Engaging with the LGB allows you to stay informed about school policies, initiatives, and challenges, giving you the opportunity to contribute positively towards its development.

How can you engage?

- Speak to us – Governors wear bright coloured lanyards around school, we're always keen to hear your thoughts in person.
- Email us - You can reach out to the LGB directly, or via school staff. Share your thoughts, suggestions, and questions with us for discussion in meetings.
- Volunteer your time and skills - Do you have specific expertise or experience you'd like to share? The LGB welcomes contributions from parents in various capacities.

We are committed to building a strong and collaborative partnership with all parents and carers. We believe that by working together, we can create an exceptional learning environment where every child at Castle Primary School thrives.

For further information on how to get involved, please contact the school office (office@castleprimary.co.uk) or visit the school website.

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Pear

Chair of Governors.

CASTLE LINKS

Please remember to book Castle Links before the day you will need to use it. Please do not just turn up without prior knowledge as you may have to be turned away if we are over-subscribed. Many thanks

PARENTPAY

Please ensure that your child's ParentPay accounts have funds in advance of services taken. Regular reminder emails/texts will be sent for any account in arrears.

Services may include:- Lunch, Snack, Nursery Fees, Music Lessons, Before and After School Castle Links, Contribution to transport for swimming

PARKING

Please remember not to park on the zig-zag lines outside school, on the bank towards The Ash or on the spare ground by the staff car park. This helps to ensure the safety of all our children and their families at drop-off and collection times.