



### Castle Life



Thank you to everyone who supported School Parliament's Harvest Festival sale of fruit and veg snack pots last Friday afternoon. A total of £59.12 was raised which has been donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

The children presented a brilliant assembly in the morning and it was lovely to have a chance to thank them for everything they have done for the school in their year of serving in Parliament. They took part in my interview process so I know what an important part they have played! We will soon be holding elections for our new Castle MPs and I will let you know who has been elected as soon as I can.

It was great to see so many children enjoying clubs this week – we will share more in the near future.

We had a 'pre-hand-over' about the new building last Friday. Next week, the temporary classrooms are being removed and the playground equipment installed. We should have the KS2 playground back in the second week of Term 2 at the latest. BANES have agreed to soon install some additional footpaths on the new part of the site to ensure drop-off and pick-up is easier (less congested). What has become clear is that we will have to make changes to access arrangements to keep the site secure. As part of this we will be formally consulting about making some changes to the school and nursery opening times. I will write with more details in the near future.

### House Captains

Last Friday our new House Captains were introduced and given their badges so we all know who they are. They were chosen for being great role models to all the children, Congratulations to Bradley, Zoe, Chantelle, Finley MG, Elliot, Lola, Nicole and Ronnie from Year 6. We are aiming to introduce House events over the year starting with sport and reading. Houses are a great way of ensuring older and younger pupils mix together.

Eight new House Captains will be chosen mid-year - I think it will be hard to select as they are really impressing as a year group with their positive attitude to school life.

### Chickens

It's been very egg-citing in Year 2 this week – we have chicks!

So far 4 out of 10 chicks have hatched! The children managed to see one of the chicks hatch which was incredible to witness. We have our fingers crossed for the other eggs hatching soon! Monmouth Class.



### World War II Learning



Last Friday, Arundel Class was very lucky to receive surprise visitors from World War 2. A military truck burst into the school and they all enjoyed exploring the vehicle whilst asking interesting questions. A special thank you to Mrs Bryant and Mr Jefferies for dressing up and allowing the children the opportunity to expand their learning by bringing a piece of history to Castle.

### Bug Hotels

We are eagerly awaiting the completion of the building work that has been taking place over the last year! One of the many projects planned for developing our outdoor space is the creation of bug hotels to encourage wildlife to our green areas and help with science learning. If you are able to donate any of the following materials for our bug hotels, these would be gratefully received! It may save you a trip to the tip...

**Bricks or wood pieces** (these need to be free of nails please); **pine cones**- earwigs and woodlice love these; **old terracotta pots**- a favourite with spiders; **logs/ twigs** of different shapes and sizes; **straw**-for insulation **old roof tiles**- these can provide shelter for frogs, toads and even hedgehogs! **tubes or corrugated card**; **bamboo canes**; **egg boxes**. Many thanks. Miss H Silman.

### Money, Money, Money

As in our previous newsletters, we are just putting out another reminder that we will be moving to a cashless system in the near future so do please set us up in your online bank account asap. Our bank account number is 80291392 and sort code is 60 12 11. Whenever you make a payment, please just put your child's name and what it is for (eg uniform) in the reference line.

### Bonfire Bonanza Menu

We have a change in our school meal menu for Thursday 8 November. Sorry to those of you who have already pre-ordered your child(ren)'s lunches for this day, because you will need to log back in to the Aspens.Select website and reorder lunches, as the menu choices have now changed. We will be having 'Crackling' Homemade Chicken Nuggets or Sky Rocket Quorn Hot Dogs with Catherine Wheel Curly Fries.

### Y3 Drop Off and Collection Arrangements

Hopefully the temporary arrangement of collecting and dropping off in car park can be improved. Until then, can we please request parents to supervise their children (for their and others safety) until they have been met by their teacher at 8.40 am. Thank you.

### Dogs

Like nearly all schools, we do not allow dogs onto the school site (for many reasons). If you need to tie your dog outside to come in to school, can we please ask that they are not tied on or near the entrance gates, where children need to directly pass them. If they can please be tied a little further up the fence, as some children (and adults) do get a little worried about passing a dog.

### Winter Readiness and Flu Vaccinations

With the Autumn now here and winter approaching, the Public Health Department have asked us to spread the word to help reduce the outbreak of those common winter diseases, such as cold and flu. Handwashing is a good defence and Year R had a special Handwashing Workshop this week from the School Nursing Team.

On 5 December, the School Nursing Immunisation Team will be in to vaccinate those children in Years R to 5. There will be an online opt out letter/link, which we are yet to receive. We will keep you updated. However, if your child has a medical vulnerability and you would like them to be vaccinated sooner, then there are community clinics being run across the Counties (our nearest is in Bath and is being run in the next few weeks). Please call 01225 838270 to book or speak to the Immunisation Team.

We have a link to our School Nursing Service on our Health Information Page on our website, where you can pick up more health related information. There is also a link to the new 'HandiApp', which is a handy tool for information on those common ailments.

### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We will be selling traditional poppies from week commencing 22 October and also during the first week back after the term break. We have also been given some Poppy Appeal novelty items to sale. Suggested donation prices start from 50p up to £1.

### Celebrating Achievements

Well done to Alfie R (Corfe) for achieving his Stage 1 Swimming Certificate and Daniel S-S (Kendal) his 10m Swimming Certificate. Future swimming gala team members we hope! Also Ellie F (Yarmouth) received her Gymnast of the Day Award.

### Pupils of the Week

These children have all impressed recently: Daniel E (Kendal), Kian S (Pembroke), Leo M (Corfe), Riley H (Lulworth), Sandra F (Monmouth), Sterling H (Blaise), Freddie W (Yarmouth), Theo V-P (Edinburgh), Jayden W (Windsor), Keisha A (Dover), Jessie C (Arundel).

### Teacher Changes

Date	Class	Replacement Teacher
Thursday 18 October (am)	Lulworth	Mrs Nicholls
Tuesday 23 October (pm)	Monmouth	Mrs Nicholls

## Dates

Day	Date	Time	Event	Year Groups
Friday	5 October	9.00 am	School Parliament Harvest Festival	All
		3.00 to 3.30 pm	Harvest Festival Sale – 50p per snack pot	All
Friday	19 October	9.00 am	Dover Class Assembly	Year 5
Tuesday	23 October	4.00 to 6.00 pm	High 5s Netball Tournament @ Wellsway School	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>25 October</b>		<b>Term 1 ENDS</b>	<b>All</b>
Friday	26 October		CLOSED for Staff Training	All
Monday	29 October	10 am to 12 pm	Flu Vaccination Clinic in Bath – call 01225 838270	
Monday	5 November		CLOSED for Staff Training	All
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6 November</b>		<b>Term 2 STARTS</b>	<b>All</b>
Thursday	8 November		Bonfire Bonanza Meal	All
Friday	9 November		Sibling and Individual and sibling Photos	All
Friday	23 November	4.15 to 5.15 pm	Winter Disco	R to 2
		5.30 to 7.00 pm	Winter Disco	3 to 6
Wednesday	5 December	9.00 to 12 pm	Flu Vaccinations	R to 5
<b>Friday</b>	<b>21 December</b>		<b>School Closure Day</b>	<b>All</b>

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

Coming home today.....

- Data Collection Sheet. Please update, sign and return to the Office