



NEWSLETTER

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Castle Life

Welcome back to a new school year! It has been fantastic to welcome our children back this week; we have been so impressed with the way they have settled back into our routines and modelled our school values and rules. Everyone is looking forward to the year ahead!

As well as our Reception children (YR) who have joined us this week, we offer a warm welcome to Heidi (Donaldson), Arlo (Hughes), Max (Wilson), Evie (Wilson), Sol (Blackman) and Eli (Foster).

This is the first newsletter I am writing as Headteacher – a role I am excited to embark on, especially in a school that is so warm and friendly. As before, myself, Mrs Marriott (Deputy) and Mrs Lewis-Zdybel (Assistant Headteacher) are on the gates most mornings. Please don't hesitate to talk to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Sessions

Dates

Attached are key dates for Terms 1 and 2 – Puddleducks' dates are also included this year. I have also attached some provisional dates for key events for the rest of the year. As always there will be many more added!

A reminder that our INSET days (a day when the school is closed for teacher training) for this year are on the following dates:

Fri 23rd October

Monday 2nd November

Thursday 22nd July

Friday 23rd July

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all of the children for completing the library's Summer Reading Challenge. We had over 80 certificates returned to school today! Fantastic!



PPA (Release Time)

All teachers receive non-teaching time during each week to help with their planning, preparation and assessment (PPA). For job-shares this time is covered by each other. For classes with full-time teachers this is how and when the classes will be covered by other teachers/HLTAs:

Rosen	Wed (am)	Ms Rowlands
Ahlberg	Wed (am)	Mrs Springate
Jones	Thurs (pm)	Mrs Springer
Gravett	Thurs (am)	Mr Hodges
Hughes	Wed (am)	Mrs Springer/Mrs Lake
Farook	Thurs (pm) & Fri (am)	Mr Hodges
Cowell	Tues (pm)	Miss Towler
Rauf	Wed(am)	Mrs Tucker/Mrs Gould
Blackman	Mon (pm)	Mrs Volpini
Foster	Thurs (pm)	Mrs Volpini

School Events happening next week

Next Wednesday is our first ever '**Meet the Teacher**' event for our pupils in Y1 – Y6. As a reminder, teachers will be running 3 identical sessions at the following times 3.15pm - 3.45pm; 3.50pm - 4.20pm and 4.25 - 4.55pm. These sessions will enable you to find out about your child's class, expectations for behaviour and learning as well as an opportunity to meet their teacher (s), view their classroom and ask any questions that you might have.

YR Coffee Morning – Thursday 17th September

If you have a child that has just started in Reception, please join us for a coffee morning (straight after drop off until 9.45am) in our KS1 hall. This will be a chance for parents to meet each other. The Senior Leadership Team and Pastoral Team will also be on hand to answer any questions.

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Reminders

SNACKS – a healthy snack (fruit or sandwich or breadsticks) for Y3-Y6 children to get through to lunchtime is helpful as they don't have lunch until after 12.30pm.

WATER – a reminder that only water to be brought into school please (including packed lunches).

MESSAGES – we cannot offer a messaging service during the school day for changes to pick-up or other messages to children.

EARRINGS – studs only please.

TOYS, TEDDIES, & PENCIL CASES – please don't allow children to bring these into school!

FIDGET TOOLS and CHEWELLERY – only for children via an agreement with Mrs Marriott as part of SEND arrangements.

DEVICES – please no mobile phones or smart watches in school.

LONG HAIR – please can this be tied back.

Planned Teacher Changes

Date	Class	Cover
Wed 16 th Sept	Dahl (am)	Mrs Lewis-Zdybel

Leadership Responsibilities

At the beginning of the week we spoke to our Y6 children about the importance of being good role models now that they are the oldest pupils in the school. This morning we announced some of our leadership responsibilities:

Our New Team Captains are:

	Caldicot	Chepstow	Farteigh	Berkeley
Team Captain	Ava C	Albie H	Noah R	Imran A
Team Captain	Billy P	Flo T	Freddie D	Lili M
Deputy	Amelie C	Georgina K	Isabelle C	Rose R

Our new Tech Leaders are:

Izzy, Rose, Imran, Katherine, Harrison and Eli

Our new Sports Leaders are:

Deni, Milo, Albie, Caelan, Nina, Georgina, Flo, Isla R, Niki, Enya.

Over the next few weeks, there will be opportunities for our younger children to take on leadership roles as we look to elect new School Council members, new members for our Equalities Team and members for our brand new Eco Team. Watch this space!

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Birthday Books & Thank You's

Happy Birthday and big thank you to

Mimi (Jones) for donating 'Odd Egg' and 'Magic Beach'

Alma (Farook) for donating 'I Hate Love Books' and 'There's A Werewolf In My Tent' for her 9th Birthday.

Achievements Outside School

Well done to

Jack (Rauf) for achieving a swimming certificate over the Summer.

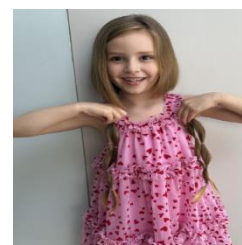


Nina (Foster) for achieving level 17 award at Baskervilles.

Leo (Ahlberg) took part in the Transplant Games and won two bronze medals for the obstacle course and the 50m sprint. He also got a medal for running a 2.5km race that he ran with his dad. This was Leo's 5th Games, well done Leo!



Mimi (Jones) had 12 inches of hair cut off over the summer which she donated to The Little Princess Trust charity. She also raised an impressive £481 for cost towards making the wig.



Year 1 Outside Area

Thank you to Fonthill Garden Centre

Year One have been busy revamping our outside area -

thank you Miss Greenough! A big thank you to Fonthill Garden Centre in Bitton who kindly



donated seven big bags of soil and multiple packets of seeds to fill our giant plant pots. Year One looks forward to planting and growing the seeds throughout the year. To add to our outdoor space, we would be grateful of any further donations of bulbs,

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young trees, plants, flowers or pebbles. Please contact the office for additional information.

BANES Family Support Day – 14th Oct

Attached to this email is information about a Family Support Day on 14th October being run by the BANES Parent Carer Forum. The Family Support and Inclusion Day is a free event for families across Bath and North East Somerset, bringing together local services, charities and community organisations all under one roof. Please see the flyer for more information.

Star Pupils & Frosty Friday

Our **STAR learners** are:

Iyana	(Donaldson)	Morgan	(Ahlberg)
Leo	(Gravett)	Mckenzie	(Jones)
Harry	(Dahl)	Arlo	(Hughes)
Sienna - Leigh	(Cowell)	Arabella	Farook)
Evie	(Wilson)	Zac	(Rauf)
Sammy	(Blackman)	Eli	(Foster)

For always displaying Castle Behaviour our **Frosty Friday** winners:

Amelia	(Donaldson)	Seb	(Ahlberg)
Tahlia	(Gravett)	Sophie	(Jones)
Ariana	(Dahl)	Olive	(Hughes)
Daisy	(Cowell)	Callum H	Farook)
Bella	(Wilson)	Ellie	(Rauf)
Betsy	(Blackman)	Amaya	(Foster)

Winning Teams

Congratulations to **Berkeley** for gaining the most points!

1st	Berkeley
2nd	Caldicot
3rd	Chepstow
4th	Farleigh

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