



### Castle Life

It has been another busy week and we have been so fortunate to have the sun shining down on us for a change! Fingers crossed we'll get plenty more of that as we move into the final term of the year after next week's holiday. The children have been outside enjoying the weather and preparations are well underway for our upcoming Sports Day on 26 June (KS1 10.30 am-12.00 pm and KS2 1.00 pm-3.00 pm).

Last Friday we had our school disco which was organised and run by our Friends of School. A huge thank you to all the parents that kindly volunteered on the night – the children had an amazing time and the Friends raised an incredible £500 for the school!



Year 6 had an exciting end to their week of assessments last week with a reward of hotdogs and a waterfight! The children had great fun squirting each other along with Miss Wright and Mrs Weeks.

Mr Cannings and Mrs Greenland enjoyed having a blast with the children too!



This week we also say goodbye to O'Shayah in Year 2 who is moving to her new school after half term. We wish her the best of luck in her new home and new school.

### Class Structure September 2019

As per our policy, a letter is attached sharing the class structure for September. We shared this with all the parents who were able to attend Parent Forum meetings.

### Class Names

Below is a link to a new survey monkey. We are planning on naming all the classes after famous children's authors in the new academic year and would love to hear your ideas to help us make this decision. The classes in the new building have already been named as Rosen, Carle and Donaldson. It would be great if we could have a good range so that the children are exposed to a variety of different authors. Please follow the link below and add your suggestions. So as to retain our sense of being 'Castle' - each house colour team will be named after a castle soon and we will notify you and your children of their allocated house!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PS959QK>.

## School Starters

Parents of school starters for September have been invited to come to an 'Information Evening' on Wednesday 19 June from 7.00 pm until 8.00 pm followed by the opportunity for after school taster sessions and moving up sessions. These dates have been shared with our new families and we look forward to welcoming them into our school community.

## Save our Schools

On Tuesday we emailed a letter that had been collectively signed by headteachers and CEOs of MATs, Trusts and the University in BANES regarding the concerning situation with schools funding. There are a number of ways in which parents can help, including joining a "Picnic Protest" and a march on Saturday 8 June or signing an online petition at <http://chnq.it/qG5dgrXn5D>. A copy of the letter is on our website under the 'Keeping in touch' tab and letters (also a paper copy in office). Your support is very much appreciated.

## Cats Protection League Assemblies



Over the last fortnight, we have been very lucky to have visits from Kirsten from the Cats Protection League to both KS1 and KS2 assemblies. In our assemblies, we learnt all about the role of the Cats Protection League charity and the work they do; plus how to look after cats, making sure we provide the correct food, access to water and medical care, including the importance of micro-chipping your pets! It was really interesting and we learnt a lot... Thank you Kirsten for our goodies!



## Sharing Stories



There have been lots of exciting activities involving reading and writing over the last couple of weeks. Last Friday children from Donaldson class performed their own versions of the story 'Handa's Surprise' to the children in the nursery.

Children in Yarmouth class have also been really busy writing their own versions of Jack and the Beanstalk and this afternoon they performed their stories for the reception children in Rosen and Carle class.

The younger children have loved working with the older children and really have something to aspire to now in terms of story writing!



## Educational Visits

As discussed at the Parent Forum this week, we are aiming to offer termly opportunities for children to take part in off-site visits from September (some with and some without a cost). We have already booked for next year's Year 3 and Year 4 children to go to the Bath Literature Festival on 30 September (£8.50) and for Year 2 children to see a pantomime version of 'Beauty and the Beast' in Bath on 13 December (£20). Parents will be able to make their contribution using our online payment system either in one sum or in instalments. We have also booked 2021's Year 6 children's residential and are close to finalising plans for a Year 4 residential for June 2020. More details will follow in September. As soon as trips for other year groups are organised we will inform you.

## NSPCC

Coming home with this newsletter is a copy of a letter about some work we will be doing with the NSPCC next term. The School Council is organising a sponsored 'Jive-a-thon' to raise money to support the NSPCC's work so, if you an expert at hand-jiving or just love to do it, please help your child(ren) learn some moves they can use. This will take place from Monday 17 to Friday 21 June during the afternoons and all sponsor money will need to be returned by Friday 28 June. We will let you know more about this after the week's holiday.

## Dog Blog

We've enjoyed visiting the children on the field this week, even though it has been a bit hot! On Tuesday, Caiden (Edinburgh) and Daniel (Arundel) made sure we kept out of mischief and expertly dealt with our leads. We also had a visit from Ada and O'Shaya (Blaise) at lunchtime.

We had the day off on Wednesday because Mrs Marriott had to stay at school for a very long time and she thought we might not cope very well spending that much time in school. That gave us the opportunity to eat her post when it arrived at her house on Wednesday morning. She was really pleased with us when she got home... we think....

We were glad to get back in to school on Thursday and enjoyed having a quick walk with Tianna and Sophie (Dover) first thing, then a visit from Oliver and Thomas (Edinburgh) to show us their super home learning. We had another visit later on in the morning from Ethan (Dover) who showed us the amazing writing he had produced in class, with the best handwriting Mrs Marriott and Mrs Bright had seen! We were all very impressed. At lunchtime we went for a walk on the field with Daniel (Windsor) and Emmy (Arundel) and Benji gave everyone a special display of his rolling in the grass skills. Mrs Marriott found it very hard to get us back inside because we were too busy enjoying the attention! We finished the day with a lovely visit from Abigail (Carle) who came and told us about her learning. Have a great half term and see you all after the holidays.



Bobbi and Benji

## Birthday Books

Mrs Blackman celebrated her birthday at the start of the week and kindly donated 'Head Kid' by David Baddiel. Mrs Greenland then celebrated her birthday and donated 'Five Minutes' Peace' by Jill Murphy for KS1 and 'The Person Controller' by David Baddiel for KS2. Elsie (Dover) has a birthday during the school holiday and very generously donated A Rainbow Magic Story 'Hannah the Happy Ever After Fairy', 'Louisa in the Wings' by Adele Geras, a Mad Science Collection Book; 'Clue me In!' and A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket. Thank you all three of you.

## Celebrating Achievements

Well done to Florence (Donaldson), Maisie (Edinburgh), Amelia and Lucy (Yarmouth) who all completed this term of Stage Kids, each earning a certificate. Well done to Kadie (Windsor) and Chloe (Monmouth) who were both Gymnast of the Day. Well done to Ella-Rose (Edinburgh) who achieved a Star Award in Bronze Medal National for the British Theatre Dance Association.

## Pupils of the Week

The pupils impressing us this week are – Ava-Rose (Rosen), Leo (Carle), Ruairi (Donaldson), Whole Class (Monmouth), Whole Class (Blaise), Freddie (Yarmouth), Harry C (Edinburgh), Alfie D (Windsor), Luca (Dover) and Lola (Arundel).

## House Winners

Our house cup winner this week is Yellow House. Josh and Jessie received the cup on behalf of the yellow team. Well done!

Our OTIS attendance awards went to the following classes for the best attendance during our last week of term and they take home: Carle won the KS1 award with 98.8% and Yarmouth took the trophy home for KS2 with 98.1%.

## Dates

Day	Date	Time	Event	Year Groups
<b>Friday</b>	<b>24 May</b>		<b>TERM 5 ENDS</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3 June</b>		<b>TERM 6 STARTS</b>	<b>All</b>
Tuesday	4 June		Educational Visit	Y5
Wednesday	5 June	12.45 Kendal then all pm	Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers Photo	All
Tuesday	11 June		Educational Visit to WsM	YR and Y1
Wednesday	19 June	2.45 pm	Monmouth and Blaise Assembly	Y2
Friday	21 June	3.15-5.30 pm	School Fayre	
Wednesday	26 June		Sports Day (Reserve dates 27 June-2 July)	All
Thursday	4 July	All Day	Year 6 Induction Days for Wellsway, Broadlands and Chew Valley	Year 6
Friday	5 July	1.15-3.15 pm	Swimming Gala	Y5 and Y6
Friday	10 July	6.00 pm	Year 6 End of Year Production	Y6
Wednesday-Friday	17-19 July		Class Moving Up Days	All
Wednesday	17 July	TBC	Parent Open Classroom Event	All
Monday-Tuesday	22-23 July		Pupils stay in new classrooms, but with their current teachers	All
Tuesday	23 July	9.00 am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	All
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>23 July</b>	<b>3.15 pm</b>	<b>End of Term 6 and End of 2018/2019 Academic Year</b>	<b>All</b>

Yours sincerely

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