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CASTLES EDUCATION

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MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our students and staff for the warm welcome I received when I joined Castles Education earlier this term. It has been most enjoyable and an absolute privilege getting to know everyone.

It has been another very busy term at Castles Education with many Christmas events and activities taking place. We kicked off the festive season with Christmas Jumper Day, making baubles for our Christmas trees in Reception and decorating classrooms.

Students have participated in a number of exciting activities including the recent pantomime trip; we will continue to offer lots of exciting new experiences next term.

Since our March Ofsted inspection, we have made many changes and have a lot to be proud of! Our latest Ofsted inspection was a real success with the inspectors stating that they could clearly identify the progress that we had made. We are extremely proud of our students who have continued to work hard and participate in lessons with enthusiasm. Finally a big thank you to our fantastic staff who continue to impress with the dedicated service and support they offer our young people, our ethos is driven by our staff who have worked tirelessly this term.

I hope you and your family have had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break, we look forward to welcoming students back into school on Monday, 8th January.

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Halloween Fancy Dress



TRICK
OR TREAT



Everyone joined in the fun!



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT



As part of Personal Development this term students have celebrated a variety of different events such as learning about Guy Fawkes, Celebrating UK Parliament week, Remembrance Sunday, learning about road safety and understanding the significance of Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights.



Hanukkah



In September we started a Student Council, these students met with representatives from The Royal British Legion close to Remembrance Sunday to pass on arts and crafts that we had completed as a school, and also to learn about the work that they do for our Service Personnel.



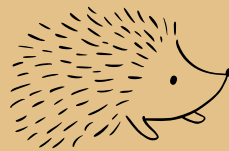
As a school we also celebrated Children in Need. Our focus this year was on hidden disabilities and as class groups some staff discussed their own hidden disabilities. The student council organised a sale of sweets and cakes at break time and raised over £40 and students also completed a bike ride challenge.



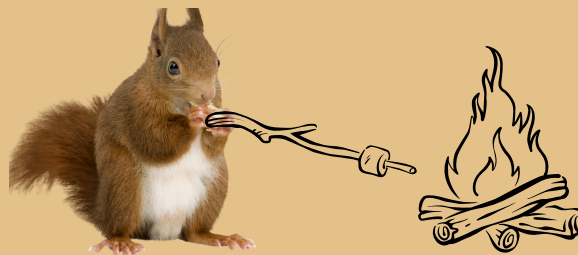


What's so great about Forest School?

Forest school is an inspiring process, a specialised approach to outdoor learning that aims to develop confidence and self esteem through hands-on learning in woodland environments.



Children can undertake a range of practical activities and carry out small achievable tasks. At Forest School children can develop their team working skills and also learn to become more independent.



DESIGN A FESTIVE BAUBLE



We enjoyed making festive baubles with the children.

This fun Christmas craft made an engaging classroom activity. The children were asked to use their creativity to decorate their own special bauble to hang on the Christmas trees in Reception.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SAFEGUARDING

In line with our safeguarding/child protection policy, if you have any concerns about a pupil's safety or welfare, please notify one of the following staff members immediately.

Charlotte Murray

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Sarah Mould

Attendance Lead/Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Claire Cobb

Deputy Headteacher/SLT Safeguarding Representative

Emily Marron

SENCo/Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

A copy of our Safeguarding Policy can be found on our website

www.castleseducation.co.uk

2023/24 School Term Dates

	TERM	STARTS	ENDS	
<i>Autumn Term</i>	Term One	Wed 6 September '23	Fri 20 October '23	
	Half Term	Sat 21 October '23	Mon 30 October '23	
	Term Two	Tue 31 October '23	Wed 20 December '23	
	Christmas Holiday	Thu 21 December '23	Tue 2 January '24	
<i>Spring Term</i>	Term Three	Mon 8 January '24	Fri 9 Feb '24	INSET DAYS Wed, Thur, Fri 3, 4, 5 Jan '24
	Half Term	Sat 10 February '24	Sun 18 February '24	
	Term Four	Mon 19 February '24	Thu 28 March '24	
	Easter Holiday	Fri 29 March '24	Mon 15 April '24	
<i>Summer Term</i>	Term Five	Tue 16 April '24	Fri 24 May '24	INSET DAY Tue 16 April '24
	Half Term	Sat 25 May '24	Sun 2 June '24	
	Term Six	Mon 3 June '24	Fri 19 July '24	
	Summer Holiday	Sat 20 July '24	Tue 3 September '24	

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED- Fri 19 January, '24 - Staff Training Day

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