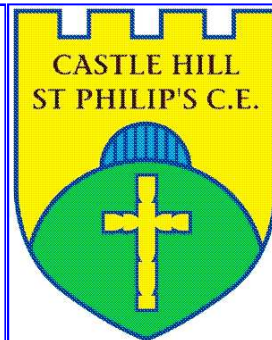


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HARVEST

Thank you for supporting our Harvest charities. This year we raised £110.46 to support Wigan and Leigh Hospice, NSPCC and Mary's Meals.

SCHOOL MEALS

Please note that the cost of a school meal will increase from £2.10 to £2.20 from 31st October. That's £11.00 for a complete week. Please pay for school meals each Monday in advance.

BE CONSIDERATE

We have been approached by our neighbours around school asking if parents could be encouraged to switch car engines off whilst waiting in cars to drop off or collect children from school. The noise and fumes are causing unnecessary discomfort and excess fumes are also unhealthy for pedestrians.

PLAYGROUND REDEVELOPMENT

Our long awaited playground redevelopment will begin during the October half term holiday. The grassed area on the front play area will be having a make-over to include a climbing frame, balancing zone, soft play surface, a stage area and new fencing. The work is expected to last approximately three weeks and therefore will continue when children return to school in November.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

I am please to report that Tanya Brindle, a parent of a child in Year 1, will soon become a parent governor. Tanya has 20 years experience working in the childcare sector and I'm sure she will make an excellent governor.

PLEASE NOTE—we still have one parent governor vacancy to fill. Please see Mrs Hilton or Mrs McHugh if you are interested or wish to find out more about the role.

HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

Our school holds Healthy School Status—a national award which recognises the efforts we go to to provide healthy foods, exercise and teach children how to develop a healthy lifestyle. Please support us by sending your child into school with a healthy packed lunch if they are bringing their own lunch. We advise putting no more than 5 items in your child's lunchbox. For example: a sandwich or savoury alternative, a piece of fruit, a drink, a dairy product e.g. cheese or yoghurt and a small treat like a biscuit or mini chocolate bar. Please note—sweets and fizzy drinks or energy drinks are not suitable.

COLLECTING KS2 CHILDREN

At the end of the school day the area around the door where KS2 children leave school is becoming crowded. We aim to develop independence in children, particularly those in upper KS2 to prepare them for high school. Please help us to develop your child's independence and ease congestion by waiting for older children further away from the door.

KS2 FORENSIC SCIENCE DAY

Children in KS2 will be taking part in an exciting Forensic Science Day on Monday 10th October. We will be joined by a team of visitors who will provide an excellent stimulus for creative writing.

WIGAN YOUTH ZONE

All children in KS2 will be visiting Wigan Youth Zone by coach on Friday 21st October. They must have full PE kit in school as they will be taking part in a range of physical activities. More details to follow.

FUN TIMES

Please remember there will be no Fun Times holiday club for the October half term.

DIARY DATES

Friday 7th October		Y1 visit to Borsdane Woods
Monday 10th October		KS2 Forensic Science Day
Tuesday 18th October		Individual pupil photographs
Wednesday 19th October	2.45 pm	Y6 Class Assembly
Friday 21st October		KS2 visit to Wigan Youth Zone
	3.20 pm	Break up for half term
Monday 31st October	8.55 am	School re-opens
Tuesday 1st November	6.30 pm	Special service in church to celebrate 375 years as a church
Thursday 3rd/Friday 4th November		Y5 residential visit to London
Monday 7th November	3.30—6.00 pm	Parents Evening
Tuesday 8th November	5.00-7.30 pm 4	Parents Evening
Wednesday 9th November	10.00 am 1.30 pm	Open Day
Friday 11th November		Remembrance Service in church
Wednesday 16th November	2.45 pm	Y5 Class Assembly
Friday 18th November		Non-uniform day—fine toiletries

ATTENDANCE

Class	Attendance %	Lates
	September	September
Reception	96.2	6
Year 1	96.8	12
Year 2	96.1	9
Year 3	97	17
Year 4	95	6
Year 5	96.7	8
Year 6	98.7	23
TOTAL	96.7	81

OPEN DAY

Our annual Open Day will take place on Wednesday 9th November 2016. If you know any parents/carers with young children due to start school in the next few years please pass on our invitation to visit school. Tours will be given at 10.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. and parents, carers, children, grandparents and friends are welcome to come and see us in action.

Congratulations to **Year 6** for having the best attendance so far.