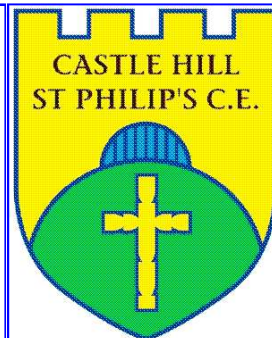


# CASTLE HILL ST. PHILIP'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## January 2017 Newsletter



Welcome back and Happy New Year. It was a very busy end to the Autumn Term—thank you to all parents/carers who supported, helped out at or organised the PTFA Christmas events.

### PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

The next stage of our playground redevelopment was completed over the holiday. The new fencing will create a ball zone to restrict ball games to one zone on the playground. This will also mean there will be restricted access around to the rest of the playground. We wish to encourage KS2 children to approach and leave the KS2 door independently and hope parents/carers support us with this so as to develop their children's independence and to ease congestion.

The new play area with climbing and balancing zones has now been approved by Wigan Council's Health and Safety Officer and children will begin to use it under supervision of school staff. Please do not allow your children or toddlers to use this equipment before and after school.

### CHRISTIAN VALUE

This half term we will be focusing on the Christian value of 'Responsibility'. Children throughout school will learn about their responsibilities to each other, their school, family, community, country and the world. Please talk to your child about this at home.

### RADIO FEATURE

Our school will feature on Chris Milow's Breakfast Show on WISH FM at 8.05 am each day of the week from Monday 16th January. Our Year 6 children will introduce the 'Little Lyrics' feature each morning—please listen out.

### PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Please be considerate to other road users and our neighbours when parking around school. The safety of our children and members of our community is of paramount importance. Therefore, do not block the school driveway, park on the yellow zig-zag lines, park on corners or block driveways.

### SCHOOL CAR PARK

As you are aware the school car park is very small. Due to the numbers of parents/carers using the car park to drop children off at Breakfast Club in the mornings, it has become increasingly difficult for staff to park. Therefore, we ask that parents/carers park on the roads around school and walk children up the pedestrian footpath.

### UNWANTED GIFTS

We are collecting unwanted gifts eg toiletry sets, toys, etc for our next Bingo Night in February. Please hand any unwanted new gifts or toys to Laura Adamson or the office.

### NEW GOVERNOR

We are pleased to announce that Helen Murphy, a parent of a child in Year 1, is now a Parent Governor. We look forward to working with Helen in the months and years ahead.

### ONLINE SAFETY

Your child will bring home a copy of 'Digital Parenting—Issue 5' in the next few days. This is a free parents' guide to gaming and coping with online peer pressure. We hope you find it useful and informative.

## DIARY DATES

Wednesday 25th January	2.45 pm	Y2 Class Assembly
Friday 3rd February	8.55 am	Non-uniform day Fine—unwanted gifts or a new toy
Wednesday 8th February	2.45 pm	Y3 Class Assembly
Thursday 16th February	Doors open 6.30 pm Eyes down 7.00 pm	Family Bingo Night
Friday 17th February	3.20 pm	Break up for half term
Monday 27th February	8.55 am	School re-opens
Monday 13th March		Parents' Evening
Tuesday 14th March		Parents' Evening

### ATTENDANCE

Class	Attendance %	Attendance %	Lates
	December	September— December	December
Reception	94.1	95.5	7
Year 1	92.1	95.3	12
Year 2	92.9	94.5	7
Year 3	94.9	96.4	8
Year 4	93.8	95.2	8
Year 5	93.9	95.8	7
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>97.4</b>	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>59</b>



Congratulations to **Year 6** for having the best attendance for the month of December and for topping the leader board for the school year so far.

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Thank you for supporting school to maintain an overall good level of attendance. Please also support your child by making sure they arrive on time, every day, ready for learning.

### WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

In the event of severe winter weather, for example heavy snowfall. It is occasionally necessary to close the school. If this action is necessary, messages will be communicated to parents via text and parents can check our school website and Facebook page. Please ensure we have your up to date mobile numbers.

