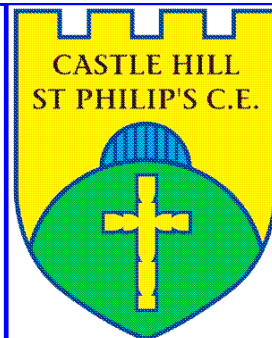


# CASTLE HILL ST. PHILIP'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## January 2018 Newsletter



Welcome back and Happy New Year! The end of the Autumn term was an extremely busy time in school—thank you to all parents/carers who supported our PTFA Christmas events—the PTFA raised an amazing £2111.71 during the Autumn term. We are now saving up to purchase some outdoor gym equipment for the children to use during breaks and lunchtimes.

### LINK LODGE

Mrs Cloake has a large selection of high quality used uniform for sale in the Link Lodge. If you need any uniform please speak to her on the playground before or after school.

### RECEPTION CLASS—SEPTEMBER 2018

If you have or know a child born in the year September 2013 to August 2014, needing a school place from September 2018, you need to fill in the Wigan Council Admissions to Primary Schools 2018 –2019 form or apply online at [www.wigan.gov.uk](http://www.wigan.gov.uk) and following the links for Education—Primary School Admissions. Please make sure you apply by the closing date of **15th January 2018**.

### SCHOOL CAR PARK

When dropping off or picking up your child at Fun Times Before and After School Club please do not use the staff car park between 7.45 and 9.15 am and between 3.00 and 5.15 pm.

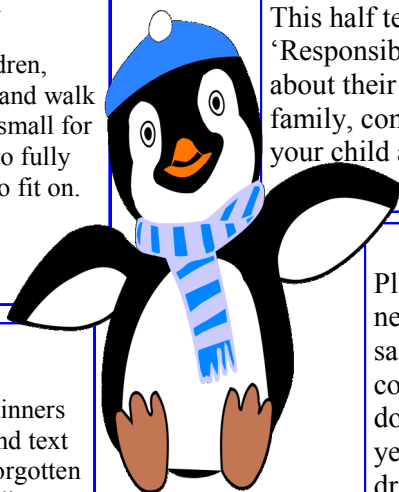
When dropping off and picking up children, please park on the roads around school and walk your child up the path. The car park is small for the number of staff cars and staff need to fully utilise all spaces, in a particular order, to fit on. Also, the drive is narrow and can only accommodate one-way traffic.

### 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.

### DINNER MONEY

Please pay dinner money in advance on Monday mornings to cover the cost of dinners for the week. From January, we will send text messages to remind parents who have forgotten to send in dinner money rather than sending letters.



### 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.

### 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 Mrs Cloake or the office.

### 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.

### DIARY DATES

|                        |           |                             |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Monday 8th January     | 3.20—3.50 | Y6 SATs Meeting for Parents |
| Wednesday 17th January | 2.45 pm   | Y2 Class Assembly           |
| Wednesday 31st January | 2.45 pm   | Y4 Class Assembly           |
| Friday 16th February   | 3.20 pm   | Break up for half term      |
| Monday 26th February   | 8.55 am   | School re-opens             |
| Monday 5th March       | 3.30 pm   | Parents Evening             |
| Tuesday 6th March      | 5.00 pm   | Parents Evening             |
| Wednesday 7th March    | 2.45 pm   | YR Class Assembly           |

Well done **Year 4** for topping the leader board for December 2017. Well done **Year 3** for topping the leader board for the whole year so far.

### ATTENDANCE

| CLASS     | DECEMBER % | SEPT—<br>DEC% | LATES<br>DEC |
|-----------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| Reception | 91.9       | 94.6          | 5            |
| Year 1    | 91.9       | 91.7          | 5            |
| Year 2    | 96.5       | 95.4          | 7            |
| Year 3    | 95.2       | 96.5          | 8            |
| Year 4    | 97.1       | 96.2          | 9            |
| Year 5    | 96.2       | 94.9          | 10           |
| Year 6    | 93.1       | 94.3          | 3            |
| TOTAL     | 94.7       | 94.8          | 47           |