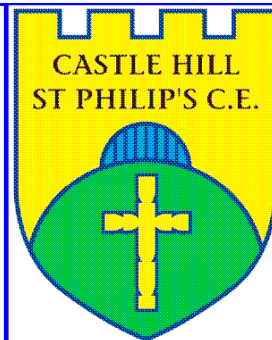


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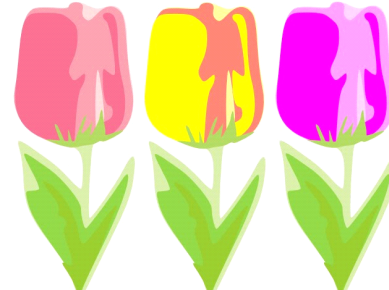
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CHRISTIAN VALUE

Our Christian value this half term is 'forgiveness'. We will be exploring why it is important to forgive others and why asking for forgiveness ourselves helps us to move on.

E-SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Please come along to our workshop on Tuesday 13th March at 6.00 pm to learn about how to keep your child safe online. The workshop, run by the NSPCC will be fun, friendly and informative. No child-minder? No problem! School staff have generously offered to provide a free crèche.

PTFA NEWS

Thank you to all parents, carers, children and members of staff who supported our February Bingo Night. Well done to our PTFA who raised £420 towards the outdoor gym equipment—we now have a grand total of £7,920.

EASTER PTFA EVENTS

Discos—Thursday 22nd March—KS1 6.00—7.00 pm
- KS2 7.00—8.00 pm
Entry—£1.50, tuck shop open.

Easter Egg Bingo—Wednesday 28th March
Doors open 6.00 pm, eyes down 6.30 pm

EASTER COMPETITIONS

This year we invited the following entries:

KS1 Easter bonnets/hats
KS2 Decorated eggs

Children can be as creative as they like and remember our judges look for original, topical and independent creations. Please only send entries into school on Thursday 29th March 9.00 am—all children who enter will be rewarded.

LENTEN APPEAL—GRAND EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Some children have already sold and returned their raffle tickets to school—well done! Please return all remaining tickets and money to school by Wednesday 28th March to be in with a chance of winning one of our amazing Easter Egg Hampers. Children need to be in it, to win it!

WORLD BOOK DAY

Children and staff are invited to dress as a character from a book on Thursday 1st March to celebrate World Book Day and will enjoy a range of reading related activities throughout the day.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parents/carers—please book an appointment for either Monday 5th or Tuesday 6th March via Arbor. Please speak to Mrs McHugh in the school office if you require assistance.

The Book Fair will be in school from Monday 5th March and will be open throughout Parents' Evenings as parents/carers often like to treat children to a new book following a successful parents evening. Mrs Cloake will also be selling used uniform.

LUNCHBOXES

Lunchboxes brought from home should contain a healthy lunch. Please limit lunchboxes to 5 items from this list—a drink, a savoury item like a sandwich or pasta, a piece of fruit, a dairy item like a yogurt or cheese and only 1 small sweet treat. Please do not send too much as children only have a limited time to eat and they do like to have time to play out too.

ASSESSMENT WEEKS

KS2 SATs week will take place from Monday 14th May. Children in KS1 will complete SATs any time during May. Children in Y1 will complete the national phonics screening during the week beginning Monday 11th June. Please make sure children are in school and arrive on time—holidays in term time, especially during assessment periods, put children at a disadvantage compared to their peers.

DIARY DATES

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| Thursday 1st March | 8.55 am | World Book Day—children to come to school dressed as a book character. |
| Monday 5th March | | Parents' Evening—children welcome |
| Tuesday 6th March | | Parents' Evening-children welcome |
| Wednesday 7th March | 2.45 pm | YR Class Assembly |
| Tuesday 13th March | 6.00 pm | E-Safety Workshop for parents/carers |
| Monday 19th March | 3.20 pm | Y1 Phonics Meeting for parents/carers |
| Wednesday 21st March | 2.45 pm | Y3 Class Assembly |
| Wednesday 21st March | | Y5 Let's Sing Concert at Robin Park |
| Thursday 22nd March | KS1 6.00—7.00 pm KS2 7.00—8.00 pm | PTFA DISCOS £1.50 entrance fee plus tuck shop available. |
| Friday 23rd March | 8.55 am | Non-uniform day Fine = Easter Egg |
| Tuesday 27th March | | Family Dining Day—all staff eat special Easter lunch with children |
| Tuesday 27th March | Doors open 6.00 pm Eyes down 6.30 pm | PTFA Easter Bingo Night |
| Thursday 29th March | 9.00 am 3.20 pm | Easter Competitions and Grand Easter Egg Raffle Break up for Easter holiday |
| Tuesday 17th April | 8.55 am | School re-opens |
| Monday 23rd April | | St George's Day Red and White Non-Uniform Day. Fine = £1.00 |
| Wednesday 2nd May | 2.45 pm | Y1 Class Assembly |
| Thursday 3rd May | | School closed to children for Polling Day. Inset day for staff. |
| Monday 7th May | | School Closed for Bank Holiday |
| Monday 14th May | | Y6 SATs Week |
| Wednesday 16th May | 2.45 pm | Y5 Class Assembly |
| Tuesday 22nd May | 10.30 am 1.30 pm | KS2 Sports Day—weather permitting KS1 Sports Day—weather permitting |

ATTENDANCE

| Class | Attendance % | Attendance % | Lates |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------|
| | February | September—February | February |
| Reception | 95 | 95.1 | 6 |
| Year 1 | 86.9 | 91.2 | 8 |
| Year 2 | 94.2 | 95.7 | 6 |
| Year 3 | 92.4 | 96.2 | 5 |
| Year 4 | 95 | 96 | 12 |
| Year 5 | 92.7 | 94.1 | 8 |
| Year 6 | 94.6 | 94.3 | 8 |
| TOTAL | 93.0 | 94.7 | 53 |

Congratulations to **Reception and Year 4** for having the best attendance for the month of February and **Year 3** for topping the leader board for the school year so far.