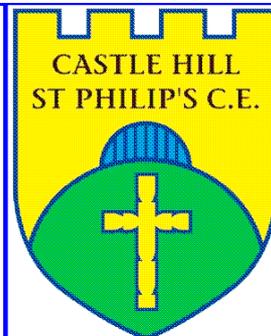


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January 2019 Newsletter



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 £2047.09 during the autumn term. Thank you to our PTFA who have funded two ipad storage and charging stations so far!

FUTURE OUTDOOR DEVELOPMENTS

During the autumn term school was successful with a funding bid and during February half term outdoor gym equipment is being installed for the children to use during breaks, lunchtimes and PE lessons.

MATHLETICS AND SPELLDROME

All children from Y2 to Y6 have access to Mathletics and Spellodrome, two excellent online learning programs. School pays £10 per pupil, per year for these subscriptions because we know from previous years that children using these sites regularly make greater progress than children who don't. Teachers set tasks for children to complete and children should aim to earn 1000 points per week using the sites in school and at home. Please encourage your child to take part using their unique log in which is at the front of your child's planner.

UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE

Last term we distributed to all parents details of the Local Authority changes regarding the issuing of penalty notices to parents or carers if a child misses a number of sessions without permission from the school.

Please note – these revised Education Penalty Notice processes are now in operation and should your child meet the specific criteria for unauthorised absences you may be issued with a fine.

You are advised to check our school holiday list (available on our school website) before booking a holiday as taking your child on holiday in term time may now trigger a fine.



GARDENING VOLUNTEERS

We have a small garden area at the back of school where the children like to eat their packed lunches or spend time during the summer. This area has been looked after in recent years by various volunteers who have given a small amount of their time to help clear the planting beds and plant up the raised beds. Our Site Manager, Dave, is keen to enlist the help of some volunteers to help improve our garden. If there are any keen gardeners out there who would be willing to lend a hand please get in touch.

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.

RECEPTION CLASS—SEPTEMBER 2019

If you have or know a child born in the year September 2014 to August 2015, needing a school place from September 2019, you need to fill in the Wigan Council Admissions to Primary Schools 2019 –2020 form or apply online at www.wigan.gov.uk and follow the links for Education—Primary School Admissions. Please make sure you apply by the closing date of **15th January 2019**.

UNIFORM

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.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 16th January	2.45 pm	YR Class Assembly
Thursday 24th January		Y3 Viking Day
Wednesday 30th January	2.45pm	Y2 Class Assembly
Tuesday 5th February		Internet Safety Day
Thursday 7th February	Doors Open 6.00 pm Eyes down 6.30 pm	PTFA Family Bingo Night
Friday 15th February	3.20 pm	Break up for half term
Monday 25th February	8.55 am	School re-opens

Well done **Year 1** for topping the leader board for December 2018. Well done **Reception** for topping the leader board for the whole year so far.

Too many children arrived late for school last month. Please ensure your child arrives on time ready to start learning.

ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE **Safety Tip 5**

Check Privacy settings of online accounts. Make sure they are set at the highest level i.e.. Facebook, Instagram etc.



ATTENDANCE

CLASS	DECEMBER %	SEPT—DEC %	LATES DEC
Reception	95	96.9	7
Year 1	96.7	95.4	21
Year 2	93.5	94.1	22
Year 3	94.1	94.8	19
Year 4	94.4	95.8	14
Year 5	95.3	96	35
Year 6	94.9	94.2	20
TOTAL	94.9	95.3	138



Claire Judd Governor Profile

I became a governor in February 2015 mainly because I wanted to have an active role in my children's education. Through the meetings I've attended I try to give balanced, realistic opinions on what I believe to be in the best interests for pupils and their families and I feel that being a parent myself gives me valuable experiences I can draw upon.

I own and run a Sports Injury & Back Pain clinic in Hindley which I feel provides me with good planning and budgeting skills. I also have good links with local businesses which is crucial for any school to thrive as part of the local community. I have excellent sporting links having previously worked in professional football within the physiotherapy department at Stoke City FC and Burnley FC. I have also worked very closely with Manchester FA writing and delivering training programs for their level 1 and 2 coaches. I was recently heavily involved with the she belongs campaign to try to increase female participation in sport by eradicating sexism. I am very passionate about sport and believe that it should be accessible to all without barriers. I believe that sport is an important tool for development in school and hope to be able to use my experiences within this field in the future. I believe it is important for the governing body to be accessible to all and that parents feel able to communicate with the school governors. I like to think I am an approachable person, so please feel free to come over and have a chat with me when you see me in the playground!