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Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see more children with wellies this week accessing the field at break and lunchtimes - thank you! They are still really enjoying playing with the autumn leaves but sadly, we lost our climbing tree in the storm last weekend. Boiler update

Thank you to everyone for being so understanding about our boiler issues earlier this week. One of the boilers is now fixed and running again and we are awaiting parts for the other one, but this is not affecting the heat in the school.

Illness

As you are probably aware, we have had quite a bit of illness in school this week with chickenpox spreading across years R - 3. Please do keep an eye on your children with regards to this.

Lunches IMPORTANT

The lunch menu will not change in January. All details of lunches can be found on the website: <u>Lunches | ACE | Castle Cary Primary School | Somerset (castlecaryschool.org)</u> If you wish to change your child's choices or sign them up for lunches from January, please contact the school office by Thursday 5th December. Christmas lunch

If you wish for your child to have Christmas lunch on Wednesday 18th December, please ensure choices and payment are received by Wednesday 4th December. This must be done through parentmail. We cannot order meals without payment! Year 5 Dance Festival

The Year 5 children enjoyed the dance festival at Ansford this week, working with children from other schools and the PE leaders. It was great to see so many of our expupils involved too.

PTFA

A reminder that it is the PTFA Coffee Morning at the Market House tomorrow. Thank you for the donations of cakes today. The Hive will also be at the Market House selling bacon rolls 😊

This Christmas the PTFA will be making some fabulous Christmas Hampers for a raffle and need your help!

A mufti day has been scheduled for Friday 6th December when the children can come to school in home clothes in return for an item for the hampers.

You can send in any festive food or drink (e.g., Christmas puddings, biscuits, cakes, chocolate, chutneys, wines, and spirits). We would also like to receive other Christmasy gift items for example candles & toiletries. Please do not include any items containing nuts. PLEASE make sure that any edible donations are still in date and sealed. The raffle will take place on Friday 13th December.

The PTFA will be selling tickets in the playground after school starting on Monday 9th December, so please look out for them! Children will also be sent home with a raffle book, so please check their bags.

Thank you for your continued support.

Gates

Please can I ask that, wherever possible, you use the school one-way system in the morning and afternoons to avoid congestion. Please enter through the white gate and

leave through the green gate onto the footpath. I am aware this does not work for people with pushchairs, but if everyone else did it there would be far less congestion. PE kits and water bottles

Thank you to those of you who consistently send their children to school with the correct PE kits. Please can I remind you that we do continue to use outside for PE during the winter and ask that you pack joggers and a sweatshirt into PE bags. School coloured sweatshirts for PE can be purchased from RAM Sports in Wincanton. Children are also not coming into school with a water bottle, please can you ensure your child has one in their bag.

Clubs

Payments are now live on Parentmail for clubs which are mostly full now. Payment must be made to secure a place. I do hope that putting the club forms out at 6pm is better and fairer for everyone, I would value your feedback on this if you have any.





Things happening in our community

Messy Church will be taking place on Saturday 30th November at 3:30pm. The theme will be "Looking forward to Christmas"



Castle Cary "Spot the Window" Competition

The "Spot the Window" competition starts on 7 December.

Collect an entry form, 50p, from Cary's Morrison's (formerly McColl's of course) Find the objects which shouldn't be there in over 30 windows. Any age can enter. Money prizes for the children, chocolate for the adults!

Makes a great walk round Cary's lovely shops with their amazing Christmas window displays.

Key dates for your diary

4.12.24 Cross Country at Ansford
6.12.24 Cricket
6.12.24 Mufti Day - PTFA Christmas hampers
12.12.24 Cary's Christmas
13.12.24 Final cricket (and cricket club)
13.12.24 PTFA Hamper draw
17.12.24 Starfish Nativity 2pm
18.12.24 Memory Café
18.12.24 Christmas Lunch/ Christmas jumper day
18.12.24 Sea Otter and Turtle exhibition
20.12.24 School Closes

6.1.25 INSET



Starfish – Louis Coles Sea Otter – Willow Judson Turtle – Ellie Newth Dolphin – Hugh Stoneman-Maunsell Octopus – Alfie Higgins Swordfish – Katie Wenglorz Jellyfish – Bea Bourgoin Head teacher's award – Ollie Ward

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Please remember to use this notification if your child is feeling under the weather when you bring them to school so we can keep an eye on them!

