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# Newsletter: Autumn 7 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents,

## Year 2 Multisport Festival

The Year 2 children in Turtle Class had a fabulous afternoon this week at Ansford and were great ambassadors for our school. It was great to see them working alongside children from the other local primary schools. Harrison W was a standout player from our school - well done Harrison!

## Staffing

I am sad to inform you that Mrs Lukins will be leaving us at Christmas. I know that she will be very much missed by staff, parents and children.

## INSET

A reminder that school closes on 24<sup>th</sup> October, as 25<sup>th</sup> October is a staff training day.

## Parents' evening

We are looking forward to seeing you all next week at parents' evenings. Please come to the office door before your appointment to have a chance to look at your child's books which will be in the hall. Our Year 6 hosts will take you down to the classrooms when it is your appointment time.

## PTFA

- The discos this week were a great success! Thank you to everyone who attended. The PTFA raised £216 after expenses which was great!
- The next PTFA fundraising event is **Bags2School** which all came home on Wednesday. Please can we ask that the bags are filled and returned to school the morning of 7<sup>th</sup> November before 9:00am. The back of the bags has a list of items accepted and the PTFA get paid for the total weight of items collected. Please get sorting out!!!!
- The **Christmas card** order forms came home on Wednesday too. We hope you like them! Order for these items are done directly with the company. Please check the dates by which the orders must be done!

## House Points

The results are in!!!

1<sup>st</sup> - Horse Pond 869 points

2<sup>nd</sup> - Lodge Hill 802 points

3<sup>rd</sup> - Round House 632 points

4<sup>th</sup> - Market Place 550 points

Children in Horse Pond will have a Mufti Day on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October - well done 😊

## Art Club

A reminder that Karen Wildgoose will not be running Art Club on 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November. Art club will recommence on 26<sup>th</sup> November and run through until the end of the Autumn term.

## School start and end times

Please can I remind you that children need to be at school for 9am and stay at school until 3:20pm. I am aware that some children are consistently late to school and that some children are being picked up early. If a child is collected at 3:00pm every day that is 100 minutes of lost learning a week and significant disruption to your child's

education. We will be auditing lateness and early pick up after half term and this will become part of our focus on attendance.

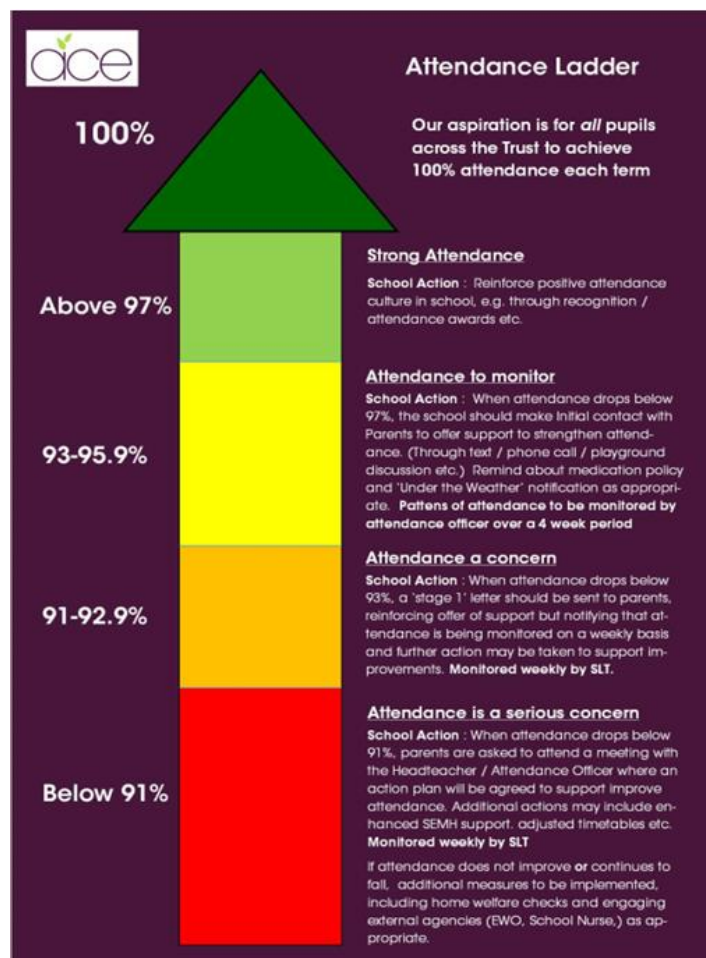
### Maths Club

Breakfast and after school maths clubs for 4,5 and 6 will not be running next week due to Parents evenings.

### Attendance Letters

Attendance letters are currently being sent out with percentage attendance for this term. As previously shared, good attendance is crucial for all children and sadly our school attendance is currently below national levels. We have a very clear attendance policy on our school website which I would encourage you to read. Below is a really helpful poster explaining what happens at each attendance threshold.

<https://www.castle Cary school.org/our-policies>



### Key dates for your diary

- 22.10.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm
- 22.10.24 Parents Evening
- 23.10.24 Parents Evening
- 24.10.24 School closes
- 25.10.24 INSET
- 4.11.24 School opens
- 5.11.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm
- 6.11.24 Football at Bucklers Mead
- 7.11.23 Bags 2 School collection

8.11.24 Rocks and Fossils workshop - Dolphin Class  
12.11.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm  
14.11.24 Flu vaccinations  
18.11.24 Assessment week  
25.11.24 Assessment week  
26.11.24 Year 5 Dance Festival at Ansford  
30.11.24 PTFA Coffee Morning at the Market House  
4.12.24 Cross Country at Ansford  
6.12.24 All clubs finish  
17.12.24 Starfish Nativity 2pm  
18.12.24 Christmas Lunch  
20.12.24 Carol Service 2pm  
20.12.24 School Closes



Starfish - Rory Higgins  
Sea Otter - Rosie Lock  
Turtle - George Monk  
Dolphin - Jasper Hansen  
Octopus - Nell Quartermaine  
Swordfish - Chloe Collings  
Jellyfish - Illy Wood  
Head teacher's award - Harrison Duke

Sarah Martin

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!

