



Castle Cary Primary School
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Newsletter: Autumn 14 Friday 13th December

Dear Parents,

As we go into a really busy week next week but please keep smiling, we are almost there!!!

Things for next week:

Monday

Mufti - Horsepond

Tuesday

Starfish Nativity in the Church 2pm

Octopus and Swordfish classes singing Carols at the Old People's homes

Wednesday

Christmas lunch - mufti and Christmas jumpers

Sea Otter and Turtle exhibition 3:20pm

Friday

Carol Service years 1 - 6

School closes at 2:30pm after the carol service (please pick up from the school site)

There will be class parties and a panto to watch too but the timings of these will be different for each class.

House point results

1st Horse Pond 921 points

2nd Lodge Hill 838 points

3rd Market Place 750 points

4th Round House 665 points

Horse Pond will have a Mufti Day on Monday - well done 😊

PTFA Hampers

The draw was made for the hampers today. They were fabulous - well done if you were a winner!! All winners will be notified to collect.

Cary's Christmas

Thank you and a HUGE well done to all the children who took part in dancing and singing at Cary's Christmas event last night. You were total superstars, and I was proud of you all.

Mobile phone policy

If your child walks to school on their own and brings their mobile phone, we are asking you to complete a permission form which can be collected from the office. This is an update from our mobile phone policy which can be found on the school website.

Online safety policy

There is an updated online safety policy on the school website. We take online safety very seriously as a school and we will be sending out new Acceptable User Agreements for all pupils early next term which you will be asked to read and sign to agree to your child using ICT systems and the internet in school. Please do take time to look at the policy.

TINK - Tuning into Kids



Emotion Coaching

A six-session parenting course for parents of children aged 3-12 years

Would you like to learn ways to support your child's communication?

- explore different ways to talk with your child
- learn ways to connect with your child
- help your child learn to manage and understand their emotions
- help to tune into your child's behaviour
- teach your child to navigate their way through childhood

Tuning in to Kids® shows you how to help your child develop *emotional intelligence*.

Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

The course will be delivered with an informal, relaxed approach where parents have opportunities to explore new ways to support their children's emotions within a small group. There will be refreshments on offer and Maxine and Kelly will offer a friendly face each week as you learn more about emotion coaching together.

If you would like to find out more or register for a place, please email admin.castlecary@acexcellence.co.uk or come into Castle Cary Primary School.

Where: The Market House, Market Place, Castle Cary BA7 7AH

When: Monday 20th January 2025 for six weeks with a break during half term

[Mental Health support team](#)

Calling all Parents & Carers!

The MHST (Mental Health Support Team) are offering a series of FREE helpful webinars over **Spring 2025**.

- Supporting your neurodivergent child
- Supporting exam and test wellbeing
- Helping your child to thrive: Boosting self-esteem & resilience
- Understanding and supporting anxiety and low mood
- Supporting your child's big feelings

Find out more & register here: <https://bit.ly/mhstwebinarsspring2025>

SOMERSET'S MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM ARE HOSTING A SERIES OF

FREE

PARENT & CARER WEBINARS

Click the link to find out more & register





Things happening in our community



Would you like support with understanding and managing your young persons behaviours of concern?

The Course

- Each weekly session covers a different aspect of understanding and supporting behaviours of concern of children who are autistic and/or have learning disabilities.
- This includes considering communication and sensory needs. Parents and carers will start the course by identifying a behaviour of concern and together we work to identify potential triggers and strategies to help.
- There is also a focus on parent/carer wellbeing throughout the course.

Further information

- This free course will run for 10 weeks, and the sessions will be 2 hours long. Parents need to attend all sessions with the exception of unexpected circumstances i.e. sickness.
- You should live with, or have very frequent contact with your young person.
- The course is for parents/carers of young people with a confirmed diagnosis of Autism and/or learning disability.

Contact Link LD/A for more information

Email: linklda@somersetft.nhs.uk

Phone our Adviceline on:
03003732975
(open Wednesdays 12.30–14.30 and
Fridays 8.00–10.00)



If interested, please contact us



Castle Cary Cricket Club Under 11s Winter Training

Commences: Thursday 16th January and then every other week
(16th and 30th January, 13th and 27th February, 13th and 27th March and 10th
April)

Time: 5pm to 6:30pm

Venue: Ansford Academy Sports Hall, Maggs Lane, Castle Cary BA7 7JJ

Cost: £3 per sessions (first session free!!)



ECB Qualified Coaches



All Equipment provided



Team matches in the summer

INTERESTED - PLEASE CONTACT STEVE MAYBURY ON
smaybury702@btinternet.com or 07715 966793

Coffee Morning

Don't forget a **special Christmas coffee morning**

At the Market House **Saturday 14 December 10am - 12noon**

In the warmth of the Shambles

Just drink coffee and eat cake or join in with **THESE FIVE MINUTE MAKES
Templates to take away**

Suitable for adults and older children. We'll have colouring in for the younger children too

- Christmas book corners
- Mega snowflakes
- Little tree treats
- Papel Picado
- God's eyes
- Pretty parcel string.

Bring your own ideas too PLUS if you can old Christmas cards, paper scissors, ends of balls of yarn, stapler, hole punch, We'll have some to share anyhow.

Key dates for your diary

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 Carol Service 2pm

20.12.24 School Closes 2:30pm

6.1.25 INSET



Starfish - Huey Bryant

Sea Otter - Amelia-Mai Mason

Turtle - Molly-Kate Collins

Dolphin - Chriselda Kazingizi

Octopus - Tiger-Lily Summerbell

Swordfish - Harrison Caines

Jellyfish - Freya Stanbury

Head teacher's award - Taylor James Treleaven-Johnson

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!

