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Dear Parents,
PTFA

We have a really productive PTFA meeting on Tuesday evening - thank you to those who attended. Key dates for your diaries:

31st March - Mufti for Springo - please bring in Easter Eggs donations for the bingo prizes

3rd April - Easter Bingo - Springo!

19th May - Break the Rules Mufti

9th June - new date for the Colour Run

7th July - Sponsored Walk

Please remember that you can also support the PTFA by joining the Lottery [Support Castle Cary Primary School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#) or by shopping using Easy Fundraising www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Both of these ways of supporting can be done from the comfort of your armchair and will benefit the children as we move nearer to getting a new climbing frame for the school field.



World Book Day

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who brought in their decorated cups and chose to dress up for World Book Day yesterday. It was so lovely to see such creativity and imagination. I think all the children looked fabulous and the cups were AMAZING! They will be on display in the corridors during parents evening at the end of the month so please do take a look. I hope you have enjoyed the photos on our new Facebook page and on the school website too!

Attendance

Thank you to those of you who have already worked with us on improving your children's attendance. Sadly, quite a number of parents have had letters requesting a meeting and have failed to respond. These letters will be followed up this week and failure to engage could well result in a penalty notice from the Local Authority, We do not want to get to this step in managing attendance and would much prefer to work in collaboration with you on attendance matters.

Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies

It is time to order the Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies and a Parentmail was sent out this week - we will let you know when there are samples available for trying sizes. As always, the children will be able to wear them on a Friday as soon as they arrive 😊

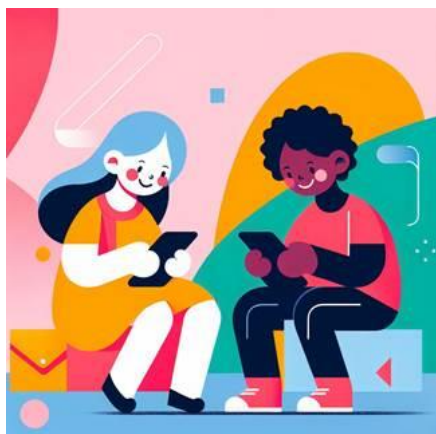
Bikeability

The Bikability group has been split into 2 smaller groups and a Parentmail went out this week to get consent for the children in the first group. All paperwork for this is now online.

Parking

Yet again we have people parking on the yellow lines outside of school stopping parents from buggies getting past the steps. This is not OK! Please, please can you ALL refrain from parking outside school and use the FREE car park provided.

Online safety



Are free games and apps really 'free'?

While some games and apps cost money, most are free to download and use. But are they actually 'free'?

Online companies use clever tactics to make money through products and services they market as being free. These tactics are not always obvious, and some can be very persuasive, especially those aimed at children. The Better Internet for Kids (BIK) portal offers resources dedicated to understanding marketing in games. It explains how marketing strategies are embedded in online games and apps and offers practical advice on how to recognise these

tactics and help our children understand them. By using these tools, parents can better protect and guide their children while they are online.

Visit the Better Internet for Kids website to learn more: <https://better-internet-for-kids.europa.eu/en/learning-corner/parents-and-caregivers/marketing-games>

Things happening in our community



Key dates for your diary

- 21.3.25 South Cary House
- 21.3.25 Red Nose Day
- 25.3.25 Highfield House
- 26.3.25 5/6 Netball at Ansford
- 28.3.25 Clubs end
- 31.3.24 PTFA Mufti - Springo donations
- 31.3.25 Bikeability
- 1.4.25 Bikeability
- 2.4.25 Memory Café
- 2.4.25 Parents Evening
- 3.4.25 Parents Evening
- 3.4.25 Easter Bingo
- 4.4.25 Year 1/2 Easter performance
- 4.4.25 Easter Bonnet Parade
- 4.4.25 KS2 Easter Buggy Race
- 4.4.25 School closes



- Starfish - Lyla Hardy
- Sea Otter - Edith Morrice
- Turtle - Arlo Grimes
- Dolphin - Phoebe Morrice
- Octopus - Maddie Mears
- Swordfish - Cleo Gichie
- Jellyfish - Kaydee-Leigh Downton
- Head teacher's award - Kit Watts

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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!

