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# Dear Parents,

I think I caused confusion in last week's letter about transition morning, so I do apologise! Transition morning is on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** and this is also the day the year 6 children spend the day at their new schools. For some unknown reason I was a week ahead of myself last week! Information about class groups and teachers will be sent home that day,

### Phones

Please can I ask that mobile phones are not used in the playground. I have become aware of the use of phones by a number of parents and concerns have been raised to me that some parents have been taking photographs. I am afraid that this is not acceptable for safeguarding reasons. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

# Mufti Day

Thank you for supporting the Mufti Day today organised by the school council. Their chosen charity at the moment is Cary Cares and they raised £162.45

# Reports

You will receive your child's report next week and you have an opportunity to meet the class teacher to discuss it should you wish to do so on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July between 3:30pm and 5pm. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like an appointment after reading the report.

### Rounders

Congratulations to the year 5/6 rounders team who played at Ansford on a very hot Wednesday afternoon. Once again Mr Hillier was impressed with you all and you did really well winning all the games you played.

# Road Safety talks

All the classes had road safety talks this week and the children were very knowledgeable on how to keep themselves safe in our community - well done to them all, our visitors were very impressed!

# Parking

Sadly, there was a very near miss this week when a parent reversed down Park Street at speed at the start of the school day almost hitting another parent and child, who were both left uninjured but very shaken. **This is simply dangerous and not acceptable**. Please can I ask, once again, that you park in the public car park and walk the short distance to school. If you are unable to do this then please drive safely around the school taking account of how busy it can be and how narrow the footpath is. **Starfish Class** 

Starfish class will be doing some junk modelling in the next few weeks. Please can you send in some boxes, tubes, plastic pots if you have them for their creations! PTFA Ice lolly sales

Please keep an eye on social media and Parentmail for ice lolly sales after school over the next few weeks - thank you to the PTFA for organising this.

#### OPAL

We will be holding an OPAL celebration morning on 8<sup>th</sup> July (weather permitting) for the children who have really embraced OPAL in their play. OPAL has had a significant impact on breaktimes for all the children and we would love you to come down to help us celebrate our Platinum Award between 10:30 and 11:30. The children will be outside having an extra long playtime!!!!!!

### Maths Breakfast clubs

Well done to all the children who have attended maths breakfast clubs in Year 2 and 5. The clubs have now finished.

### Year 5 Sponsored Walk

The year 5 children will be taking part in a 5 mile sponsored walk to raise funds for their coach to Okehampton on Thursday  $11^{th}$  July (weather permitting). They have all brought home sponsor forms, but donations can also be made via Just Giving to make it easier for friends and relatives to support them. They are looking to raise a total of £900!

# https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/ccpssponsoredwalk24 Clubs

Next week is the final week of clubs. We will resume in September. I do hope the children have enjoyed the sessions they have done this year.

Website

A reminder to save our new website so you can get all the information you need. Please take a look at it if you haven't already had the chance to do so!

# www.castlecaryschool.org

# Attendance policy

There is an updated Attendance Policy on the school website which I ask you to read and take note of. Good attendance is crucial for your children in so many ways and we will be having a drive in September to ensure attendance improves for some children and that the number of children arriving late to school decreases. Can I draw your attention to the fact that if your child arrives after 9:20am they will now be marked as absent for that session. If your child arrives after 9:05am they will now be marked as late for that session. It is really hard for the children who arrive late to school every day and 5 lates a week of 20 minutes each equates to 1 hour 40 minutes of lost learning time.

### Things happening in our community



Key dates for your diary 1.7.24 INSET 2.7.24 Athletics tournament at Ansford 2.7.24 Assessment week w/b 2.7.24 Reports come home 3.7.24 Parents evening 3.7.24 Transition morning (Year 6 transition day) 8.7.24 OPAL celebration session 10:30 - 11:30 8.7.24 Assessment week 9.7.24 V1 Athletics at Ansford 11.7.24 Year 6 sports day at Ansford 11.7.24 Okehampton Residential meeting 3:30pm (Year 5 currently) 12.7.24 Cary's Got Talent 15.7.24 Music concert 16.7.24 ACE Olympics 18.7.24 Year 6 performance 6pm 22.7.24 Sports Day at 9:30 22.7.24 Year 6 leaver's picnic 6:30pm - 8:00pm 23.7.24 Year 6 Leaver's assembly 2pm 24.7.24 INSET

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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!

