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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all the support with events happening in school at the moment. This is always a busy time of year and it really helps that you keep yourself up to date with messages from us! Please do ask in the office if you need clarification about anything. Can I also ask that you ensure that your contact details are fully up to date and that you inform us of any changes as soon as you possibly can, there is nothing worse than a poorly child in school and we have the incorrect contact details to get hold of you!

The Hive

Forms are now available on Parentmail for breakfast and after school club after Christmas. Please be aware that places are limited and booking is advisable.

PTFA

Thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning last Saturday at the Market House. The PTFA raised £342 for the school

The children really enjoyed mufti today and the donations sent for the Christmas Hampers are wonderful - thank you so much! Raffle tickets have been sent home this week and there will be more sold on the playground next week. Please return money and raffle ticket stubs to the office during next week. The draw will take place on Friday 13th December.

Head Lice

We have had an increasing number of head lice cases this week. Please can I ask that you check hair regularly and treat when necessary. Guidance can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

<https://patient.info/childrens-health/head-lice-and-nits>

Attendance

If you request to take your child out of school for a medical appointment we will, in future, be asking to see a copy of that appointment please. This can be a screenshot or an email. Thank you.

Administering medicine

The school has a medication policy which can be found with other policies on the website <https://www.castlecaryschool.org/our-policies>

Please can I remind you that if you wish us to administer prescription and non-prescription medication a parental agreement form will need to be completed first. If these forms are not completed we cannot administer the medication. Please bear this in mind if your children are under the weather in the coming months.

Wise Up workshops

Being a parent carer of a child or young person with additional needs can mean situations arise which are challenging. [Somerset Parent Carer Forum](#) have created a range of workshops based on topics parents have expressed would be helpful - [workshops for Information, Support and Education \(WISE\)](#).

All the workshops will be delivered or co-delivered by someone with lived experience of being a parent carer. Alongside this there will be a range of information workshops both face to face and online. Thank you to NHS Somerset for funding the program and to the organisations who are supporting the delivery.

If you feel nervous about attending any of the Workshops, please give Somerset Parent Carer Forum a phone call on **07543 680 395** and they will arrange for their

parent carer representative, who will be at the session, to talk to you beforehand so you will know someone. Everyone attending will be parent carers who are experiencing similar challenges.

Bookings for the workshops are being managed by Somerset Parent Carer Forum. You don't need to be a member of the forum to attend but will need to be added to their database to enable your booking details to be secure.

To find out more information and book your space please see the link below:

<https://somersteparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/wise-up-workshops/>

Cary in Bloom

We are so thrilled that the school will be involved in next year's Cary in Bloom event. We will be having a whole school learning experience based around this community project and will need lots of help and support from parents and grandparents with green fingers! Please let me know if you are interested in getting involved or if you have spare greenhouse shelves to help with our growing!!!

Cary in Bloom 2025



How can you get involved?

Plant up baskets, boxes & tubs to add colour to our streets

Embrace composting, garden waste & recycling

Volunteer to help with the working group

For more details contact Penny Steiner on penny@castle Cary.net

Christmas Holiday Club

Inspired Schools are holding their Christmas Holiday Camp on the 30th and 31st of December and 2nd and 3rd of January at nine venues across Somerset, including Castle Cary Primary School, and are proud to be offering funded spaces as part of the Happy Healthy Holidays initiative.



Each eligible child is entitled to four FREE days at our fun and engaging holiday camps. Spaces can be booked

at <https://playwaze.com/discover/result?item=wbsf5t7n99u&type=Communities>

Everyone who books a space over this period will be entered into a draw to win a £100 Amazon voucher! The winner will be announced on the 17th of December!

Book now to avoid missing your space!

Things happening in our community



Key dates for your diary

- 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 Carol Service 2pm
- 20.12.24 School Closes
- 6.1.25 INSET



- Starfish - Daisy Laycock
- Sea Otter - Clara Wake
- Turtle - Violet Smith
- Dolphin - Grayson Hills
- Octopus - Thea Corley
- Swordfish - Eliza Barber
- Jellyfish - Nina Davies
- Head teacher's award - Wren Gichie

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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!

