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Newsletter: Spring 9 Friday 8th March

Dear Parents,

What an exciting week we have had to end our current learning experiences! There has been healthy picnic preparation, bread making, muffin baking and pizza making! The children have all thoroughly enjoyed this learning and the standards in their journals are superb! What a fantastic start to our journey with ACE! Going forward we will be returning now to our planned curriculum until Easter and after Easter we will be having another whole school experience, this time based around writing. I cannot wait to see what the children produce!

World Book Day

The children who chose to dress up looked fabulous in their book character outfits and we had some amazing toilet-roll characters - 164 in total!!!! They are on display in the corridor so please do come and have a look!

PTFA - Springo

What a great turnout for Springo last night! Thank you to the PTFA for organising the event, Hayley White for "calling" and to you all for providing the prizes. Well done to all the winners - it was so lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves!

The next PTFA fundraising event is the Bags2school collection on 21st March. Bags will come home next week but please do start collecting donations and let friends and family know. Donations can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys.

OPAL planting

We are still in need of 3 or 4 parents to help Hannah Gichie finish off the planting next week - please let me know if you are available to help!

Mental Health Group

We are looking for parents to join our mental health working group. We meet termly to look at how the school is working on supporting mental health and plan activities such as emotion coaching workshops. If you have an interest in children's mental health, please do let me know!

PE kits

The number of children who come to school without PE kits is increasing which means that they are not accessing their entitlement to PE. As a school we believe physical activity is essential and ask that you provided PE kit for your children. This is a simple top, shorts and trainers (the children are not allowed to wear their school shoes for PE lessons). Please can you ensure your child has kit in school as they are missing out and this is not fair on them.

Assessment activities

Assessment is an essential part of what we do in school, and we are continuously assessing your children's learning. At key points during the school year, we carry out more formalised assessments in English and Maths and these are going to take place over the next couple of weeks. They are part of normal classroom practice, and the children are simply encouraged to do their best using the learning that has taken place. Please do speak to your child's class teacher should you have any questions about this.

Carnival Presentation

Thank you to Castle Cary Carnival Committee who presented Tabitha and Rueben with a cheque for £200 last Friday evening. This money is for The Hive and will go towards new resources for the children to use.



Comic Relief

The School Council have agreed 3 different fund-raising activities for Comic Relief next Friday 15th March:

1. Wear something red to school
2. Paint your nose red
3. A red nose cake sale

Please can children bring in cake donations for next Friday and a donation for wearing something red or a painted red nose! The cake sale will be cash only please and will be held on the playground (weather permitting!!)

Governors

Our governors play an important role in the school and as volunteers work hard to ensure the children get the best possible outcomes. They are involved in budget setting, staffing, curriculum and premises and hold a variety of expertise in these areas. As you are aware we are looking for some new governors as some of our current members are stepping down. Tim Evans, who has led on SEND and Safeguarding, Chris Hobbs, who has led on staffing and finance and Katie Newth, our clerk. I would like to say a huge thank you to them all for their commitment and hard work, they will all be very much missed.

The information about new co-opted/ community governors can be found on the school website

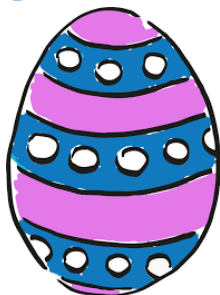
<https://www.castlecaryschool.co.uk/Vacancies/>

House Bake Off Competition

It will be our House Bake Off Competition the week beginning March 18th This will once again be judged by bakers from The Newt helped by our school ambassadors. We are awaiting confirmation of the date by the Newt, and we will let you know as soon as possible! This year we would like the children to make 6 identical small cakes and bring them into school in the morning. The judges will be looking for amazing baking and decorating! Cakes will be sent home at the end of the day 😊



Easter events



Key stage 1

We are thrilled to be planning our Easter performance/ Easter Bonnet parade again this year! The performance will involve year 1 and 2 and will be taking place Thursday 28th March at 9:30 in the school hall. This will be followed by our traditional Easter Bonnet parade in school and then into the town, this will include Reception, year 1 and year 2.

It would be great if all children in Starfish, Turtle and Sea Otter classes could come to school with an Easter Bonnet that day. We look forward to seeing their designs.

Key stage 2

The KS2 children will be having an Easter Egg buggy race this year on Thursday 28th March.

The CHALLENGE:

Design and build a transporter/vehicle that will SAFELY carry an egg as far as possible with NO electric/battery powered motor.

The RULES:

1. The egg transporter CAN be constructed of ANY material.
2. The egg transporter MUST NOT have an electric or battery powered motor but COULD be powered by something that you have made from e.g. elastic bands
3. The egg transporter MUST be able to carry an egg for a distance WITHOUT the egg being damaged.
4. The egg transporter CAN be designed and built by pairs/groups of siblings but NOT by pairs/groups of friends.

The aim is to build a form of transporter that will travel as far as possible along the ground. The egg transporter must be brought into school on that day.

Mental Health Courses

FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS **MHST**
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

SUPPORTING EXAM/TEST WELLBEING

Would you like to know about supporting your child's wellbeing through exams and tests?

This 1 hour virtual workshop will explore:

- What might get in the way of wellbeing during exams
- How our brain and body might respond to stress and overwhelm
- Ideas of how to support our children (and ourselves) before, during and after exams.

WHEN?

Wednesday 10th April 18:00-19:00 | [Register here](#)
Or
Tuesday 16th April 13:30-14:30 | [Register here](#)
Or
Wednesday 1st May 10:00-11:00 | [Register here](#)

PLEASE NOTE: THESE WEBINARS ARE ONLY FOR PARENTS AND CARERS IN SCHOOLS WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING IN. PLEASE DO NOT SHARE WITH FRIENDS/FAMILY IN OTHER SCHOOLS.

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH CHANGE & TRANSITIONS

School transitions can be challenging for children (and parents!) as they adjust to new environments, routines, and expectations.

In this 1 hour virtual workshop we will explore:

- How your child may be feeling about moving schools
- How we can support children with their emotional age and needs
- How we can help our children prepare
- Creating a plan to support their wellbeing

WHEN?

Wednesday 29th May 10:00-11:00 | [Register here](#)
Or
Tuesday 4th June 10:00-11:00 | [Register here](#)
Or
Tuesday 18th June 19:00-20:00 | [Register here](#)

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S BIG FEELINGS

Would you like to know about supporting your child's or teen's emotions?

In this 1 hour workshop will explore how to support your child's and teen's feelings in the moment and for the future. You will go away with a range of strategies (including emotion coaching) to boost your child's, and your own, emotional resilience.

WHEN?

Tuesday 2nd April 19:00-20:00 | [Register here](#)
Or
Wednesday 10th April 14:00-15:00 | [Register here](#)
Or
Wednesday 17th April 10:00-11:00 | [Register here](#)

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Easter Holiday Activities

Easter Holidays, Inspired Camps

Venues

- Northgate, Bridgwater (early and late drop and pick ups available)
 - Multi-sports and Football
- The Blue School, Wells
 - Multi-sports and Football
- St John's, Wellington
- St Mary's, Bridgwater
- North Petherton, Nr Bridgwater
- Woolavington, Bridgwater
- Castle Cary Primary
- Somerton Recreation Ground
- Creech St Michael, Taunton
- St Benedict's, Radstock



£20 Per day

10% Whole week discount

15% Sibling discount



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For paid places

Limited free places available for children on benefit related free school meals

Happy Healthy Holidays FREE Places

- Bookable on 4th March
- Register for our community now



Easter Holidays, Inspired Camps

2ND - 11TH APRIL (8 DAYS)

- 9am - 3pm
- Multi-sports
- Champions League Football Camps
- Arts and craft activities

Medals for all

Presentation ceremony on the final day



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Things happening in our community

Learning to Swim is a Life Skill

Freedom Leisure, are proud to deliver Swim England's Learn to Swim programme, not only encouraging the swimmers to Learn to Swim, but also to be confident and safe in the water with the ability to self-rescue.

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Swim School **Learn to Swim Memberships**

Our learn to swim programme provides a safe environment for learning a vital life-skill, boosting confidence, water safety and promoting the enjoyment of swimming.

Learn to Swim membership includes:
 Unlimited public swimming
 10% discount on soft play at Chard Leisure Centre
 20% discount on birthday parties

Enquire now to book your FREE trial lesson

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 Goldenstones Leisure Centre: Brunswick Street, BA20 1QZ 01935 845808
 Wincanton West Hill, BA9 9SP 01963 824400

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Wincanton Sports Centre
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GRAND BOOK SALE
 WITH COFFEE AND CAKES
SATURDAY 16TH MARCH
 AT THE MARKET HOUSE, CASTLE CARY
 10AM - 12 NOON

Lots of books available, plenty for you to choose from.
 Also jigsaws, cakes, coffee and a raffle.

In aid of the Friends of Castle Cary Community Library
 (reg charity 1180566).

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Key dates for your diary

11.3.24 - 22.3.24 Assessment fortnight

15.3.24 Comic Relief

15.3.24 Girls Football at YTFC

19.3.24 Opera plus workshop Year 5/6

19.3.24.24 Year 5/6 netball tournament at Ansford

20.3.24 Parents evening

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22.3.24 Girls Football at YTFC

25.3.24 Bikeability Year 6

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26.3.24 Opera plus dress rehearsal at Ansford plus performance to parents at 5:30pm

28.3.24 Easter Bonnets

28.3.24 School closes



Starfish - Aurelia Obern

Sea Otter - Rosa King

Turtle - Kit Watts

Octopus - Tiger-Lily Summerbell

Dolphin - Bobby Pocock

Jellyfish - Sofia Hills

Swordfish - Leyla Griffiths

Head teacher's award - Freya Stanbury

Sarah Martin