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Dear Parents,

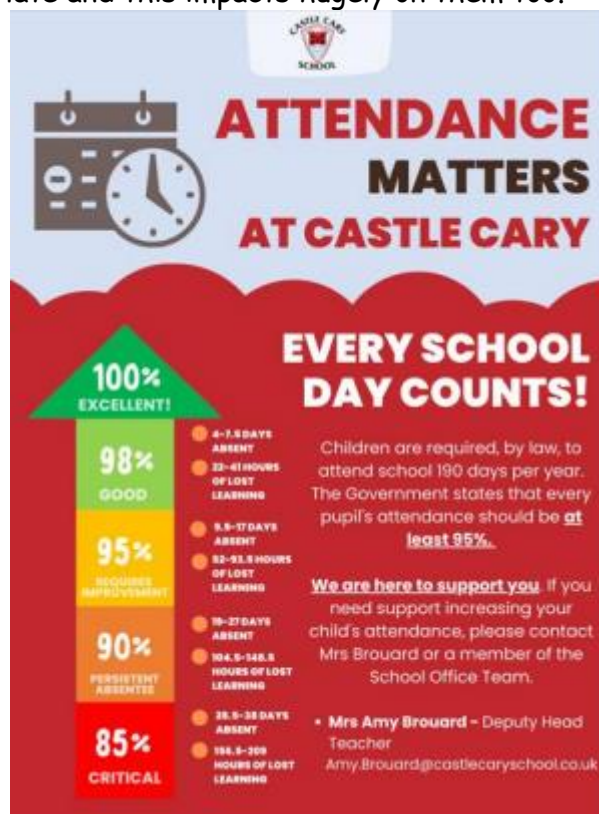
We are 6 weeks in to our exciting journey with the Academy for Character and Excellence (ACE) and you will begin to see some changes around the school. The office email has now changed to admin.castlecary@acexcellence.co.uk so please can you ensure you use this in future communications. A number of parents have asked about the school logo - this will be changing BUT it will embrace our current logo and there will be no expectation for new uniform to be purchased. Our current uniform will remain and we will simply share our new logo with our suppliers and it will be ready for any uniform purchased going forward. The staff have been working closely with ACE and there are some positive changes planned for the curriculum and these will be shared with you in the near future. I would like to reassure you that we are all really positive about our new relationship with ACE and believe it will lead to an exciting future for the school!

Morning supervision

I am saddened by a small minority of children who are spoiling the morning drop off for others. Please can you ensure that your children are supervised until 8:50am and that they are not arriving in school before then.

Attendance

We are becoming increasingly concerned about poor attendance at school by some children and the impact of this on both their learning and their emotional wellbeing can be huge. We have a high level of persistent absence and Mrs Brouard is working hard with families on the importance of good attendance. There are also a number of children who are persistently late and this impacts hugely on them too.



Easter holiday Activity Club

We will be hosting the Easter Holiday Activity Camp again from 11th - 18th April. Information will come out via the newsletter and ParentMail in the coming weeks.

Clubs

There has been a positive start to clubs this term with all places taken up (and waiting lists). Please can I ask that you let the office know if your child is not attending a club and if they decide to leave the club please can you also let us know so that their place can be offered to someone on the waiting list.

PE kits

I am saddened by the number of children not having PE kits in school. Exercise is so important for children and they **MUST** have kits in school. We will be monitoring this going forwards and contacting you if your child is missing statutory PE sessions due to no kit.

Snack Shack

It was great to welcome back Snack Shack this week, many thanks to our volunteer parents who help the School Council run it. Snack Shack will happen fortnightly on a Friday and we will send reminders out via ParentMail.

Year 5/6 Opera Plus



Swordfish and Jellyfish children have been offered an exciting opportunity to take part in "The Stylist of Somerset" which is a modern version of The Barber of Seville. The children will have workshops working alongside professionals from Jackdaws Music Education Trust. They will work with students from other local primary schools and from Ansford Academy. There will be a performance for all parents to watch on 26th March at 5:30pm.

PTFA Break the Rules Day

Break the Rules Day is back! Next Friday the children will be allowed to Break certain rules at school for a donation of £1 to the PTFA. There is a list on the poster of 8 rules that can be broken and your children can choose to break 1 rule of all 8! I know the children thoroughly enjoy this activity and we look forward to it too! Thank you to the PTFA for organising this as part of their ongoing fundraising activities.

Key dates for your diary

24.1.24 Tag Rugby tournament at Ansford
Year 5/6

26.1.24 Break the Rules Mufti

29.1.24 Year 6 SATs meeting 3:30pm

30.1.24 Year 4 Team Building at Ansford

6.2.24 Safer Internet Day

7.2.24 Valentines Disco

9.2.24 Pete the Poet visit KS1

9.2.24 School closes

19.2.24 School opens

23.2.24 Girls Football at YTFC

28.2.24 Year 5/6 hockey tournament at Kings Bruton

28.2.24 Mufti for Spring Bingo



28.2.24 Opera plus workshop Year 5/6
1.3.24 Girls Football at YTFC
7.3.24 World Book Day
7.3.24 PTFA Spring Bingo
8.3.24 Girls Football at YTFC
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
21.3.24 Parents evening
22.3.24 Girls Football at YTFC
25.3.24 Bikeability Year 6
26.3.24 Bikeability Year 6
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

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Starfish - Franky Gibbs
Sea Otter - Amy Purchase
Turtle - Finley Squires
Octopus - Dougie Messenger
Dolphin - Lorenzo Amaro
Jellyfish - Thomas Andrews
Swordfish - Freya Stanbury
Head teacher's award - Jago Barnett

Kind regards,

Sarah Martin