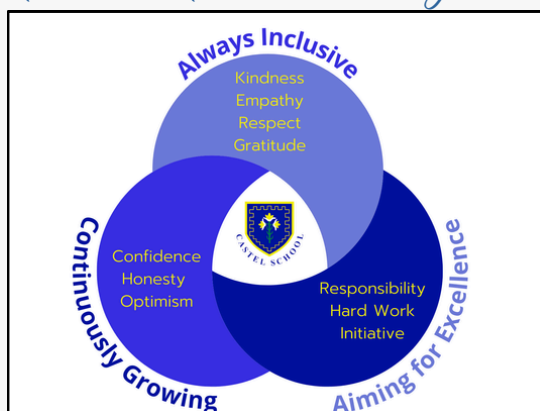


CASTEL CATCH-UP

The Newsletter for the Castel Primary School Community



October's Value of the Month: Hard Work

Headteacher's Message

by Mr P. Curtis

We look forward to welcoming you into school this week for our first Parents' Appointments of the academic year.

Working with and alongside parents/carers is of great value to us and information sharing is key to developing that relationship. We are able to work much more effectively with children academically, socially and behaviourally when home and school liaise well together.

After the half term break, we enter one of the busiest periods of the year in school - the run up to Christmas. There are many fun and exciting things going on in November and December which the majority of children enjoy and flourish with. However, it is becoming increasingly common for some children to really struggle in this period due to loss of routine, over-tiredness, anxiety and over-excitement. This can make their school experiences more challenging than usual. If you have any worries or concerns about how this may affect your child, please contact their class teacher in the first instance for further advice. Our Inclusion Team and ALNCo are also available for support, if required.

With best regards,
Mr Curtis

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Children In Need

Mrs Brogan and the school council are leading the planning for Children In Need Day this year. This will be on **Friday 14th of November.**

Please keep an eye out for further details nearer the time.

The Education Strategy

Please see below for this month's information on our work towards the Education Strategy:

Area: Meeting The Needs of the Community

Aim: Ensuring a range of views inform educational development.

School Action:

At the end of the last academic year, we conducted both our pupil survey and our parent/carer survey. We have also recently invited our new Reception parents/carers to give their views on how the start to school life has gone for them and their children. As I write, there is also a survey for school staff regarding behaviour in schools to seek their views and opinions.

We work actively to seek views and listen to suggestions and concerns in order to make sure that we have a range of views from which to consider.

Guernsey Welfare Service - Harvest

I had the pleasure of delivering the Harvest donations to the Guernsey Welfare Service last week. There was a wide variety of tins, bottles and other items that they were asking for which I was able to pass on. They were extremely grateful and asked me to extend their thanks to all those who contributed.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

I was delighted to see around forty Christmas shoeboxes being collected from school recently. It is an appeal that we have supported for several years now and one that we will continue to support in the future.

I would like to offer a big thank you to those families who put a shoebox together. A child somewhere across Europe will be extremely grateful over the coming weeks!

Sports Results

Please see below for recent Netball and Football results:

Football

Castel 'A' 0 - 0 La Houquette 'A'
Castel 'A' 0 - 4 Vauvert 'A'

Castel 'B' 2 - 0 La Houquette 'B'
Castel 'B' 0 - 1 Vauvert 'B'

Netball

Castel 'A' 5 - 6 Amherst
Castel 'B' 6 - 1 Amherst 'B'

Inset Day

We have scheduled our floating Inset day this academic year for **Tuesday 6th January 2026**. As a result, pupils will return after Christmas on Wednesday 7th January 2026.

Christmas Fayre

The PTA Christmas Fayre will be held on **Friday 28th November** between 5:00pm - 7:00pm.

There will be the usual raffle, stalls and games available along with food and drink.

The fayre is planned and delivered by a small but hard-working group of PTA volunteers and extra pairs of hands are always welcome!

Please email castelpta@gmail.com if you feel you may be able to help and/or support in anyway!

Christmas Dates

Please see below for the dates for our Christmas performances this year:

Monday 8th December: Year 3 & 4
Performances - 9:30am and 1:30pm.

Tuesday 9th December: Year 5 & 6
Performances - 9:30am and 1:30pm.

Wednesday 10th December: Community Carol Service with school choirs at St Matthew's, Cobo - 6:30pm

Thursday 11th December: Reception Performance - 2:00pm.

Friday 12th December: Year 1 & 2
Performance - 11:00am