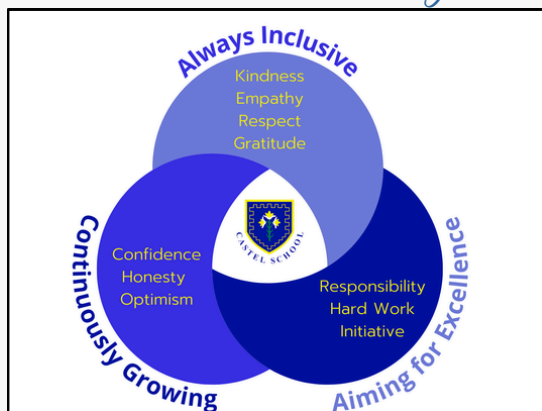


CASTEL CATCH-UP

The Newsletter for the Castel Primary School Community



September's Value of the Month: Responsibility

Headteacher's Message

by Mr P. Curtis

A very warm welcome to all our children and families as we begin a new school year. We hope you have enjoyed a happy and restful summer break.

As we start the term, I would like to focus on three key factors that help children thrive both in school and at home: healthy sleep habits, limited screen time and excellent attendance.

A good night's sleep helps children arrive at school ready to learn, concentrate and enjoy their day. Establishing regular bedtime routines can have a significant impact on well-being and achievement. We also encourage families to be mindful of screen time, particularly in the evenings. Time away from devices allows children to be more active, spend time with family and enjoy better quality sleep.

Finally, regular attendance is essential to children's success. Every day in school counts, and attending on time helps children make the most of their learning opportunities and build positive relationships with their peers.

By working together to promote healthy routines and positive attendance habits, we can ensure that every child has the best possible start to the year.

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Breakfast Club

Further to my message at the end of last term, we have seen a reduction in numbers at Breakfast Club and a continued rise in costs. As much as we know that this provision is valuable for some families, in the long term we cannot sustain this loss-making situation. We will continue to monitor costs and pupil numbers carefully this half-term and keep you updated on any changes we may need to make.

School Street

The Castel School Street will resume again from Monday 7th September. Whilst not universally popular, we have seen a gradual increase in active travel across our school community. It will be interesting to see, as the weather begins to turn over the course of this term, whether these levels are maintained.

As a reminder, the school street operates between 8:15am - 9:00am each morning and 2:45pm - 3:30pm each afternoon. For everyone's safety, it is vital that these restrictions are observed and cars do not attempt to use the roads between these times.

As always, we appreciate your support with this initiative.

Parent Forum

Parent Forums are a termly meeting which gives parents/carers the opportunity to raise issues or discuss matters with myself.

During the last academic year, I took the decision to reduce the frequency of Parent Forums. This was due to the low take-up from parents/carers. From the feedback I had, this was mainly due to our parent/carer community largely being happy with the way the school was operating.

However, I do feel it is good practice to give people this opportunity for discussion. So, this academic year, I will hold these termly meetings again. However, this year they will be online to see if the convenience of not having to leave home and come up to school means more people can get involved. The Autumn Term forum will be on:

Monday 12th October @ 7:30pm

The link for the meeting will be sent out nearer the time.

Staff Update

We welcome Abigail Peek and Millie Graham to the staff as Learning Support Assistants. It will be great to have them as part of the team and we look forward to getting to know them!