



15th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We are already speeding into term 3! Just a few reminders and some upcoming dates for your diaries (more dates may be added later).

Curriculum Coverage

As you may be aware, our school follows the 2014 National Curriculum in England, which sets out the knowledge and skills that your child will be learning throughout their time with us. It is essential for us as educators, and as parents, to ensure that our children receive a well-rounded education that covers all the necessary subjects and topics.

To support your child's learning, we will be closely following the curriculum guidelines and delivering engaging lessons that are tailored to their needs and abilities. Our dedicated and passionate teachers have been working hard to plan exciting activities that will help your child make progress in all areas of their education. We have also planned lots of school clubs to enhance some curriculum areas. Please see below.

Importance of Reading at Home

One area of the curriculum that deserves special attention is reading. Reading plays a vital role in a child's development, fostering critical thinking skills, expanding vocabulary, and enhancing imagination. To ensure your child's progress in reading, we strongly encourage regular reading practice at home.

By devoting just a small amount of time each day to reading, you can make a significant impact on your child's academic achievements. This can be as simple as sharing a story together, reading aloud, or encouraging independent reading. Making reading a pleasurable and shared experience will help instill a lifelong love for books and learning.

TT Rockstars and Numbots

In addition to reading, we have some exciting online resources available to support your child's learning in numeracy and mathematics. TT Rockstars is an engaging platform that helps improve Times Tables fluency, while Numbots focuses on developing mental calculation skills. Both programs can be accessed from home and offer a fun and interactive way for your child to practice their mathematical skills.

We highly recommend regular use of these online platforms. They not only reinforce what is being taught in school but also help build confidence and competence in these essential areas of the curriculum.

At Castor, we believe in working collaboratively with parents to ensure your child's educational success. By following the curriculum guidelines, encouraging regular reading at home, and

"Let Your Light Shine"



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utilizing TT Rockstars and Numbots, we can provide a solid foundation for your child's learning journey.

Important dates:

Wednesday 24th January 8:45 to 9:30 - Drop in café for parents/carers whose children are experiencing mental health issues /anxieties or any parents/carers who have questions or would like some support. Please email Mrs Baxter-Edwards if you wish to attend (just so we have an idea of numbers)

Tuesday 14th February - Ash Wednesday Service in School - 9.30am

Friday 16th February - End of term 3

Half Term Break – 19th to 23rd February inclusive

Monday 26th February start of term 4

Thursday 14th March - St Kyneburgha Service in Church - 9.30am

Thursday 21st March (morning) – proposed Y4 visit to the Sikh Temple (further details will be sent home shortly)

25th March Parents' Evening (further information will be sent out)

26th March Parents' Evening

28 March - Easter Service in Church - 9.30am

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Baxter-Edwards. We are always here to help.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We look forward to a productive and successful term together.

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Headteacher