

Castleton CofE Primary School



4th November, 2025

Newsletter

Dear parents / carers and students,

Welcome back! We are very much looking forward to the term ahead; it promises to be a very busy one!

Our global theme for this term is 'Identity & Diversity.' The children will be exploring this term's theme through books, linking areas across the curriculum and as part of collective worship. You will be able to find an overview of each area of learning in the class area of the school website. This area also contains useful maths links that are particularly useful for children's home learning on Monday and Friday.

As we move into the second half of the autumn term, we're delighted to share some exciting updates and upcoming opportunities for you to get involved in school life.

Welcome to Our New Parent Governor

We're pleased to announce that Hayley Smith has joined our Governing Body as a Parent Governor. We're thrilled to have her on board and look forward to her contributions.

Friends of Castleton

We've welcomed two new members to our Friends of Castleton group - thank you for joining! We'd love to welcome more parents and carers to help us with fundraising and events. If you're interested, please get in touch.

Playground Enhancements

Our playground has had a wonderful refresh, with new signs and challenge boards added to inspire active play and learning. The children are loving the new additions!

Upcoming Events

November

3rd - Autumn 2 begins
5th - Flu jab for pupils (Rec' to Y6)
6th - Rec & KS1 Fundamentals at HVC
6th - KS2 SMILERS Project
WB 10th - Anti-bullying week
12th - Christmas decoration making for parents & pupils 2pm
13th - Bags 2 School Collection
13th - Children in Need; wear spots to school!
20th - KS2 Karate at HVC
15th - Christmas Fair 2.30-5pm
18th - School photographer (am); individuals and siblings
20th - KS2 Karate at HVC
WB 24th - UK Parliament Week
25th - Clubercise (pm)
27th - Reading Adventure Day (Fiction) & Book Breakfast

December

4th - Parent consultations
8th - FGBM 6pm
11th - Christmas jumper day
11th - Christmas lunch
11th - Rec & KS1 Dance Festival at HVC
17th - Christingle making for parents & pupils 9am
17th - Party food lunch
17th - School Nativity
18th - Class parties (am)
18th - Christingle Service at St Edmund's Church 2pm
19th - Break for Christmas

January

5th - Spring Term 1 begins
13th - Health Champions
15th - KS2 Tree planting at Overdale
22nd - KS2 Athletics at HVC

Please also keep an eye on the school website calendar as events are added throughout the term/may be subject to change.

Involved This Term

There are lots of opportunities for parents to join in with festive activities:

- Decoration Making; 12th November in classrooms at 2pm
- Book Breakfast; 27th November (further details to be released soon)!
- Christingle Crafting; 17th December in classrooms at 9am

We'd love to see you there!

Save the Dates

Nativity Performance – Wednesday 17th December in the village hall at 2pm

Christingle Service – Thursday 18th December at St Edmund's, 2pm

We warmly invite all families to join us for these special celebrations.

Parent Consultations & IEP Reviews

Parent consultations and IEP reviews will take place this term. Please return the reply slip (emailed out to all parents) to your child's class teacher to book an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. We look forward to a joyful and busy term ahead!

Warm regards,

Mrs J and the Castleton School Team



Castleton CofE Primary School
Back Street
Castleton
Hope Valley
Derbyshire
S33 8WE

Headteacher: Mrs. Jayne Jackson

Telephone: 01433 620630

Email:

headteacher@castleton.derbyshire.sch.uk