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Newsletter: Spring 8 Friday 1st March

Dear Parents,

There has been a lovely working atmosphere again this week in school with our Design and Technology and English Learning Experience really gaining momentum. I cannot wait to see the final outcomes from each class as the children are really engaged with their learning and the work they are producing is excellent. I had a super visit from year 3/4 children who had really thought carefully about the questions they needed to ask me to create a bespoke muffin that met my requirements. They were not only aware of the content of their questionnaire but also how to ask questions using oracy skills such as eye contact, body language and tone of voice. I have to say I am in no doubt that the muffin they create for me will meet my requirements! Year 5/6 set all our taste buds tingling on Wednesday when they taste tested their pizza designs and analysed them to select their final designs. They have been busy understanding about how a popular food choice such as a pizza can be a healthy choice and how it can be adapted for different dietary requirements. I look forward to hearing their persuasive pitches for their final design choices.

Planting

A HUGE thank you to Mrs Gichie and Mrs Wenglorz who braved the elements on Wednesday spending the day on the field planting around our digging pit and erecting some fabulous willow shelters for the children to use (once the field dries out!). I know the children are going to love them and the site will be enhanced with the planting. My thanks go to the PTFA for funding the project. There is still some planting to do - it would be great if we could have another session with some parents helping. If you are interested, please catch me on the playground and let me know and we will sort out a further date,

World Book Day

It is World Book Day next Thursday, 7th March. The children will bring home £1 Book Vouchers - please do encourage them to use them as many of the supermarkets have in stock the special £1 books that can be bought or the voucher can be used towards another book of their choice. I look forward to seeing what can be done with a toilet roll tube - I know how creative our children can be so cannot wait to see the results!

Year 6 SATs information

There is additional information about Year 6 SATs available for parents from the DfE. This includes a guide which can be found on the Swordfish and Dolphin class pages of the website.

5/6 Opera Plus workshop

Swordfish and Jellyfish classes enjoyed their first Opera Plus workshop on Wednesday afternoon where they learnt the story of The Stylist of Somerset (a modern version of the Barber of Seville) and started to rehearse their song ready for the performance at Ansford on 26th March (at 5:30pm). This is a collaboration between Jackdaws Music Education Trust and the Ansford Federation possibly a once in a lifetime opportunity for the children - who knows, it might be an inspiration for future opera singers!

1/2 Visit from The Newt and Cary Cares

Year 1/2 have been busy in their learning experience finding out about bread. Their starting point was a visit from Cary Cares who produced a fabulous cookery book

during COVID for our community. The children had a visit this week from Sam and Victoria who work at the Newt and they learnt all about how they make bread having a practice at kneading and shaping dough first hand with expert advice. I know that their creations are going to be fabulous next week!

Hockey Tournament

Well done to all the children who played hockey at Bruton on Wednesday afternoon. It was a bit of a miserable afternoon but you all persevered and played really well. I do hope you enjoyed the opportunity of playing on astroturf!

Easter Holiday Camp

Bookings have gone live this week for parent paid places on our Easter Holiday camp and funded session will go live on 4th March. Please use the QR codes sent home on flyers last week to book or the ParentMail sent to parents of free school meal children sent on 24th February.

Easter Holidays, Inspired Camps

Venues

- Northgate, Bridgwater (early and late drop and pick ups available)
 - Multi-sports and Football
- The Blue School, Wells
 - Multi-sports and Football
- St John's, Wellington
- St Mary's, Bridgwater
- North Petherton, Nr Bridgwater
- Woolavington, Bridgwater
- Castle Cary Primary
- Somerton Recreation Ground
- Creech St Michael, Taunton
- St Benedict's, Radstock

Easter Holidays, Inspired Camps

2ND - 11TH APRIL (8 DAYS)

- 9am - 3pm
- Multi-sports
- Champions League Football Camps
- Arts and craft activities

Medals for all

Presentation ceremony on the final day



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Year 4 camp meeting

Year 4 residential is fast approaching so Mrs Lukins will be holding a meeting for Year 4 parents in Dolphin classroom on Monday 25th March. This will give you more information about the activities the children will be doing and what they need to take.

History Association - Schools in Cary

There will be a talk this Sunday at 4pm at Caryford Hall about schools in Cary and education since 1740. At least half of the talk will be about our school buildings, with over 150 years of continuous education. Chris Culpin will include extracts from our Logbooks of the actual words and photos of Heads and HMI Inspectors, about attendance, illness, inspections, lessons, pupils etc. Tickets are available on the door or from Bailey Hill Bookshop in advance. I am sure it will be fascinating to hear how education has changed over the years.

Nits

We are having daily complaints that children are coming home from school with nits. Unless EVERYONE is committed to checking and treating their child's hair we will not move from this position. I fully appreciate that treatments are expensive but if hair

was combed with conditioner on a regular basis that would help everyone! Advice can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Height and weight Checks Reception and Year 6

Letters have gone home today about this and you only need to respond if you would like to opt out.

PTFA

The PTFA continue to work tirelessly to raise funds for our children and they have recently identified their next project - a fabulous climbing frame for the field. Fundraising has already started and with your help and support we will soon have an exciting new addition to support children's play. Thank you to everyone who sent donations for Springo on Wednesday - I have never seen so many Easter eggs!!!! The PTFA events this term are:

Easter Family Springo - Thursday 7th March - Doors open 6pm with eyes down at 6:30pm

Bags to school collection 21st March - bags will come home shortly but please start to save your donations. We get paid by weight!



You can still support our PTFA weekly by joining the school lottery. There are weekly £25 prizes and monthly draws, This month the prize is £1000 Sainsburys voucher or £1000 cash! This is a great way grandparents and relatives can also support the school. Please do visit

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/> to register.

The schools gets 74% of all tickets purchased - a

great way to support your children from your armchair!

CASTLE CARY SCHOOL PTFA
WELCOMES ALL FAMILIES & FRIENDS TO

SPRINGO

THURSDAY 7TH MARCH
AT CASTLE CARY PRIMARY SCHOOL
DOORS OPEN 6pm
EYES DOWN 6.30pm.

22 RAFFLE

8 REFRESHMENTS
CASH ONLY PLEASE

7 HEADS & TAILS GAME
50p CASH ONLY PLEASE

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES

A complete BOOK of 6 games £5
6 page book of 1 game £1
Full house special £1

For information please contact ptfa.castlecary@aceexcellence.co.uk
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE CASTLE CARY SCHOOL PTFA
REGISTERED CHARITY NO.288569856

Things happening in our community

Additional Needs Family Swim

Looking for a quieter swimming session with sensory toys to cater to all additional needs. Join us for our Additional Needs Family Swim for friends and family.

Booking is required and opens week before session. Individual £4.50 | Carers go free. Additional Siblings £4.50 | Adults £6

Join us for our next swim:
Saturday 23rd March
3.30 - 4.30pm
Wincanton Sports Centre
01963 824400

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Join us for our next swim:
Wednesday 10th April
9.30 - 10.30am
Goldenstones Leisure Centre
01935 845888

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PlayFest

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change of date!

SATURDAY 6th

JULY

10.30 – 1.00

Caryford Hall, Castle Cary
(by Ansford School)

A **FREE** event for Primary-age children (and **littlies**)

Further information nearer the day



Easter Egg Hunt

Pylle Village Hall
Shepton Mallet BA4 6 SZ

Sunday March 24th 3-4pm
Prizes given out at 4.00pm

£2 per hunt

Tea and cake 

Raffle 

Children's activities
Children's toy, book and clothing exchange
– bring a bag of goodies to swap!

Key dates for your diary

- 7.3.24 World Book Day
- 7.3.24 PTFA Spring Bingo
- 8.3.24 Girls Football at YTFC
- 8.3.24 Sea Otter and Turtle Class parent visit - bread sharing
- 8.3.24 Starfish class picnic for parents 2:45pm
- 11.3.24 - 22.3.24 Assessment fortnight
- 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



Starfish - Harvey Wells
Sea Otter - Hugh Stoneman-Maunsell
Turtle - Bonnie Tovey
Octopus - Oakley Messenger
Dolphin - Jake Wilton
Jellyfish - Rita Fernandes
Swordfish - Flo Boon
Head teacher's award - Poppy Hobson

Kind regards,

Sarah Martin