

Castlechurch's

NEWSLETTER



A message from the Senior Leadership

We had another busy week in school this week. We have seen the Early Years children start their phonics lesson and the children in KS1 and KS2 have now started all non core subjects. The children are really enjoying their new themes and subjects and retrieving their knowledge from previous year groups. The teachers are all writing their subject action plans and I know that we are in for an exciting year at Castlechurch. Just a few of these actions involves Mrs Whiston helping the school gain an Eco award and Mrs Greensill is looking into gaining a Science Mark Award for the school. We would like to thank the teachers for all the additional work and dedication to help Castlechurch go from strength to strength.

Michelle Skelton and Mrs Cranwell were pleased to welcome new members to our PTPA group and we are looking forward to their first event in October. It was fabulous to see some parents use our drop in sessions this week, we hope that these will help with communication with you. Clubs also started this week and we are pleased to see a record number of children attending. Again, thank you to the staff for providing these. Thank you for all your continued support. Have a fantastic weekend, take care from Team Castlechurch! :)

Next Week...



Monday	Willow & Oak PE kit KS1 Drop in
Tuesday	KS1 Forest School Elm & Cedar PE kit
Wednesday	LKS2 & UKS2 Drop in
Thursday	Pine, Rowan, Beech, Maple & Hazel PE kit EYFS Drop in
Friday	Raindrops & Sunshines PE Kit Macmillan Coffee Morning

The calendar on the website has been updated please go to:

- Parents Evening—8th October 24
- Individual & Sibling Photos—16th October 24
- PTPA Disco—17th October 24
- Harvest Festival—24th October 24
- INSET DAY—25th October 24

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Class	Attendance
Hazel	94.95%
Maple	97.52%
Willow	97.98%
Beech	98.8%
Pine	97.01%
Rowan	96.43%
Cedar	94.73%
Elm	98.58%
Oak	97.23%

This Week's winner is:

Beech
Well done!



School Matters!



Picture News

Let's look at this week's story.

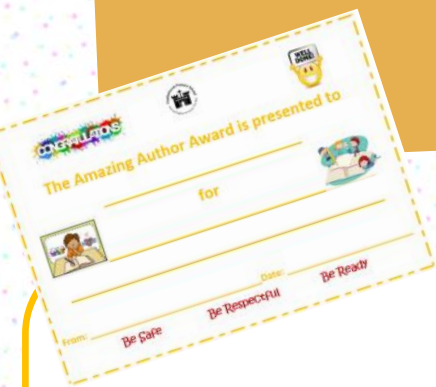
The Wildlife Photographer of the Year shortlist has recently been announced, with just 100 photos left in the competition, following a record-breaking 59,228 entries! The winners will be revealed on 8th October and displayed in the Natural History Museum in London. To celebrate its Diamond Jubilee (60 years) this year, the competition has also introduced a new Impact Award to recognise conservation successes and stories of hope.



Our whole school attendance
This week, our school attendance was:

96.98%

Celebrations



Maple— Patrick
 Willow – Benji
 Hazel— Ellie
 Pine - Rebecca
 Rowan – Oscar
 Beech – Fleur
 Oak – Nicole
 Elm – Erikas
 Cedar – Cantara

Maple – Ellie-Mae
 Willow – Henry
 Hazel - Lily-Mae
 Pine – Theo
 Rowan— Eris
 Beech – Hannah B
 Oak – Josh
 Elm – Elle
 Cedar— Chelsea

Maple – Sebastian
 Willow - Riley
 Hazel – Alivia
 Pine – Kacey-May
 Rowan – Freddie
 Beech— Nikol
 Oak – Evie
 Elm— Harley
 Cedar – Adam



House Points



Fox	162
Squirrel	183
Hedgehog	110
Badger	177

Lunchtime stars

KS1 – Nino
 LKS2 -Tyrell

Maple –Kaius
 Willow – Neo
 Hazel - Jacob
 Pine — Isaac
 Rowan— Alfie
 Beech – Harry
 Oak – Ruben
 Elm— Lacie
 Cedar – Annabelle

School & Community Information



Thursday 17th October

Years 1, 2 and 3: 4pm – 5pm

Years 4,5 and 6: 5.15pm – 6.15pm

£2.50 per child, this includes drinks and snacks

Your child will have received a PTFA disco letter. All information is on the letter. The children love the discos so a big thank you to the team for arranging this.

TT ROCKSTARS—MULTIPLICATION FACTS



All the children in Years 3 and 4 will have come home with a reminder of their TT Rockstars/ Numbots log-ons and passwords this week – you will find them in their Reading diaries.

Please encourage your children to use the app to practice their times tables and get quicker at their recall.

There is currently a tournament between the three classes to see who can answer the most questions so get scoring for your class!

Mistake in Reading diaries!

Please can we draw your attention to a mistake in the school reading diaries—unfortunately there has been a wrong date printed.

INSET DAY—25th October 24

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Can we please remind you that we do place dates on the first page of the newsletter and also there is the link to our calendar page on the website which has the correct dates on.



School is closed on the 25th October NOT 4th November 2024.

Sorry for any confusion.

School & Community Information

As part of our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning Cake Sale, could we please ask for cake donations for next Friday (home-made or shop-bought welcome!).

We would like children to bring in 50p donation for a cake and drink. All classes will go to the hall throughout the morning.



There will be tea/coffee and cake for parents from 2.15 - 3.15 in the hall, £1 for a tea or coffee and a cake.

Any remaining cakes will be sold on the playground at the end of the school day, and all monies raised will go to MacMillan. Thank you for your support!

Can we remind all parents and carer to make sure school is aware of any allergies and care plans are updated so that we can keep everyone well. Many thanks!

Flu Vaccine Information

Ahead of this years flu vaccinations taking place in school, the vaccinations team have asked us to distribute the following videos for your information and to help inform your child of the importance of the vaccination. Please follow the links below to access these.

Student information: <https://youtu.be/JepMe0BkDil>

Parent information: <https://youtu.be/dnqfhcdLZvs>