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'Children at the heart; inspiring futures'

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see so many children joining in with Hello Yellow day to raise awareness of Mental Health and supporting a charity that works with lots of young people across the country. This week we welcomed some of our partner school Headteachers in, to come and look at the work that goes on in school. They were really impressed with how calm school was and saw some fantastic engagement from our children and heard how positive they were about their learning. SImilarly, it was lovely to see our school filled with parents on our maths open morning on Tuesday. I have heard some lovely feedback and it was good to hear that many of you learnt lots on the day!

Family Consultations
Family consultations will take place on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October. These are available to book via Arbor now. An email has been sent with instructions, please do speak to the office if you have any questions. Please note that teacher led after school clubs will not take place on the Wednesday of parents evening, our after school club will be available should you need it.

Halloween Disco.
Our Halloween Discos will take place on the first week back after the holidays. EYFS/KS1 will take place on Tuesday 3rd November and KS2 will take place on Wednesday 4th November. Tickets will cost £4.50 which will include a drink and hotdog. These will be available to purchase on Arbor from Wednesday 11th October at 9:00am and close on Sunday 1st November at 6pm in order for staff to cater for the event.
Children will be invited to bring their Halloween costumes/party clothes in a bag to change into at the end of the day, before the disco. Phase leaders will send specific information out about the discos closer to the time. Both discos will run from 3.15-4.15pm.

After school club Halloween Night:
Our wrap around after school club is open every night to all families with places available until 5pm. The cost of this after school club is £4.00 until 4pm and £10.00 until 5pm . The sports day event this week was a huge success with lots of smiling faces and enjoyment from all. A reminder our next special event will be:

1) ***Thursday 15th October is Halloween Craft night*** in which children will be able to join in with a range of Halloween themed crafts, perfect for decorating their bedrooms!

After school bookings must be made by 4.00pm the night before and Breakfast club bookings must be made by 6.30am on the day to ensure the team can plan food and prevent waste.

School Grounds

A reminder to parents that dogs are not permitted on school grounds and please can we ask that mobile phones are not used whilst on the school site wherever possible - this supports the messages we give to children around mobile phone use. Mr Parsons has been busy planting bulbs in our new planters and would appreciate parents support in ensuring children do not climb on or around these to allow the plants to grow in Spring time. Please could I also ask parents not to prop open school gates when entering or exiting school as this creates a safeguarding risk. School staff will open and close these at the correct times.

PTA

We are still looking for volunteers to join our PTA and offer vital fundraising support for school across this year by helping organise and run events. If you are interested in finding out more about joining the PTA, please do contact Mrs Peters (UKS2 Teaching assistant) via the school office to discuss further. The next meeting will take place on 12th October at 3.30pm.

Baby News!

Many of you will know Miss Binns left us to start her maternity leave at the start of this year. We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of baby Connie. Both Connie and Miss Binns are doing well and adjusting to family life and we are looking forward to hopefully meeting baby Connie in school soon.

Halloween Window Competition

A reminder that Castleford Civic society is running a Halloween window competition this year and they are encouraging children in Castleford aged 12 and under to get creative by decorating a Halloween window and sending in a photograph of their design. Please do see the leaflet at the end of this newsletter should you be interested in participating with your children.

Kendal Drive Family Hub Halloween Party

A reminder of the link below to the Kendal Drive Family Hub Halloween Party. You should be able to copy and paste the link into your internet browser with further details about this fantastic event.
https://eequ.org/book/halloween-party-with-kendal-drive-family-hub-35211

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Attendance this week	
Reception – Mrs Jackson	93%
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Year 1 – Miss Wilson	92%
Year 1/2 – Mrs Turfrey	98%
Year 2 – Miss Moorby	96%
Year 3 – Miss Briscoe	97%
Year 3/4 - Miss Naylor	96%
Year 4 – Miss Stanton	98%
Year 5 – Miss Gibbins	⭐ **100%** ⭐
Year 5/6 – Mrs Longoni	98%
Year 6 – Miss Lynch	04%

We have all definitely felt the temperature drop a little this week but it has been pleasing to still see the sunshine out on some of the days. However you are spending your weekend, enjoy it and find some time to relax and we will see you all again on Monday.

Mr Ivel

Headteacher

CASTLEFORD CIVIC SOCIETY

children's HALLOWEEN window award

competition

To enter:

send in a picture of your decorated window to the **Castleford Civic Society Facebook page** or email it to **castlefordcivicsociety@gmail.com** for a chance to win a spooky prize!

Entries must be in by **7pm on the 18th October**.

Winner to be announced on the 24th October

THE ~~GHOULS~~ RULES!

YOU MUST BE 12 OR UNDER AND LIVE IN CASTLEFORD TO ENTER.
YOUR WORK MUST BE YOUR OWN - NO CHEATING!
THE WINNER MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND CASTLEFORD LIBRARY