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Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see our KS1 children connecting with the local community on their visit to Cutsyke Church this week, the church was filled with Harvest songs and lots of smiles and the team at the church have let us know how superb our children were and they look forward to welcoming us into church for future events. I have been pleased to hand out some Headteacher's awards this week for some excellent work in class and it is always a privilege to celebrate our achievements during Friday's assembly.

Family Consultations
Family consultations will take place on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October. These will be available to book via Arbor and will be open at 9am on Monday 5th October. An email will be sent out beforehand with instructions.

Macmillan Coffee Morning.
A big thank you to everyone for their support at our Macmillan coffee morning last week, through your donations and purchases made on the day. I am delighted to share that we raised a total of £61.70 for this worthy cause! Thank you.

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 afterschool 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.

Allergies.
A reminder to all parents of children with allergies to please ensure they have returned any paperwork for your child's Individual Health Care plan to your child's teacher as soon as possible. This will ensure school is able to support your child as much as possible whilst they are with us.

School Gates

A reminder to parents of a message I shared at the start of the school year around our school gate opening times at the end of the day. School gates are not opened until 3.05pm at the earliest. Mr Parsons begins unlocking these at 3.05pm, once classes have finished their outdoor learning/P.E, please bear with him whilst he gets round all three gates and we thank you for your support and patience at the end of the day. A big thank you to parents for supporting us with our smooth dismissal processes and lining up in the designated places, particularly when collecting some of our youngest children. We are really pleased to hear lots of positive feedback that this process is much more effective.

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.

Term Dates

Please see attached to the bottom of this newsletter the academic term dates for the **2027-2028** academic year. These have been finalised with the trust and local authority and will allow you to plan your holidays around school dates. A reminder that term time holidays cannot be authorised by school.

Hello Yellow Non Uniform Day!

Next Friday, school will (hopefully) be a sea of yellow as we celebrate Hello Yellow world mental health day to raise awareness of the importance of talking and speaking about our feelings. Children are invited to come to school in non uniform on this day and ideally wear as much yellow as possible. Any donations you are able to give will be sent to Young Minds, a mental health charity that directly promotes and supports positive mental well being in children.

Halloween Window Competition

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

We have been asked to share 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

Maths open morning

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Next Tuesday, we have our Maths open morning for Parents (9-9.45am) in which parents are invited into school to join their children for Maths activities in classrooms. Parents should drop children off at their classroom doors as normal and then enter school through the main school office. Miss Woodhouse (Assistant Headteacher) will share some information about Maths at Ackton Pastures before giving you time to spend with your children in their classrooms completing some Maths activities. Parents are permitted to move around school to visit siblings but children will stay in their own classrooms. Please can I remind parents attending that the use of mobile phones/taking of photographs whilst in school is not permitted and we would ask parents to support school staff with school expectations/routines. We hope you learn lots as part of this morning - Maths has changed a lot since many of us were at school!

Attendance this week	
Reception – Mrs Jackson	93%
Reception – Mr Smith	95%
Year 1 – Miss Wilson	95%
Year 1/2 – Mrs Turfrey	97%
Year 2 – Miss Moorby	98%
Year 3 – Miss Briscoe	94%
Year 3/4 - Miss Naylor	96%
Year 4 – Miss Stanton	96%
Year 5 – Miss Gibbins	96%
Year 5/6 – Mrs Longoni	95%
Year 6 – Miss Lynch	98%

Have a wonderful weekend and make the most of the Autumn sunshine whilst it is here, we look forward to seeing 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

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2027-2028 School Calendar

September 2027 (18 days)

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

October 2027 (16 days)

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

November 2027 (21 days)

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

December 2027 (13 days)

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

January 2028 (20 days)

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

February 2028 (15 days)

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29				

March 2028 (23 days)

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

April 2028 (10 days)

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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May 2028 (18 days)

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

June 2028 (15 days)

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

July 2028 (20 days)

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
						1
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

August 2028

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Bank Holidays	School Holidays
INSET Day(s)	Nursery Closure Dates for Home Visits