



# Castle Wood Academy

## Newsletter 9

### July 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

The final newsletter of the academic year and a time for lots of thankyou.

Thankyou and good luck to all of our Year 6 children as they leave us to start their education adventures at secondary school. We wish them all the luck in the world – they leave us feeling very proud of all that they have achieved.

A thankyou to all our children at Castle Wood Academy for another amazing year with; Jubilee celebrations, school events, assessments, learning journeys and trying hard every day – you deserve a well-earned rest over the Summer break.

Thankyou to our amazing PTA – they are all volunteers who give up their own time to raise much needed funds for the school, which has never been so vital. This year they have raised an enormous amount of money. (Please see the PTA update)

My final thankyou goes to you, the parents, carers and extended family members who have supported the school this year in so many ways – supporting with homework, attending events in school and working in partnership with us. We couldn't make Castle Wood the special place it is without you.

Finally, I want to wish you all the very warmest wishes for a lovely Summer break and we will see you all on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September for another exciting year.

With all best wishes, Mrs S Wilson CEO and Mrs Warburton Interim Head of School.

### Dates for the Diary

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – transition days for children with their teachers for the following year.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 'Castlefest' leaver's event

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – School closes for the Summer Holidays

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023** – Children return to school/start school after the Summer holiday

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023** – Staff training day on Talk for Writing – children not in school today.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** - Individual Pupil Photographs

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – Macmillan Coffee Morning



### **Wedding Bells!**

We send lots of best wishes to Miss Fox and Miss Goodrich who will be getting married over the Summer. We hope you have the most fantastic day. Miss Fox will return as Mrs Wells in September.



### **Farewell and Good Luck to...**

Miss Goodrich  
Miss Sutton  
Miss Swannack  
Miss Butroid  
Mrs Hopper

We wish you all the best for your new ventures and the future. Thankyou for everything you have done for the children and school community.

**GOOD LUCK!**



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We would like to say a warm welcome to Miss Brown and Mr Da Costa who will be joining the staff team from September. Both teachers have been at Mercer's Wood but are moving to Castle Wood and have worked for the Trust for many years.

### Leadership at Castle Wood Academy

Mrs Warburton will remain as Interim Head  
from September 2023



Congratulations to Sara Williamson for being  
elected by parents to sit on the local governing  
body as a parent governor.  
We can't wait to welcome her on board.

### Class names



**Reception** – Miss Stimson - Snowdrop  
**Year 1** – Mrs Crookes-Howe/Miss Holman –  
Violet  
**Year 1** – Miss Benson - Daisy  
**Year 2** – Miss Brown - Bluebell  
**Year 3** – Mrs Rosser - Falcon  
**Year 3** – Mrs Wells - Hawk  
**Year 4** – Miss Lett - Kestrel  
**Year 4** – Mr Da Costa - Eagle  
**Year 5** – Mr Holland - Owl  
**Year 5** – Miss Moss/Mr Walker - Kite  
**Year 6** – Miss Bovill - Harrier



### Talk4Writing

From September Castle Wood Academy will be embarking on a two year project to develop our writing curriculum, the teaching of writing and the writing that children produce. We will be working with our other 2 Trust schools and we're really looking forward to getting stuck in with the help of Mr. Grossmith who will be guiding and helping us though.

#### What is Talk for Writing?

Talk for Writing is an engaging teaching framework developed by Pie Corbett, supported by Julia Strong. It is powerful because it is based on the principles of how children learn. It enables children to imitate the language they need for a particular topic orally, before reading and analysing it, and then writing their own version.

So there will be lots of talk, learning stories and the language of stories and poems.

**Please note that school will be closed to children on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September as we will be training staff in Talk for Writing.**



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### PTA Update

Please see the events for next year that the PTA have planned so far.

Sept – IQ Christmas Cards (making and ordering)

Oct – Halloween Disco

Nov/Dec – Winter Fair

Feb – Dare to be different

March – Spring Disco

April – Chocolate Bingo

May – Colour Dash

June – Family Fest

July – Castle Fest / Fun Day

### Year End Attendance

We would like to thank parents and carers for working in partnership with school in improving attendance.

At year end Castle Wood Academy sits at:

**Attendance 95%**

**Persistent Absence 13.6%**

We will continue to work hard to improve this even further next year – we are aiming for 96% attendance – I know we can do it with your help.

### Arbor Consents for Parents

It's that time of year where we look to update all of the parental consents for such things as photographs, local trips amongst other things. When you next log in to Arbor please have a look and update these. If you would like some help completing this, please call in to Reception and we can help you with this. Thankyou.



### School Uniform

#### School Uniform

Black skirt

Black school trousers

Plain black jogging bottoms (no logos or patterns)

Plain black leggings (no logos or patterns)

Black formal shorts

Black jogging shorts (no logos or patterns)

White polo shirt or white blouse with collar

Turquoise school sweatshirt or cardigan

Blue and white checked school summer dress (in warmer weather)

Plain black shoes, trainers or boots (no heels)

A weather appropriate coat

**For PE:** Exercise-appropriate, plain sportswear (e.g. t-shirt, jogging bottoms, hoodie and trainers).

**Please note: No football kits are permitted**

We have tried to make sure that our uniform suits all children as well as being value for money.

### Congratulations!!



### Secondary Scrabble Champion

Jace recently attended an open evening at De Aston school where he took part in a large game of scrabble.

Jace came first with 40 points and got a letter and badge as a prize. Great scrabbling! Well done.