



# Castle View Primary and Nursery School



## Newsletter December 2023

### Dates for Your Diary

#### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Year 2 Trip to Methodist Church.

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Choir Trip to Holy Trinity.

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

School Book Fair.

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Performance.

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Fair and Design & Technology Exhibition.

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Whole School Trip to Christmas Extravaganza.

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Dinner and Class Parties.

#### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

School Closes at 1:30pm.

#### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

School Re-Opens at 8:40am

### Headteacher's Message

We are now in the second half of the Autumn Term and we can definitely feel it in the weather! This hasn't been kind to our new playground initiatives and so I must apologise for the muddy uniforms many children have come home with. The children are telling us that they are enjoying playtimes much more and we are noticing far better engagement during these times. However, we are trying to manage and adjust to the weather as it worsens. I would like to thank Miss Santos and the Play Working Group who have volunteered their time to make these improvements so that the children can engage in more purposeful, creative and engaging play. I would also like to say a huge thank you for all the donations made towards this.

### Welcoming Miss Robinson

We would like to give a warm welcome to Miss Robinson who is currently working with Year 4.

### Congratulation Mr Colecliffe

We would like to congratulate Mr Colecliffe on his new appointment as a teacher in another school. We wish him all the best for the future.

### Parent Disputes

We must stress the importance of adult conduct and use of language on the school grounds. We cannot and will not condone use of bad language around the school grounds or any form of behaviour that can be deemed intimidating.

### New School Council initiatives

Our School Council have democratically voted in favour of a new initiative which gives all children the choice to wear their own clothes on their birthday. All children are welcome to wear their own clothes as a special treat on their birthday.

### OPAL

We are overwhelmed with the amount of donations we have been given towards OPAL and would like to thank everyone who donated. We are no longer taking donations. However, if anyone has any old pots and pans they no longer use and wish to donate, we would be more than grateful.

### Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated for Children in Need. We have never seen so many cakes! We raised an amazing £262.17!!

### Winter Bingo!

We would like to thank everyone who donated and came to our Winter Bingo and hope you all had a wonderful time.

### Book Fair

School will be holding a Book Fair from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December after school at 3:10pm – 5:30pm. Keep an eye out for posters dotted around school.

### Christmas Performance

Our annual Christmas Performance will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. More information to follow.

### Christmas Fair

We are excited to announce we will be having a Christmas Fair this year at school. The children have been working extremely hard on something exciting and can't wait for you all to come along. More information to follow.

### Christmas Extravaganza

The whole school have been invited to attend a Christmas Extravaganza trip. We are excited to share with you all the details about this trip. Letters will be sent out in due course.

### Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. You will receive further notification of this in the coming weeks.

### Class Parties

Christmas class parties will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. This day will be a 'Non-Uniform' day for the whole school. Children can also wear their own clothes on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December for the last day of term.

### Online Safety

We now have an Online Safety tab on our school website with important information about how to keep your child safe and monitor their online activity.

We will also be holding a talk for parents of children in year 3 and year 4 this month.

### PE Kits

With the weather turning colder and PE lessons often outside, we advise parents that children will need warmer clothes for PE such as: leggings, joggers, hoodies, sweatshirts or jackets. Please see the school website for PE days. Please provide warm coats, gloves and scarves.

### School Website

<https://www.castleviewprimary.co.uk/>

### Social Media

Don't forget to sign up to our Twitter, Facebook and Instagram pages to be kept up to date with what's going on in our school!

Twitter page **@CastleView\_PS**,  
Facebook **'Castle View Primary and Nursery School'**  
Instagram **@castle\_views**.