



Learners for Life...

Dear all,

Welcome back and Happy New Year. Big smiles was the order of the day on Tuesday. It was lovely to hear that Santa had visited all the children and they were lucky enough to receive such fantastic presents. A lot of them talked about how much family fun time they have had. I know the staff have all felt the same, but were all excited to see the children again.

As the term drew to a close for the children the staff continued in their learning in true 'Learners for Life...' style. We have been receiving aid training from you have seen the on Facebook thought I'd share with you my favourite!



Spring term can often be one of the busiest and we look forward to all the topics and learning the children will be engaged in over the next few weeks. Parent flyers should be winging their way to you today, so please take a look at some key dates and all that they will be covering in their studies.

We have had some new 2 year olds join us this week, who have entered in to a 'winter

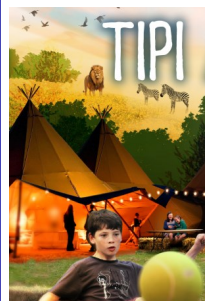
Cinema visit



I hope you all received a card from the Friends of Castle View, who have invited Reception, Key Stage 1 and 2 children to a special post Christmas treat. On Wednesday 1st February all the children will be visiting the Odeon cinema in Derby to watch either 'Blinky Bill' or 'Swallows and Amazons' depending on their age.

Nursery will still be open on this day and a special treat for these children will be planned whilst the rest of the school are out.

This trip will take place in the normal school day and is at no cost to parents. Children will be back in school for



Ever fancied a Safari adventure?

Well this year that's just what we are taking the Year 4, 5 and 6s on.

We have been very fortunate to have secured a 3 day residential tipi experience for the children on the 5th—7th June. Thanks to a very generous donation from Andy Botham, councillor, and the Friends of Castle View we are able to offer this at the greatly reduced price of approximately £100. This will include all accommodation, food, transport, activities and even a visit to West Midlands Safari park.

There are a few places left, so if your child would like to go then please pop in to the office for a letter. At the moment all that is needed is a £30.00 deposit to secure a place.



Governors and our school.

Over this year governors will be wanting to canvas your views on how well you think we are doing, what we are doing well and what we could do better. They are planning on trying some imaginative approaches, so please don't be surprised if you are given a token to use to place your vote at some point over this term or suddenly receive a quick survey. We welcome your feedback and any ways in which we can continue to improve for your children.

The plan to convert and join the QEGS Multi-Academy Trust is underway. The initial conversion date is planned for February 1st, however due to the delay over the Christmas period this may not be until March or April. We are already work-



Attendance challenge



All the classes are now competing against each other to be on the top of the podium on the attendance leaders board. I have to say it is the Y3s who are in the lead, closely followed by Year 4s, but there is all to play for this term.

We had two classes neck and neck one week on 100%!

I'm just curious to know if the Year 3s can sustain it or if a rival class might pip them to the post at the end of this term...watch this space!

As always if you have any difficulties with

Family photo shoot and stay for a while.

Next **Friday (13th)** morning we have invited Jane Stapleton photographers in to do a New Year family photo shoot. They are offering this at a special rate. If you would like to take up this opportunity they will be in the school hall from 9.30 until 12.00.

Ever wondered what they really get up to in lessons?

If so why not join your child in the morning for a few minutes, hour, whatever you can spare and sit in with them whilst they are learning. Our doors will be open from 9.00 until 12.00, so please pop in. It's lessons as

I am sure you are aware there have been major cuts across the Sure Start service. Some have closed or are running a reduced timetable and service. As of Monday 16th January the Sure Start Centre, on site, will be running a reduced service and will only be open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Unfortunately they will be unable to staff the centre on Fridays.

Currently the Toy Library operates from the building on a Friday morning 9.30-11.30. In order for this to continue we have offered the Toy Library the space and will oversee the running of this. So if you want to find out more about the Toy Library and what they offer please visit :

<http://www.derbyshiretoylibraries.org/>
or their facebook page 'Derbyshire Toy

Reminder

A leaflet went out last term about a free parenting workshop.

There is a special SOS parents workshop being held on Monday 4.00-6.00. This is a free workshop being run by the Multi-Agency Team. They will be on hand in the school hall to offer practical help and advice regarding the safe use of mobile phones for pupils, etc. Please

Please note Y1 will be going out and about every Thursday afternoon, this term, as part of their 'Into the woods' topic.

They will need appropriate warm clothing and footwear...it can get



Dates for your diaries

January

Saturday 7th Matlock Town football hosting pupils from Castle View.

Tuesday 7th Year 4 visit to Mount Cook Adventure Centre.

Friday 13th 9.30-12.00 Family photo shoot in the hall.
9.00-12.00 'Lesson open morning' stay and join your child in lesson.

Wednesday 25th Year 4, 5 and 6 pantomime trip 6.00-10.00

February

Wednesday 1st Reception, Key Stage 1 and 2 Cinema trip. Please note Nursery will still be open as usual.

Planned conversion date to join QEGS MAT

Please see the enclosed Home School Agreement agreed by governors last term. This has been updated to include social media use. Please note a condition of attending Castle View Primary School is following this agreement and code of conduct. If you have any queries regarding it please do not hesitate to ask.

Key dates for 2017

Tuesday 31st January Parent Consultations

Wednesday 1st February Parent Consultations

Thursday 2nd March
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Reminder the school website address is:

www.castleviewmatlock.com

