



Learners for Life...

Dear all,

A special thank you to those parents who joined us for both the cinema and the pantomime trip. The pantomime tickets were paid for by Matlock Rotary Club. They were on hand to see us to our seats in the evening with chocolate for all and even ice-creams in the interval. All who went had a fabulous time, we all laughed so much my stomach hurt by the time we returned to school. My favourite moment was when the ugly sisters entered the stage and one of the children said 'but they are men'. They really did steal the show! Roll on next year.

Last year Derbyshire Dales District Council visited the school and asked the children to give their views on the play equipment. On what is known as 'Helicopter Park'. After looking at all the proposals they decided on the final plans, and I am pleased to announce their wishes have been met and all the equipment has now been installed. To celebrate they are holding a family games and activities event on Wednesday 8th February at 3.45 p.m. I am sure the children will be pleased with the outcome.

In-term holidays...what are your thoughts? In school we have been thinking of how we can support families who wish to take a holiday in term time, as last year there were more holiday requests than ever before. The governors and I wondered whether a week's block of INSET days next year would be preferable. This would mean that we would potentially have a week of INSET (training days for staff) in May or June and would ask that parents use this time to book a cheaper holiday. This would cause some parents difficulty in the fact that we would not be in line with local Secondary schools. I would be grateful if you could let me know your thoughts, either by chatting with me on the school playground or popping in to school.

Regards
Clare Peat

Cinema visit



Thank you to the Friends of Castle View. We had a fantastic time on Wednesday. The children were so excited and were a credit to yourselves and Castle View.

It has inspired everyone so much that the Friends of Castle View will be hosting a film night in the school hall very soon. Watch out for tickets, they are hoping to make it a family event.



Fun Fridays....

For those of you who follow us on Facebook you may recall that a while ago we asked who would be interested in some 'Fun Fridays'.

Miss Wilton has taken on the challenge of planning them and has booked in our first which will be on **Friday 24th of February**. To kick start this she thought it would be great fun for us all to have a kite flying session after school. Please put the date in your diary and join us on the school field from 3.30-4.00.

This year we are aiming to achieve the school games award. We currently do lots of competitive games and sports with other schools, but don't seem to have any competitions in school.

So from after February half term Mr Wray will be running some competitive in school competitions on a Friday afternoon. I can't wait to find out who wins!





Governors and our school.

The planned conversion date has come and gone. There has been a bit of a delay in transferring all the buildings over, but we hope this will be done soon. As soon as we have a new date we will let you know.



Mrs Etienne

Sadly Mrs Etienne will be leaving us at the end of February, as she has been offered more hours in one of her other jobs. Mrs Etienne has been our senior mid-day supervisor for nearly 20 years and has always been very passionate about the community and children of Castle View. We wish her all the best, but know we will miss her.

Non-Uniform day on Friday 10th February.



At the last school council meeting the children made quite a view suggestions, one of which was to host a non-uniform day in the aid of Cancer Research, this is planned for next Friday. There will also be a cake sale and any donations will be warmly received. The council felt that a 50p contribution would be ideal. Thank you to all of them for their ideas. It's great to hear their suggestions and enable them to make choices.

A special thank you to Lola who wrote the letter to parents. We were all blown away with her handwriting and confidence!

On **Tuesday 28th February at 5.00–6.00** representatives from public health have very kindly offered to hold a workshop for parents. The theme of the workshop will be about how to keep your child safe from sexual exploitation. It's not something that I hope ever affects any of our children, however it is always good to know how we can safeguard them in a world where access online and through social media forums can out them at risk. So please come and join us.



The governors have set themselves some targets to achieve this year one of which is to ensure that the school is meeting the needs of you as parents as well as the children. They hope to canvas your views in a variety of ways; Facebook, online surveys and paper surveys.

On the last page of this newsletter governors have posed 3 questions and would really welcome your thoughts. The questions should only take 5 minutes at the most to complete. The same questions will be sent via a Facebook link or text link. If you could complete them via your preferred method they would be most grateful.



Dates for your diaries

February

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| Friday 10th | Non-uniform day in aid of Cancer Research |
| Tuesday 21st | Scholastic' book fair arriving in school |
| Wednesday 22nd-
Friday 24th | Book fair open 8.30-9.00 and 3.30-4.00 in the library. |
| Friday 24th | Fun Friday—Kite Flying 3.30-4.00 on the school field. |
| Tuesday 28th | Sexual exploitation workshop for parents 5.00-6.00 |

March

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| Thursday 2nd March | World Book Day |
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INSET days for 2017
26th May

Reminder the school website address is:

www.castleviewmatlock.com





The Governors of Castle View Primary School believe that parents are extremely important in ensuring that our children get the most from their time at the school. One of our main targets this year is to make sure that we listen. To start this process we would love to hear your views and would be grateful if you would answer these few questions below and return them to the school office or to your child's class teacher. Please answer as honestly as you can. It shouldn't take more than 5 minutes. Please circle or tick.

The amount of information I get from school about what the children are learning is...

- a) too much
- b) about right
- c) not enough

The information I get from school about what the children are learning...

- a) is easy to understand
- b) has some parts which are difficult to understand
- c) is difficult to understand

How do you prefer to find out about what is happening in school?

- a) Newsletters
- b) The School Website
- c) The School Facebook Page
- d) Text Message

Thank you for taking the time to give us your views.