



Exceeding expectations, raising aspirations...

Dear all,

Rain stopped play #picnics. We were so looking forward to seeing everyone this week, but after what was supposed to be a glorious week it all changed. So instead of you all coming to us, we've been out and about visiting some of you. Staff have been delivering end of year reports and meeting their new classes. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces. We are still hoping to be able to see you all before school breaks up for the summer, although with only one week left, we're starting to run out of time. If the weather suddenly changes and the sun comes out we'll message you to see if you'd like to pop up to school, so please have a picnic ready just in case the sun does shine! Next week we are hoping to see our Year 6s and wish them a fond farewell and best wishes as they move on to Secondary school. I know some of them have already been doing transition work ready for September.

Next Friday is 'take over day'. Next Thursday will be the last day children will have their current class teacher, as on Friday all teachers will take over their new classes on 'google classrooms' and 'Tapestry'. We're hoping this will also give you all a chance to ask any questions you may have about next year.

At last we are able to announce our plans for September! Although it won't be quite the same, we've been busy getting classrooms ready and making them as welcoming and homely as we can, in true Castle View style.



We are having to make a few changes to our normal arrangements, but hopefully just ones that will make dropping off and picking up easy and safe for everyone. We're extending our drop off time to between 8.50 a.m. and 9.20 a.m. and pick up times between 3.00 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. Everyone will be contacted via ParentHub, next week, with a time slot.



For more details of what we have in place and what pupils will need to wear please look at the frequently asked questions over the page.

Stay safe and well, best wishes for a good summer break.
Clare Peat

Frequently asked questions for September.

Do I need to stick to my pick up and drop off times?

Yes, these are to ensure we can keep everyone socially distanced and to make sure entrances, corridors and exits are clear.

What if my time slot doesn't suit my working pattern?

If this is the case, please give us a ring and we'll see if we can rearrange your time to either earlier or later.

Can I come in to school with my child?

Unfortunately not. All children will need to come in to the school buildings on their own. There will be signs on doors, so you know which door your child needs to use.

What if I need to go to the office?

The main office door will be open and staff will be on hand to answer any questions you have, but wherever possible we are asking all parents to give the office a ring, rather than enter the building.

Can my child come to school on their own?

No, all children will need to be dropped off and picked up by a parent/carer. This is to ensure they socially distance on the way to and from school.

Can a friend pick up or drop my child off?

At the moment, the person dropping off and picking up needs to be from the same household. If this isn't possible you can nominate one other person, but please let the office know who that is and we'll update our records.

Does my child need to wear school uniform?

Yes, we've made the decision that if children wear school uniform they can change in to non-uniform as soon as they are home. Uniform must be changed as soon as children are home.

Uniform in Nursery is optional.

For uniform orders please visit: <https://myclothing.com/>

What will happen at playtime, lunchtimes?

Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered and all children in their classes will remain together. Lunches will be collected from the dining hall and children will have them in their classes.

Will there be a breakfast and afterschool club?

Mixing classes/children is something we are trying to minimise, however we understand that for some of you, breakfast and afterschool club is needed so that you are able to work. To help us know what you need and plan what we can offer please fill in the survey below by Tuesday 14th July. We will then give you a ring next week to talk through what we can make available.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=CFco5p-BOOeeOIIQIqrNT5Jrpf9Iz2LIIn3I6NN-amZRURUhROTRXTDlDSE9CUUxVUDAwQU84RFVURS4u>

Welcome to the World

We're happy to announce the safe arrival of two beautiful additions:



Teddy Peter Bedford



Heidi Annabelle Eason

Congratulations to Mrs Bedford and Mrs Eason. We can't wait to be able to see you both soon and give your new bundles of joy a cuddle.



Building work

The work on the rooves is well under way, hopefully all should be finished over the summer holidays and when we return in September you'll never know anyone has been here.



Price increase.

From September we will be increasing our wraparound care by 50p each session. This will mean that from September the prices each day will be:

Breakfast club £1.50

After school club 3.30-5.00 £3.50 and 3.30-6.00 £4.50

Nursery lunchtime cover £2.50

Nursery breakfast club £5.00

Nursery after school club 3.30-5.00 £6.50 and 3.30-6.00 £9.50

Please note Nursery wrap around is different to main school, due to the amount of staff needed for Nursery aged pupils.

All wraparound care and dinner money must be in credit. Please ensure your parent pay account is topped up before booking any additional items.

Well guessed!

Well done all of you who guessed correctly on 'Google classrooms' or 'Tapestry' about our new addition to the Castle View Crew. Please meet Benji, our new school dog. We've been thinking about having a school dog for a while, and now seems the perfect time.



Benji is a 'cockapoo' and was chosen because as a breed they are renowned to be intelligent, calm, patient, friendly and affectionate. They are also a breed that don't shed fur, meaning very few people are allergic to them.

Having an animal in school has been proven to improve children's well being and lower anxiety levels, simply by making the environment happier and more enjoyable. Dogs in the classroom can be used to calm fears, relieve anxieties and teach skills. I'm hoping he's going to be easier than Oreo the hamster!

At the moment Benji is in training. Thank you to all of the children and parents who have helped ignore him and only fuss him when he's sat waiting. I just need to try to get the staff to do the same. Mrs Goodall—no you can't have him and please stop fussing him!!!

In the day he will be in my office and by night at home with me and my family. So far he has settled brilliantly and is loving being in school.



If anyone has any questions about Benji or wants to know more about what I have put in place to make sure everyone is safe please don't hesitate to give me a call or drop me an email. I'm very happy to talk through the risk assessment, policies and procedures needed for having a dog in school.

Today he even had a visit from a friend...I'm not sure if Benji was that impressed!

Details for your diaries

July

Friday 17th

School closes to all pupils for the Summer break.

Monday 20th

Free School Meal vouchers will go out to cover the summer holidays. These are additional this year and are being funded directly by the government. If you are entitled and don't receive yours please let us know.

September

Wednesday 2nd

School opens to all pupils.

INSET days 2020-2021

Friday 23rd October

Monday to Thursday 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th June 2021.

See you all in September

Have a good summer, stay safe and well.

