

NEWSLETTER

A message from the Senior Leadership Team...

Wow! This week we want to say a big thank you to Mrs Greensill for arranging our whole school fantastic Science day. Sublime Science and the amazing Atomic Anna came in to visit us on Thursday. The children took part in workshops where they investigated Science for themselves and saw exciting things first hand. Our next Thank you goes to the PTPA for funding our special visitor. WE LOVED IT! We did share photos on Twitter, we hope you saw them! We also had a great day for Comic Relief, the children looked fantastic in red with some wacky hair styles. Thanks for your support! We hope that you have a lovely weekend, and are ready for the very busy last week of term. Take care, from Team Castlechurch!



Next Week...



Monday	MAPLE PE Kit OAK PE kit
Tuesday	Elm & Cedar PE Kit EYFS Parent engagement
Wednesday	Rowan class SWIMMING LKS2 PE Kit PTPA Choc Bingo
Thursday	HAZEL/WILLOW PE Kit KS1 Parent engagement
Friday	EYFS PE Kit Church Service UKS2 Parent engagement SCHOOL CLOSES

School opens 8th April 2024

Gotta Dance— 25th April 24

The calendar on the website has been updated please go to:
[Calendar - Castlechurch Primary School | Stafford](#)

Class	Attendance
Hazel	94.09%
Maple	97.83%
Willow	98.26%
Beech	93.33%
Pine	98.21%
Rowan	95.38%
Cedar	90.74%
Elm	96.9%
Oak	93.33%

This Week's winner is:

Willow

Well done!



Picture news

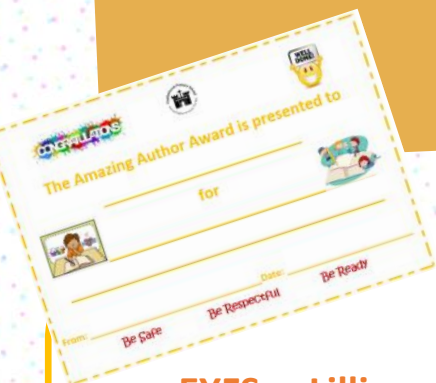


Ministers have confirmed plans to ban the use of mobile phones in English schools and have released guidance for headteachers. The guidance is not statutory and offers schools different ways of introducing the ban. These include an order to leave all phones at home, handing them in on arrival, keeping them in inaccessible lockers or allowing pupils to keep them, on the condition they are not used or heard. What are your thoughts?

Our whole school attendance target is 96%.

This week, our school attendance was: **95.1%**

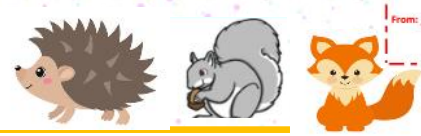
Celebrations



- EYFS — Lillie
- Maple — Ellie
- Willow — Violet
- Hazel — Thaison
- Pine — Jack D
- Rowan — Scarlett
- Beech — Ryan
- Oak — Lylah
- Elm — Ava
- Cedar — Ruby LW

- EYFS — Finnley
- Maple — Kaiser
- Willow — Matei
- Hazel - Darcy
- Pine — Aurora
- Rowan — Isaac
- Beech — Erikas
- Oak — Theo
- Elm — Freya
- Cedar — Vesi

- EYFS — Freddie R
- Maple — Sophie
- Willow - Elijah
- Hazel — Rebecca
- Pine — Maisie
- Rowan — Kaia
- Beech — Charlie
- Oak — Mozzamil
- Elm — Tegan
- Cedar — Bella



House Points



Fox	2613
Squirrel	3224
Hedgehog	3423
Badger	5117

Lunchtime stars

- EYFS — Coby
- KS1 — Amelia & Elsie
- LKS2 - Oscar K

- EYFS - Aisla
- Maple - Annie
- Willow — Fleur
- Hazel - Darcy
- Pine — Riley
- Rowan — Ayzel
- Beech - Kade
- Oak — Reuben
- Elm — Reggie
- Cedar — Grace



Community Events

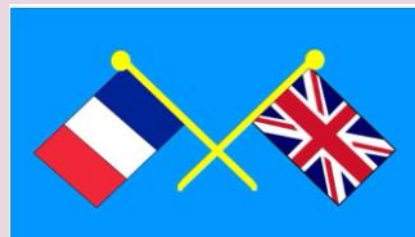


Your housing officer for Homes Plus is offering a drop in service at the community hub. You can pop along and discuss housing needs and concerns. A great way to get help. No appointment needed just pop in 11-12pm on the following dates:



Friday 22nd March,
Friday 19th April,
Friday 17th may,
Friday 14th June
Friday 12th July
Friday 16th August

We have a French teacher that hopes to start an after school French club for years 5 and 6 after Easter. This is to prepare them for the French high school curriculum in a fun way. Letters will come home in bags next week. There are limited places so please return the slip before the Easter holidays. Like with other specialist lessons there will be a small weekly fee payable to the teacher. Details will be on the letter.



Swimming costume donations wanted

If you have any towels, swimming costumes or trunks that are too small for your child please send them in and we can use them for spares. Many thanks.





EASTER FUN!
FREE
Holiday Activities and Food
for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals*
Booking opens: 4pm, Monday 11th March 2024
staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities

HAF2024 | Free holiday activities and food this Easter ☐

If your child is eligible for a free place on the HAF programme, they will receive a letter with a HAF code.

- ☐ Booking opens at 4pm on 11th March
- ☐ Activities run 25 March - 5 April
- ☐ Quote your HAF code to get a free place

Activities include dodgeball, dance, football, arts and crafts, bushcraft and lots more! Your child will get a chance to make new friends, have fun and enjoy a healthy meal.

If your child is not eligible for a free place but wants to attend, most of the clubs offer paid places too! ☐

Find out more on the Staffordshire County Council website → ☐ bit.ly/3f1O7Hd

Important

We have been informed by Edwards & Ward that due to increasing staffing and food costs, they will be increasing the cost of a school meal to £2.95 from Easter 2024. This will mean that parents of pupils in Nursery, Years 3 and above who pay for their school meals, will from the 8th April pay £2.95 per meal (£14.75 per week).

If your circumstances have changed and you believe your child may now qualify for free school meals, please click the link below to find out more.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

Extended Nursery

From 8th April, the price of an afternoon session for those that do not claim NEF funding will increase £15.24 per session.



Community Events



Easter Service for The Community Grocery



On Friday 22nd March we will go to Castle Church. Like at Harvest time we will ask the children to bring in food items such as rice, pasta, tins, cereal and packets. This will be donated to The Life Church on Milton Grove. It runs a community grocery 5pm to 7pm every Thursday where you pay £5 for a huge bag of food. This is open to anyone and is provided by donations, supermarket generosity and fair share. Our food will help those in our community that need a helping hand.

