



Key stages 1-4	<p>Welcome back – A very warm welcome back! It has been a delight to see learners settling back into school routines and engaging once again in their learning. We look forward to an exciting year for all pupils.</p>
	<p>Coronavirus - Castledon continues to monitor and follow Government guidance on Covid-19 and keeping our students and staff safe during these times. If there are any changes to our current operating procedures rest assured that all parents and carers will be kept fully informed.</p>
	<p>Snacks – As you are aware your son/daughter is allowed a snack at break-time. Your child can either bring in a healthy snack, e.g. fruit or raisins. Please do not give your children any chocolate, crisps or nuts of any kind to bring into school. You can also purchase a slice of toast for Secondary children or bread and butter for Primary children at 50p a week via our sQuid online payment system. Purchasing snacks via sQuid will be up and running from week commencing 14 September. Please log into your sQuid account under “Trips and Offers” and look for the Booking Category: SNACKS 2020-2021 and then pick which week you require and pay. If you have any problems with paying for snacks please contact the school office on 01268 761252 and the Receptionist will be able to help you.</p>
	<p>Friends of Castledon – Friends of Castledon and the school have been working tirelessly to raise funds to furnish our Library Bus and I am very pleased to let you know that it is now on site. It is a fantastic new resource for our pupils. A big thank you to everyone who has donated to this project, we are all really looking forward to seeing the finished article. Watch this space for details of the Grand Opening.</p>
	<p>Life skills - As you are aware your son/daughter is taught life skills as a large part of their curriculum. Topics include things like our local community, health and hygiene, food and transport. Pupils will have regular opportunities to practice these skills in real life situations. Many of these aspects do cost money and rather than asking for contributions each time a cooking activity occurs or pupils go offsite we ask for a donation of £15 per term. Where pupils go out and purchase meals/snacks or a trip requires entrance fees, due to the extra cost of these activities, a separate letter will come home asking for this money. Payment is £15 a term via the sQuid online payment system. You can make all three payments before the payment deadline dates. The dates for payment are due by:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Monday, 5th October 2020 Monday, 11th January 2021 Monday, 26th April 2021</p> <p>Please log into your sQuid account under “Trips and Offers” and look for the booking category “Life Skills Payment for School Key Stage1-4” and then look for “Life Skills payment for School KS 1-4 2020-2021”.</p>
	<p>Teacher’s email addresses – Please see below the new class email addresses. Please email the class teacher if you need to contact them. (Emails will not be viewed during teaching hours.)</p> <p>Mrs Foote – C4.1@castledon.org Ms Wheeler – C4.2@castledon.org Mrs O’Brien – C4.3@castledon.org Mr Ing – C4.4@castledon.org Ms Lovick – LLClass@castledon.org Mrs K Johnson – KJClass@castledon.org Ms Jones – VJClass@castledon.org Ms Mansfield-Smith – HMClass@castledon.org Mrs DJohnson – DJClass@castledon.org Ms West – EWClass@castledon.org Mrs Wiggs – CWclass@castledon.org Mrs Murphy – CMclass@castledon.org Mrs Crowdy – TCclass@castledon.org Ms Carter – SCclass@Castledon.org</p>
	<p>Evidence for Learning (EFL) – At Castledon School we have an app accessible from all tablets and mobile phones called “EFL”. It allows you to see daily photos and comments of your child to keep you up-to-date. It also allows you to comment on your child’s learning and upload your own photos or comments about activities at the weekend or significant events that can then be shared with the class. An invite as been sent to all new starters. If you have not received a letter, please email the class teacher. If you cannot access the app please also email your child’s teacher.</p>
	<p>Please continue to monitor your child’s online use to ensure they are staying safe. If we become aware your child has seen any distressing content online which has affected them, we will inform you and offer support in school. Thank you for your support.</p> <p>Useful Websites: CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) – https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/ Childnet - https://www.childnet.com/ Internet Matters - https://www.internetmatters.org/ Net Aware - https://www.net-aware.org.uk/ NSPCC - https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection-schools Parent Info - https://parentinfo.org/ Safer Internet - https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/</p>
Future	<p>Half term – Monday, 19 – Friday, 30 October Christmas break - Monday, 21 December 2020 – Friday, 1 January 2021 Inset day - 4 January (non pupil day)</p>

dates

Half term – Monday, 15 – Friday, 19 February

Inset days - Monday, 22 – Tuesday, 23 February (non pupil days – annual review meetings taking place)

Easter break – Monday, 29 – Friday, 9 April (returning Monday, 12 April)

Bank Holiday – Monday, 3 May

Half term – Monday, 31 May – Friday, 4 June (including bank holiday Monday)

Inset Day – Friday, 9 July (non pupil day)

Last day of school – Wednesday, 21 July at 12o/c (except year 11 who leave on Friday, 28 May)

Please ensure that we have your up-to-date email address and contact numbers in case of emergencies. Please let the School Office know of any changes.