



<p><b>Key Stage 1-4</b></p>	<p><b>End of half term</b> – We would like to thank everyone for supporting Wickford Churches Food Bank in donating various non-perishable items and donating money for non-uniform day. TC class went this week and delivered a substantial amount of items. The library bus is now in use. Pupils can enjoy reading and picking their favourite book.</p>
	<p><b>Ringworm</b> - We have one ringworm case in the school and have sought the advice of Public Health England in order to eradicate it in school and support parents and carers to do so at home. Their advice is to check your child for any signs of infection, which will appear as a small ring of raised spots. If found, you will need to consult your GP for advice on treatment and it is important that you complete the course given. It is also recommended that you check any family pets for signs of infection and treat them accordingly. As ringworm is a fungal infection, the spores are easily transported from one individual to another and so a heightened level of hygiene is recommended. Please be assured that the school is undertaking all steps to eradicate the problem but if it is regularly brought back in to the building this is extremely difficult to manage. With that in mind, the suggestion from Public Health England is that on Friday when your child is home from school, their uniform, together with any bedding and towels are washed on a boil wash. This should kill any spores and prevent re-infection. If any treatment also starts on Friday then the infection should be under control before returning to school after the half term break.</p>
	<p><b>School mini buses</b> - The wearing of masks/face coverings for over 11s is now strongly encouraged on our school minibuses, to enable us to access community learning. We have purchased an Electrostatic Hygienization Technology system to clean our minibuses between uses.</p>
	<p><b>Life skills</b> - 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:  <b>Monday, 11th January and Monday, 26th April 2021</b>                  Please log into your sQuid account under “Trips and Offers” and look for the booking category “Life Skills Payment for School Key Stage 1-4” and then look for “Life Skills payment for School KS 1-4 2020-2021”.</p>
	<p><b>Snacks</b> – 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. 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.</p>
	<p><b>Teacher’s email addresses</b> – 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs Foote – <a href="mailto:C4.1@castledon.org">C4.1@castledon.org</a></li> <li>Ms Wheeler – <a href="mailto:C4.2@castledon.org">C4.2@castledon.org</a></li> <li>Mrs O’Brien – <a href="mailto:C4.3@castledon.org">C4.3@castledon.org</a></li> <li>Mr Ing – <a href="mailto:C4.4@castledon.org">C4.4@castledon.org</a></li> <li>Ms Lovick – <a href="mailto:LLClass@castledon.org">LLClass@castledon.org</a></li> <li>Mrs K Johnson – <a href="mailto:KJClass@castledon.org">KJClass@castledon.org</a></li> <li>Ms Jones – <a href="mailto:VJClass@castledon.org">VJClass@castledon.org</a></li> <li>Ms Mansfield-Smith – <a href="mailto:HMClass@castledon.org">HMClass@castledon.org</a></li> <li>Mrs DJohnson – <a href="mailto:DJClass@castledon.org">DJClass@castledon.org</a></li> <li>Ms West – <a href="mailto:EWClass@castledon.org">EWClass@castledon.org</a></li> <li>Mrs Wiggs – <a href="mailto:CWclass@castledon.org">CWclass@castledon.org</a></li> <li>Mrs Murphy – <a href="mailto:CMclass@castledon.org">CMclass@castledon.org</a></li> <li>Mrs Crowdy – <a href="mailto:TCclass@castledon.org">TCclass@castledon.org</a></li> <li>Ms Carter – <a href="mailto:SCclass@Castledon.org">SCclass@Castledon.org</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Key Stage 1-3 only</b></p>	<p><b>Parents evening</b> – Parents evening for Key Stage 1-3 will be on <b>Wednesday 4th November</b> via telephone or Google Meet. Please return the slip from the letter that was sent to you on 30 September to give preferences on times. Key Stage 4 parents evening date is still to be arranged.</p>
<p><b>Future dates</b></p>	<p><b>Half term – Monday, 19 – Friday, 30 October</b>  <b>Parents’ Evening - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>  <b>Christmas break - Monday, 21 December 2020 – Friday, 1 January 2021</b>  <b>Inset day - 4 January (non pupil day)</b>  <b>Half term – Monday, 15 – Friday, 19 February</b>  <b>Inset days - Monday, 22 – Tuesday, 23 February (non pupil days – annual review meetings taking place)</b>  <b>Easter break – Monday, 29 – Friday, 9 April (returning Monday, 12 April)</b>  <b>Bank Holiday – Monday, 3 May</b>  <b>Half term – Monday, 31 May – Friday, 4 June (including bank holiday Monday)</b>  <b>Inset Day – Friday, 9 July (non pupil day)</b>  <b>Last day of school – Wednesday, 21 July at 12o/c (except year 11 who leave on Friday, 28 May)</b></p>

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.

Check our website [www.castledon.org](http://www.castledon.org) for future events and newsletters.