



Castledon School

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Dear Parents/Carers

31st March 2023

It is the end of another busy term and once again our learners continue to demonstrate how hardworking they are and take full advantage of the amazing learning that has taken place. It is hard to believe we will be starting the summer and final term of this academic year when we return after the Easter break.

We have enjoyed welcoming parents at our Primary and Key Stage 3 Easter activity afternoons this week. The pupils were excited to share their work and had fun with their friends and families. Thank you everyone who attended.

It was also pleasing to see parents attend the presentation by Andy Hodgkinson, CEO of Zenith Trust regarding the consultation of Castledon School joining Zenith in September 2023. The consultation process ended yesterday and I will be in touch during the summer term with more updates and information.

I have attached the school uniform list as a reminder for all families of the expectations in school uniform. May I draw your attention to the requirement of black school shoes. Totally plain black trainers will also be permitted however they must not have any coloured logos on. Should your child have any specific sensory needs in this regard, please make contact with the class team. I am hopeful that spring may be in the air when we return, and with this in mind, children may wear items from the summer uniform list when we return. This is a navy gingham summer dress for girls and navy tailored school shorts for boys if they wish to.

I am delighted that our new instagram page has hit over 200 followers. If you are not part of the Instagram community yet, you can install the free app through Apple or Google Play. If you already have Instagram, simply click on the link below to follow our page.

https://www.instagram.com/castledon_school/

Starting after the Easter holiday there will be a change to the school dinner menu. Please see attached the new spring menu.

We have enjoyed a non uniform day today in aid of the Wickford Food Bank. Thank you to all families who donated to a very worthwhile cause for our local community.

Finally, I thought it would be helpful to share some key dates for the rest of the academic year:

Key stage 5 residential 24th - 28th April
Careers event key stage 3 and 4 3rd May
Mental Health and Wellbeing Awareness Week 9th - 12th May
RSHE parent workshop 24th May
Diversity and Pride Week 5th - 9th June
Key stage 4 residential 12th - 14th June
Creative Arts Week 19th - 23rd June
Key stage 3 residential 19th - 20th June
Primary sleepover 22nd June
Sports day Secondary 5th July
Sports day Primary 10th July
Parents Open Evening All school and 6th Form 10th July 3.15pm until 5pm



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Non-Pupil day 17th July
Transition week - week beginning 18th - 21st July
Last day of term, non uniform day and early finish 21st July

Please enjoy the Easter break. Learners will return at the usual times on **Monday 17th April**.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and ongoing support.

Kind regards

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Simon Holliday
Headteacher

