

Headteacher News



Term : Autumn 2020

Dear Parents and Carers, as we approach the end of our first term of this academic year, I wanted to reflect on all the goings on at The Castle School.

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to all our staff, who have worked tirelessly, above and beyond to ensure that all of our pupils are safe and are able to enjoy learning again back in school. Many of our pupils, as you will know, had spent a considerable amount of time away from the classroom and I hope that you will agree that the Castle Team have done an amazing job in getting everyone back into school and learning in a happy and safe environment.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge **thank you** to you, our parents and carers. You have been incredible – supportive, understanding and caring. All our staff, myself included, have really appreciated this and it has made our jobs that little bit easier during this difficult time.

Walking around school this term, there has been an air of calm normality. It is wonderful how resilient both staff and pupils have been in the face of a pandemic and made everything feel like it always has. Teams working together; pupils learning in exciting and innovative ways; laughter; joy; a real energy. The staff and pupils are the people who make The Castle School such a special place and they are the people who will ensure that we continue to be a brilliant place to work and go to school.

Some photos of our learning



James and Kieron run the Virtual London Marathon



Autumn art



Dover Class helping keep Green Bubble clean



cooking teamwork

So, onward to next term and I very much look forward to seeing all the wonderful learning that will take place.

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I wish all our pupils, staff and parents a lovely half term. Please note that the last day of term is **Friday 23rd October 2020** and pupils return to school on **Monday 2nd November 2020**

Many thanks, Jon Hewitt (Headteacher)

Friends of Castle

As we won't be able to have any social events during the Christmas period this year, we are keen to do some things to celebrate the festive season including our pupils designing their own Christmas Cards. More details will be sent home soon on how to place orders of the unique designs that your child has produced. Importantly, if you wish to place an order for your child's Christmas cards this must be done online by Wednesday 4th November when you must also return the artwork in the children's school bag back to their class. Thank you and we hope you enjoy their festive designs. Friends of Castle School.