



Headteacher News



Term : Christmas 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

With Christmas in full swing, all pupils and staff are very busy performing shows, seeing Santa, enjoying festive learning and having fun. As always, it has been a packed term with lots of amazing learning taking place throughout the school. And, although Covid still looms large, we have managed to keep everything as normal as possible and pupils have been able to experience a great variety of different things throughout the last couple of months. You can read all about what individual classes have done by going to the Class Newsletter page of the website [The Castle School - Class Newsletters \(thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk\)](http://thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk)

In terms of Covid, we will continue to be cautious to ensure safety for our pupils, families, staff and the wider community. We will continue with the protocols we have in place until February half term, when they will be reviewed. It is really important that we all continue to work together to protect everyone. As always, if your child has any of the key symptoms below, they must isolate and they should have a PCR test.

- Persistent Cough
- High Temperature (Hot to touch)
- Loss of taste and/or smell

On occasions, we may have to call you if a child displays these symptoms at school, and we really appreciate your support in collecting your child if this happens. Further details can be found on the protocols section of our website [The Castle School - Castle School Parent/Pupil covid-19 protocols \(thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk\)](http://thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk)

I hope that next term we start to see a lessening of restrictions and reduced risk from Covid. For now, stay safe and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Some photos of our learning



Our new Peer Mentors



Remembrance Art Work



Sensory Art



Working on the farm

For more information and news please visit us at www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk

I wish all our pupils, staff and parents a lovely half term break. Please note that the last day of term is **Friday 17th December 2021** and pupils return to school on **Tuesday 4th January 2022**

Many thanks, Jon Hewitt (Headteacher)

I would like to pay tribute and say a huge thank you to all our amazing staff for their continued hard work, commitment and care through these challenging times. They are the ones who enable us to keep going and to deliver the wonderful educational experiences that we expect from The Castle School

Thank you.