

This week's merit certificates
are awarded to;

Darwin Class - Bertie L

Curie Class - Scarlett

Attenborough Class - Rohan

Einstein Class - Rose

Key worker child in school - Bonnie

Well done everyone!



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Dates for your Diary



Birthdays



No Birthdays this week.

Reading books

Unfortunately, we are unable to send reading books home at the moment so please look at the links your teachers are sharing with you which have lots of reading materials for you to use.

Photocopying worksheets

If you have asked school to photocopy worksheets, please try to let your teacher know in plenty of time as they do take quite a long time to prepare. Thank you

Text Books

Books for Years R to 4 can be collected from school anytime before 3.30pm on Monday and Tuesday. Hopefully Year 5 and 6 books will be available by Wednesday but I will let you know. These books are free and range from maths, handwriting, grammar and punctuation, comprehension and phonics (depending which year you are).

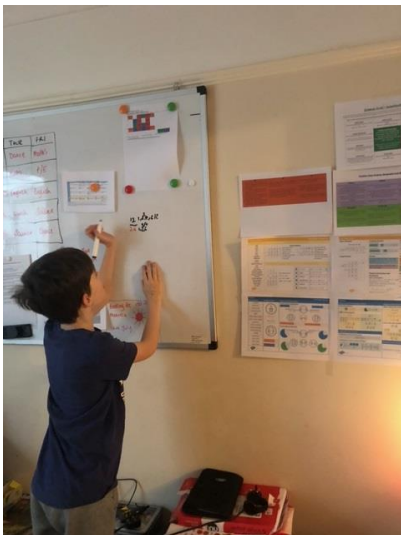
Helping Children Progress when Working at Home

Hopefully your child is working hard at home and completing most of the tasks set by their teacher. It is vital that teachers monitor the engagement of home learning whether it is through emails from parents, checking into Purple Mash, monitoring who attends the zoom lessons, class Facebook pages or Tapestry (Reception children). Children need to receive feedback on the work they are completing in order to make good progress and reduce the impact this lockdown has on their learning. The DfE has also issued strict guidance to schools stating that this must happen.

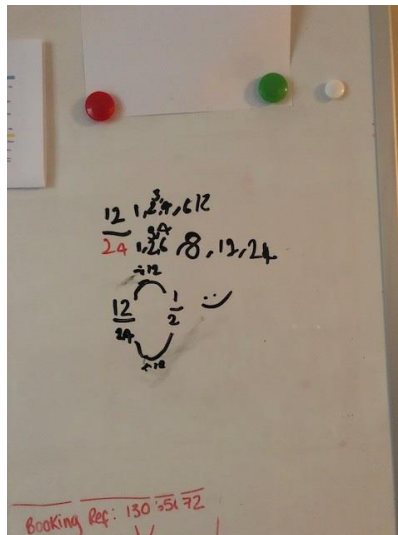
Understandably, some children are not accessing online learning resources and are just keeping to worksheets and other paper-based activities. Teachers would like to see this work once a fortnight so they can support the child as much as they are supporting the ones who are in more regular contact. If you receive a phone call or email requesting to see your child's work please drop it off at school and it will be ready for collection a couple of days later.

If you choose not to share your child's work with their teacher then it will be logged by Mrs Clarke.

Home Learning - Weekly Challenge - Maths



Oli working hard with maths this week.
Looks complicated Oli!



Harry has been using maths
to weigh his ingredients for
baking banana bread. Yum!



Francesca and Isabella counting their Joe Wicks
burpees. Super fit girls!



Bonnie and Bella counting and weighing
their ingredients. What did you bake?



Sonny has been teaching himself to play the keyboard and went on an exciting night hike in the snow. Lots of maths involved in playing an instrument and I wonder what time Sonny went out?



Eva and Gilbert enjoying a nice walk with their dog. How long was your walk?



Lucas doing his times tables whilst playing Basketball - very creative!

Other home learning activities



Charlotte painting common garden birds.

They are fantastic and so detailed. I wonder if anyone can name them?



Casterton College Rutland – Consultation Letter

This is very good news for us so please complete the form if you can. Thank you



Consultation on the expansion of the School Premises at Casterton College Rutland, a stand-alone 11-16 academy

Monday 11th January 2021 to Monday 8th February 2021

Foreword

The Governors of Casterton College Rutland would like to hear your views on a proposal to physically expand the School premises by the addition of teaching and non-teaching accommodation.

We are currently progressing with preliminary designs, planning consultations and a capital funding application to the Department for Education. We would therefore like to consult with parents, staff, the local community and other stakeholders about this proposal.

About Casterton College Rutland

Casterton College Rutland was founded in 1939 in the village of Great Casterton in East Rutland, three miles north-west of the beautiful town of Stamford. It is an 11-16 academy mainly serving children from the counties of Rutland and Lincolnshire.

Why expand on our current site?

In the last couple of years, Casterton has admitted 30 pupils over PAN (180) to assist with the local pressure on secondary places, and this year we understand the demand for places is even greater and it is expected that we will need to admit over PAN once again. Last year we were asked by the local authority to admit additional pupils and adjust our admissions policy to assist with local pressures, and this was duly done after consultation. The existing school building will be 105% over-capacity in September 2021 and increasingly so after that. An additional block is therefore required.

How will the decision be reached?

A business case and funding application will be submitted to the Education Skills Funding Authority (ESFA), via the Condition Improvement Fund to request approval to expand. This will include a summary of the public consultation and the views and comments received. The ESFA will analyse the business case and the funding application and make a decision accordingly.

Governors will consider the views of a wide range of stakeholders. If the capital funding application is approved by the ESFA, it is expected that a final decision will be made by the Spring term of 2021 and the new block would be ready by September 2022.

How can you respond to this consultation?

The consultation will be between **Friday 8 January 2021 to Monday 8th February 2021**.

You can respond in any of three ways:

- complete the response form at the back of this document and post or email it to the address shown
 - write a letter and send this to the address below or email your response to the Chair of Governors, Sue Ball at Sue.Ball@Castertoncollege.com
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Physical Capacity Expansion Response
Casterton College Rutland
Ryhall Road
Stamford
PE9 4AT

Consultation on a proposal to expand Casterton College Rutland on its current site

Your Name:
(optional)

[illegible]

Address:
(optional)

Comments: (The comments will be discussed by Governors in redacted form at a future meeting and summarized in the Business Case sent to the DfE)

or email it to:

Deadline:

Monday 8th February 2021 at 5.00 pm

Free Lego Magazine Subscription

Get the FREE LEGO® Life Magazine

If your child is between the ages of 5 and 9 you can get them a FREE subscription to the LEGO Life Magazine. The magazine is delivered directly to your home four times a year. Even shipping is free!

One of the parents has shared with us that Lego are offering a Free Magazine subscription for children aged 5-9 which you may be interested in. Thank you for sharing Oli.

<https://www.lego.com/en-gb/life/magazine>

Blue Peter on YouTube

We have launched [Blue Peter on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter) at CBBC and we were wondering if your pupils and parents would be interested in this, for entertainment outside of home-schooling hours now we're in lockdown.

Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

If you think your pupils would be interested in this, please do send this out to your parents and ask them to subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.00pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

Thanks so much for your time,
The Blue Peter Team!



**Dave Coulson, Producer/ Director,
YouTube Team, Blue Peter, CBBC,**

Dates for your Diary

New additions to the calendar will be **highlighted in red.**

No one is perfect,
that's why pencils
have erasers.

