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Newsletter – July 2024

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic year we have had! **The school has never been in a stronger position** and I am so proud of everything that has been achieved by the school, its staff and our pupils!

Outcomes for pupils are higher than they have ever been and are some of the strongest by comparison to other schools both locally and nationally (see below).

OFSTED validated the exceptionally high-quality provision that is offered at Castlefield School.

The breadth and depth of your children's learning is very strong across the curriculum and the range of additional opportunities we offer your children is effective, well planned and growing.

Our SEN Alternative Provision (RAP) has been amazing! The children are thriving and making huge progress.

Thank you for all your support over this year and we look forward to continuing our success in 2024/2025!

But don't just take my word for it...

| | | Castlefield School Outcomes for 2023/2024 (unvalidated data) | How does this compare (comparison is to 2023 data, 2024 has not been published yet) |
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| Early Years Outcomes | | 53% | Although significantly below the National Average, this is the highest results the school has ever had and represents huge rates of progress form the children’s starting points. |
| Y1 Phonics check | | 92% | The National Average for 2023 was 79% This is the 4th year in a row we have exceeded 90% Reading is the single most important subject. If children can read well, they will be able to access all other subjects |
| KS1 outcomes (end of Y2) | Expected Standard | Reading: 66% | These results are <u>all above</u> last year’s outcomes and closing in on National Averages |
| | | Writing: 53% | |
| | | Maths: 68% | |
| Y4 Multiplication Check | | Full Marks: 49% | The National Average for 2023 was 29% Having a secure understanding of basic number facts is a life long skill enabling problems to be solved with ease |
| KS2 Tests (end of Y6) | Expected Standard | Reading: 78% | <u>At the Expected Standard</u> Reading: The National Average is 72% SPaG: The National Average is 72% Maths: The National Average is 73% In all subjects, Castlefield school has exceeded the National Average |
| | | Writing: 78% | |
| | | SPaG: 86% | |
| | | Maths: 88% | |
| | Greater Depth | Reading: 36% | <u>At Greater Depth</u> There is currently no published National data at Greater Depth |
| | | Writing: 17% | |
| | | SPaG: 50% | |
| | | Maths: 42% | |

How can I help my child?

All the hard work your children and the school have put in will be for nothing, unless children **continue to read daily throughout the holidays and work on the targets in their reports**. We know that 6 weeks without learning, practicing and reinforcing knowledge just means children will forget what they have learnt (and they do forget things far quicker than they learn them).

Over the summer, support your child by listening to them read every day and talk to them about their book.

Help them to complete the reading challenge and the holiday packs.

Goodbyes

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Burrell who is relocating to the other side of the country. I would like to thank her for 6 years of hard work and dedication to Castlefield School. She will be missed by all and has made a really significant contribution to the school.

We also say goodbye to our Year 6 children. They been a such a lovely group of children, full of character and enthusiasm. We will miss the role models they have become and the good examples their leadership has shown their peers and younger children across the school. We wish them the very best for their futures, wherever it may take them and know they leave us ready for their next steps!

Uniform

New uniform can be bought/collected from the school office from Tuesday 3rd September after 11:00am, then every day following that, after 10:00am.

Uniform can be pre-ordered via email and will be **ready for collection 24hrs after your order is placed.**

An order form will be sent to you towards the end of the summer break.

PE kit Reminder:

Our PE kit is a plain kit consisting of:

- **Plain** royal blue shorts or navy-blue tracksuit bottoms (plain navy-blue leggings may be worn if they are changed from leggings worn as part of the full school uniform);
- **Plain** royal blue crew neck t-shirt;
- **Plain** navy-blue tracksuit top, hoodie or sweatshirt;
- **Plain** white or black trainers.

Please note, the following will **not be acceptable**:

- Branded clothes (e.g. Nike/adidas), except trainers
- Football kits
- Clothes in other colours

Our PE kit does not need to have the school logo on (unless you want it to) and will be widely available from a range of local retailers. In line with DfE policy, we are actively pursuing uniform options at the lowest possible cost to our families.

This half term in picture!



Nursery 3s – Having read the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, they made their own porridge, *which was just right!*



Y6 Residential Trip
Hot chocolates and campfires after long days of climbing, archery, shelter building, team building games... the list of fun goes on!



Cake sale:
The PTAs first community event was a great success (and very yummy)



Year 4 Wetland plant project
Growing wetland plants to be planted out in the autumn



Service to the School
The School Councillors cleaning up the school



Whole School Craft Afternoon
Y1 made collaged, stained glass windows



Upper Phase Sports Day



Lower Phase Sports Day



RAP Sports Day



Reception Sports Day



Nursery Sports Day

The weather was beautiful for all of our Sports days. There was a great atmosphere of support, competition and fun!

Wishing you all a lovely summer holiday and we look forward to seeing your children on Wednesday 4th September.

Andrew Kann
(Headteacher)

Wednesday 24th July – Wednesday 3rd September

Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th September
Thursday 5th September
Tuesday 10th September
Thursday 12th September
Thursday 3rd October
Friday 4th October
Monday 7th October
Friday 25th October

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

Monday 16th December

Monday 23rd December – Monday 6th January

Tuesday 7th January

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February**Summer Holidays**

11:00am – 3:30pm office open for purchasing/collecting uniform
Children return to school
11+ Practice Test
11+ Transfer Tests
Flu vaccinations
Target Setting Meetings
INSET day – No school for children
Y1 trip to Wendover Woods

Autumn half term holiday

EY Nativity production for parents

Christmas Holidays

Children return to school

Spring half term holiday

Keep checking the website for any changes and new activities going on in school!

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If you **follow us on Facebook (Castlefield School, High Wycombe)**, you will see additional photographs and posts about the learning and fun activities that happen around the school.