



## Castle Community Newsletter Easter 2019

### Attendance Update:

As you know, in school we aim for over 96% attendance and so far this year class totals look as follows:  
 Elmer: 96.6% Dover: 97% Leeds: 96.7%  
 Walmer: 97.3% Scotney: 96.8% Hever: 97.5% Rochester: 97.2%

### Hall of Fame:

Well done to those who earned Challenge Champion in terms 3 and 4:

Elmer: Vinnie, Millie, Bentley, Anaika, Mila, Violet, Tilly, Rio, Ivy, Isabella & Kevin  
Dover: Janko, Billy, Ella, Charlie, Angel, Teddy, Marla, Brennan, Scarlett S & Ryan  
Leeds: Finlay, Zachary, Sune, Nathanael, Kyle, Odure, Jack & Georgijs  
Walmer: Olivia, Hollie, Craig, Oliver, Kyle, Tristan, Jenson, Jacob & Harry  
Scotney: Amie, Robyn, Beatrice, Sophie P, Niall, Harrison & Callum  
Hever: Carl, Lewis B, Mia, Ostin, Sanjana, Grace, Mohammad, Nissi & Pharell  
Rochester: Kira, Faye, Samuel, Chloe L, Oliver SB, James, Mia & Abdul

### Shout outs:

Congratulations to some of our children on their sporting achievements over the last two terms.

- Yr 1-6 Chest Push Virtual Competition
- Yr 1-6 Soft Javelin Virtual Competition
- Yr 5 & 6 Dodgeball Competition
- Yr 5 & 6 Swimming Gala
- Yr 5 & 6 Handball Competition
- Yr 5 & 6 Minterne 7s Football Tournament
- Yr 3-6 Key Steps Gymnastics Competition
- Yr 1 & 2 Rapid Fire Cricket Festival

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our P.E team for the continued success we have in sporting events and thank the parents who make getting to these tournaments possible.

### Events of Term 3 & 4

- Science Week
- Valentine's disco
- Easter Competition
- Easter Church workshop
- Comic Relief
- World Book Day
- Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
- FOBVS Easter Egg Hunt
- Year 6 Easter Raffle
- Odd Socks Day for Downs Syndrome Awareness Day
- TT Rockstars introduced to Castle Community
- Community Spellathon
- Recycle with Michael



**Reading:** Our focus on reading has continued since the New Year and we have had some fantastic results (with many classes seeing over 80% of children reading regularly at home). Thank you for your continuing support with this to meet our expectations as outlined in our home learning policy (stating that children will read at least 5x a week).



Shout Out to **Hever class** who have worked hard to achieve over 90% every week over the last two terms.



*"I love Reading at home with my mum every day to get a gold trophy stamp in my reading diary!" – Gabriella in Elmer Class*  
*"I like that it is more of a competition now and we are finally getting 100% in our class!" – Maddie in Hever Class*

### Trip to Waterstones

At the end of term 3, we held another prize draw for a trip to Bluewater. To qualify, children needed to meet their Accelerated Reader points target and averaged 85% or above accuracy throughout. They also qualified for this by achieving 100% attendance in term 3. Our lucky winners were:

- Ryan in Dover – "I got a David Walliams book called Ice Monster."
- Liam in Hever - "I enjoyed it and it was fun because in the end I got to choose two books from my favourite author!"
- Scarlett in Walmer – "It was really fun and I got a book full of magic!"
- Douglas in Scotney – "I liked looking around the books and having so much choice"



### Red Nose Day – PJ Day!



Castle Community again joined in with the fun this year to raise money for Comic Relief. To do our bit, we came to school in our PJs! We saw fluffy slippers, dressing gowns and even teddy bears! In total we raised an amazing:

**£412.01**

Well done Castle Community and thank you for all your support!



### World Book Day – Sharing a story

To celebrate World Book Day, Castle Community came dressed as their favourite book characters. Throughout the day, pupils visited a range of classrooms to explore a variety of books. These books included: Supertato, No-Bot, Room on the Broom, Where the Wild Things are, King of Space, Tin Forest and Rough-Faced Girl.

*"I loved making my super veggie! I love Supertato!" – Riley in Elmer Class*  
*"I liked that we got book tokens at the end of the day. I got Claude book and enjoyed reading it!" Amelie in Hever Class*  
*"I liked moving around the classes and getting to dress up" – Odure in Leeds Class*  
*"I liked Year 6 and making a moccasin" – Jaimee*

## Term 3 and 4 WOW days

"The Victorian day was amazing. The classroom was set out differently all day and we did not have to sit with the boys." - Angel in Dover Class

"I enjoyed acting out being a person from the past and getting to pass the buckets to our friends to put out the fire in the Fire of London" - Anastasia in Leeds Class

"The trip to Iwade for our WOW day was fun. We made sandwiches and crowns and sung the national anthem." - Max in Dover Class

"I liked learning about the Tudor roses and making our own." - Kyle in Leeds Class

"It was tricky making the Billy Goats Gruff bridge but my team made a great one with straws" - Kevin in Elmer Class

"I used my superpowers to fly to Iwade!" Violet in Elmer Class

"I enjoyed making and eating igloos out of marshmallows" - Olli Scotney Class

"I liked when we made the brooches because it was messy and fun!" - Eleanor in Hever Class

"I liked designing and painting the Saxon shields" - Finlay in Scotney Class

"I liked making the boats and brooches, but the boats were a bit fiddly!" - Mia in Hever Class

"We liked doing the physical activities with our visitor" Joshua in Walmer class

### Significant achievements by pupils:

Tilly in Elmer and Tegan in Hever class performed in a dance show at the Hazlitt Theatre  
 Oliver in Elmer class took part in his first trial competition on his motorbike  
 Violet in Elmer class achieved level 4 award in Trampoline  
 Sune in Leeds Class received a medal at gymnastics  
 Toby in Leeds Class received a medal at Karate  
 George in Walmer competed in a gymnastics competition in Birmingham and came 2nd  
 Niall in Scotney took part in his drama society production  
 Jess in Hever came 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally in tumbling in gymnastics  
 Eleanor in Hever came 5<sup>th</sup> trotting, 2<sup>nd</sup> dressage and 1<sup>st</sup> jumping in horse riding  
 Grace in Hever ran a park run with a lady to support her with cancer  
 Ostin in Hever class was the top goal scorer for his football club  
 Eve in Hever achieved a distinction in a dance exam  
 Maddie in Hever achieved silver in gymnastics exam  
 Chloe M in Rochester passed two dance exams  
 Isla in Rochester became Kent champion in 15m front crawl  
 Karis in Rochester came 3<sup>rd</sup> in a diving competition  
 Mia in Rochester received an award at Saint John's ambulance for enrolment  
 Harvey in Rochester received a medal for participation at a swimming competition  
 Chloe L in Rochester received three medals at the school swimming gala  
 Olivia in Rochester received a trophy for best announcer for a dance show  
 Dylan in Rochester received a gold medal in a school swimming gala  
 Taonga in Rochester participated in a dance competition

### Significant achievements from staff:

Miss McBride, Mr Wy and Mr Claridge ran London Landmark ½ marathon  
 Mr Claridge & Mr Sapp completed an Ultra marathon (70k!)  
 Miss McBride ran the London Winter Run (10k)  
 Mr Sapp & Mr Claridge will be running the Brighton Marathon next weekend (good luck!!)  
 Miss Baker and Mrs Harley improved their times tables on TTRockstars!

Unbelievably, another two terms have flown by and we are heading into term 5! There have been many fantastic achievements for Castle Community to be proud of! This is down to everyone in Castle community: teachers, support staff, midday meal supervisors and, of course, our wonderful children who make our community shine bright!

Have a lovely Easter break (eating lots of chocolate!) and we look forward to welcoming the children back in school for lots more fun and learning on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019



Happy Easter!

