

## Castle Community Newsletter Christmas 2018

### Attendance Update:

As you know, in school we aim for over 96% attendance and so far this year class totals look as follows:  
Elmer: 95.6% Dover: 98% Leeds: 96.9 %  
Walmer: 97.1 % Scotney: 96.6 % Hever: 98.6 % Rochester: 97.6 %

### Hall of Fame:

Well done to those who earned Challenge Champion in terms 1 and 2:

**Elmer:** Riley, Jorja, Mila, Ryley, Gabriella, Cody & Kevin

**Dover:** Mollie, Isabella, Kimberly, Chloe, Olivia T, Karina, Jake, Summer, Ben, George, Lexi, Olivia G & Caitlin

**Leeds:** Haydn, Harrison, Kelly, Sophia T, Sune, Toby, Louii, Max, Harley, Ellie, Georgijs, Joshua & Kyle

**Walmer:** Archie O, Samuel, Isabella, Fifi, Rocco, Bobby, Iris, Sofia, Scarlett, Destiny, Traie, Joshua & Serenity

**Scotney:** Marshall, Jasmine H, Niall, Douglas, Leon, Ciara, Olli, Sophie W, Sophie D, Phoebe W, Evan, Olivia & Harvey

**Hever:** Amelia, Daisy, Eve, Harry, Isaac, Matthew, Amelie, Fifi, Jess, Luca, Oliver & Tegan

**Rochester:** Mikey, Ruby C, Max, Karis, Isla, Mia, Joanne, Ruby M, Harvey, Tade, Oliver SB & Kira

### Shout outs:

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

- Yr 1&2 Infant Agility Festival (2nd place)
- Yr 3&4 Change 4 Life Festival
- Yr 3-6 Cross-Country (Various medals)
- Yr 5&6 Football English Schools Football
- Yr 5&6 Football Swale League (won 1<sup>st</sup> round)
- Yr 3&4 Sports hall Athletics and Yr 5&6 Sports hall Athletics

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.

**Reading:** Since we returned in September, we have had a huge focus on reading at home. It is the expectation as outlined in our home learning policy that children will read at least 5x a week. Castle community has made an incredible effort with this. Shout Out to **Rochester class** who improved from 51% to 100% within the two terms.

Well done Castle community – we look forward to seeing this continued effort in the New Year!



### Trip to Waterstones

At the end of term 1, we held our first prize draw for a trip to Bluewater to spend a £10 voucher. To qualify, children needed to have met their Accelerated Reader points target and averaged 85% or above accuracy throughout.

Daisy from Hever Class was one of the lucky winners, "I liked going to Waterstones with Iwade as I was able to make new friends and catch up with old friends. I enjoyed looking through all the books and being able to choose one I liked."

Immi from Elmer class also won, "I got a dinosaur book. It makes sounds!"



### Remembrance 2018



This year to show our respect to those who fought and died in the war, Castle community created class poppy wreaths. These were then laid in the church for the Sunday service. All children took part in a 2 minutes silence to reflect on the efforts of the soldiers.

"I liked making the wreaths and thinking about the war. I want to learn more!"  
- Haydn (Yr 2)

"It is important to remember the people who died in the war and have helped save our country and lives"- Robyn B (Yr 4)

"It was really fun because we got to go by ourselves to give the wreath to the church"  
- Ostin (Yr 5)

"It was lovely and we are lucky that we can go to the church to respect others"  
- Amelie (Yr 5)

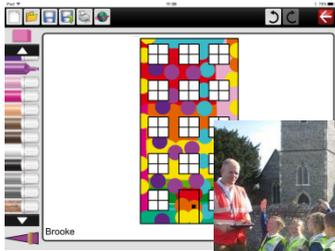


Again this year, the year 5s took part in the Litter Angels competition to design a poster to promote keeping our environment clean by putting litter in the bin. Every year we are lucky to be invited to the finals but this year, Castle community produced the winning design!

Our wonderful winner was Fifi (Yr 5) – well done Fifi, your design was fantastic!

"It was really surprising because I never thought I would win and I can't wait to see my poster displayed in McDonalds!" – Fifi

## Term 1 and 2 WOW days



"We had fun going for a walk around Bobbing!" Olivia T in Dover class



"We made sweets, dancing and made Diva lamps." - Gabriella in Elmer class

"I enjoyed making Lemurs. I learnt where Madagascar is and what it looks like from the film." Harley in Leeds Class



"I liked it when we dressed up and performed the play linked to Ancient Greeks." Ruald in Hever Class



"Good because we made a rainforest in a box. We discovered the animals and the layer in the rainforest." Harvey S in Scotney Class



"Fun! We made 3D maps of UK and learnt where places are." Mattias in Rochester Class



"I liked it. It was lots of fun and I learnt that rivers start at the top of mountains and go all the way to the sea!" in Walmer class

Since September, we celebrate some significant achievements from staff:

- Miss McBride completed a 100 mile bike challenge in November
- Mrs Ware, Miss Fisher & Mrs Elliot completed a 10K run in Marden in November
- Miss Brazil & Mr Jones have really enjoyed settling into Timu Academy over the last two terms.

Unbelievably, we have completed two terms of the new academic year already! At a time of reflection across the world, it is great to reflect on the superb community that we have. 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 break and we look forward to welcoming the children back in school for lots more fun and learning on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



**Goodbye to:**



Sadly in Castle community, we will be saying goodbye to our wonderful Head teacher, Mrs Hudson who has been at Bobbing School for 20 years. Her continuous hard work and support is reflected in the quality of the work produced by our children. She will be greatly missed by all.

Not only this, we say goodbye to our excellent executive Head teacher, Mrs Ware who has been leading Bobbing school, then Iwade and Bobbing Federation and then created TIMU Academy Trust over 20 years. She too will be greatly missed and has left behind an amazing legacy with pupils and staff to be proud of!

Thank you to you both for leading our community and we wish you the most wonderful time in your retirements!

"Have a good day off school" – Bentley (Elmer)

"Dover class would like to say a huge 'Good luck and goodbye to Mrs Ware and Mrs Hudson."

"We are sad they are leaving and want them to remember us!" - Keelan (Yr 2)

"I will miss you. You're my favourite teachers!" - Ollie (Yr 3)

"You are kind and generous people & you've done well for the school and all the children in it" – Grace (Yr 5)

"The school will never be the same without you" – Oliver (Yr 5)

"Thank you for smiling at us since year R" – Maddie (Yr 5)

"Thank you for helping me to be where I am today" – Ruby M (Yr 6)

"Thank you for helping me to become brave and determined" – Mia (Yr 6)

## It's Christmas!!

Christmas has truly begun here in Castle Community with lots of visits, visitors and events!

The Choir have been singing out in the community and visited some Sittingbourne Residential homes



The Choir performed one final time for Mrs Hudson at Carol's sing along



Castle Community had their traditional festive Christmas dinner last Thursday

FOBVS entertained us with brilliant Christmas Activities!



All classes celebrated with fun Christmas parties!



Santa paid us a visit and dropped off some early presents!