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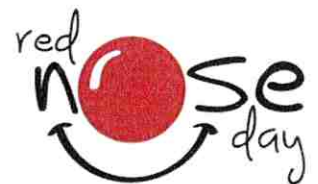
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Ofsted

As you know, Castlefields took part in an Ofsted trial for the new inspection framework. As explained, there is no official feedback and no report. The inspectors did tell us that Castlefields is a lovely school and, as always, we were incredibly proud of the way your children behaved and spoke with the inspectors.

Year 1

At the end of this term, Mr Nelson will be retiring from teaching at Castlefields. We would all like to thank Mr Nelson for his dedication and hard work over nearly 30 years at Castlefields; it has been truly inspiring. Mr Nelson will be very much missed! We are in the process of recruiting a teacher but in the meantime, Miss Pougher who has recently completed her teacher training with us at Castlefields, will be covering the vacancy.



Red Nose Day for Castlefields

Next Friday 28th March is Castlefields' Red Nose Day - we would like all children and staff to wear something red; this may include a t-shirt, jumper or even just a ribbon. This is a non-uniform day. Again, if this is a PE day, please wear something appropriate for sport. If you would like to make a donation there is a Just Giving Page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/castlefields-primary-rednose-2025>



Attendance Cups

Well done this week to **Years 1 and 5** for winning the Attendance Cups this week which were presented to the classes at the Celebration Assembly.



Parents' Evening for Reception to Year 6

A reminder that Parents Evenings are taking place next Tuesday and Thursday.

Please come in through the main entrance to school (please do not use classroom doors). There is no need to sign in. To access Year 2 and KS2, you will need to go through our library, as the hall will be in use.

We are aiming to keep to time as we appreciate parents/carers also have other commitments. Appointments are for 10 minutes only. Polite reminder not to use the staff car park.

Family Support Workers from the Early Help Team will also be here with information on the ways that Early Help Family Support may be able to support you and your child. They will be in the library.

We look forward to welcoming you into school.

Summer Weather

Although we are only in March, we appear to be having some lovely weather (and we hope it continues). Just to remind you:



Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school in every day (that **ONLY contains water – juice should only form part of a lunchbox**).

Please also provide your child with a cap or hat and apply a long lasting sun-cream at home, *prior* to attending school. For safety, please can we ask that children *do not* wear sunglasses unless there is a medical reason.

The school summer uniform can be worn from next term.



Trust Art Competition

Congratulations to Oliver (year 5) and Eliza (Year 2) who attended The Trust Art Awards Ceremony today at St Leonards where they were presented with their certificate and badge for their winning artwork.

Year 6 Toy Sale in Aid of The Severn Valley Railway

A massive well done to Charlotte and Rory who raised over £150 in their toy sale for the Severn Valley Railway

Lego

We are looking for donations of lego; this can be any size. Thank you!

Next Week's News

Wednesday 26th March: KS2 Bridgnorth Area Swimming Gala at WBS

Friday 28th March : Red Nose Day (non uniform)

Tennis Festival

On Tuesday a group of year 4 children attended a Tennis Festival at Idsall. There were lots of games ran by Sports Leaders. All children behaved exceptionally well and were showing some great tennis skills.



Trust Shield Netball Tournament

On Tuesday, a group of year 6 girls attended the Trust Shield Tournament netball competition at Stokesay. The girls played some exceptional netball and showed some great skills and teamwork. They all enjoyed their afternoon in the sun resulting in a second place finish, gaining us valuable points for the overall shield tournament. Well done !



PTA News

A big thank you from the PTA for the donations of bottles and chocolate for the Chocolate Bingo which takes place on Saturday 5th April. This is a fabulous family event; if you have not already bought tickets, please contact the office for a letter.



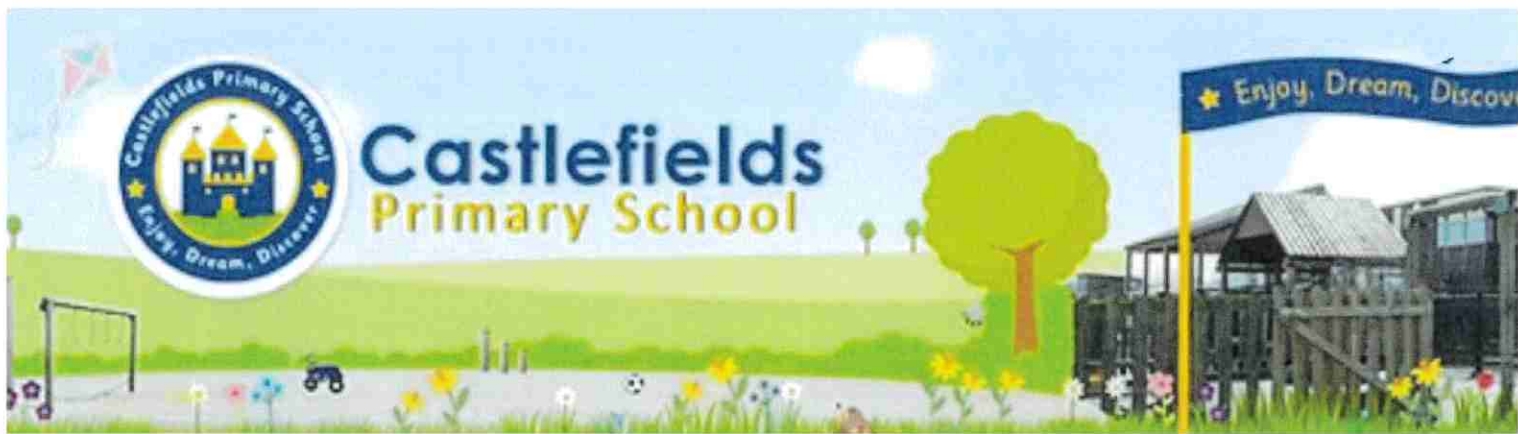
Newsletter

Please find attached the Friends of Castlefields' March Newsletter.

Bridgnorth Walk 2025



There is still plenty of time for you to join the Castlefields' 2025 Crew. This year, monies raised will be split between School and The Severn Valley Railway. If you are interested please contact the office for a letter or Hannah Pritchard on 07500 113 688.



Friends of Castlefields PTA Newsletter

March 2025

We're getting busy behind the scenes planning for our chocolate bingo event which we love to run. It's always an event we get asked to do every year, where possible. Last year's bingo was a great success, the kids love it and we hope to see you there! Tickets are still available.

Our new fundraising focus is for some additional KS1 climbing furniture and "loose part play & build" equipment. Please support our fundraising efforts; £2-3,000 is needed for this equipment!

We've had a few people ask us lately what the PTA pays for - we try to communicate this where and when it's possible; in the school newsletters, letters issued by school for trips and at our meetings, so keep your eyes peeled for this info in various places.

Below is a list of the **yearly** commitments we pay for and also ad-hoc requests made by the staff at Castlefields to enhance the learning experiences of all of our children, as and when they are needed.

Yearly commitments totalling around £5,000 every year

- Covering the cost of residential trips coaches - £3,500 - Year 3 & 4 JCA Condovery day trip, Y5 Residential, and Year 6 Residential
- Year 6 leavers party donation £300
- Sports day ice lollies for every child
- Easter egg for every child
- Christmas present for every child
- Snack for 120 x KS2 children on theatre trip
- Christmas Party pizza slice for every child

Extra provisions recently provided for:

- KS2 Clamber Stack **£17,000 (this is in bold as we're so proud and it took 3 years to fund!)**
- Forest school resources £570
- Magic show
- Reading shed £400
- Winning house team half termly prize for each child

We hope that everyone can see that we assist a lot in areas where school budgets cannot reach, and if we aren't regularly fundraising these 'extras' can't be funded. In the future it's possible we'll all see an increase in trip costs, especially the residential trips, as the PTA currently **fully** cover transport costs and prices are increasing year on year. It's crucial the PTA continues in order to cover the yearly commitments.

Chocolate Bingo

Saturday 5th April, 4pm-6pm

This has historically been a really fun event enjoyed by all, come along and be part of the fun. You may even win some prizes! Please purchase your tickets ASAP.

If you have any questions about this event, please get in touch with a friend who volunteers with the PTA or via our email: castlefieldspta@gmail.com

Bridgnorth Walk

Monday 5th May 2025

Please contact Hannah P on 07500 113688 to sign up. A great fundraiser for all abilities

Save the Date - Colour Run

Saturday 28th June 2025

After the success of last year's colour run we've listened to positive feedback and we are running this again! More details to follow soon.

Fancy volunteering?

There's a mis-conception that if you join the PTA you'll be asked to do everything and can never leave!! This is so far from the truth - you can join our casual volunteers WhatsApp group and dip in to whatever you can, when you can. Every little helps us! We're all working mums and Dads who chip in when possible. Please get in touch, parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and PTA kids all welcome!