

Autumn Edition

April 2023

Dear Families

Welcome to the summer term at Castilion! As a learning community, we share the responsibility for our children's education and working together is the best way to ensure that they succeed and develop in a safe and happy environment. There are lots of exciting opportunities for our children this term – we look forward to continually working closely with you to achieve the best possible outcomes.

The Year 6 Team

Calendar dates:

Half Term

**Monday 29th May
- Friday 2nd June**

**May Day Bank Holiday:
Monday 1st May**

**Coronation Bank
Holiday:
Monday 8th May**

**SATS Week
Tuesday 9th May –
Friday 12th May**

**End of Term
Friday 21st July**



English

This term we are reading the book *Boy in the Tower*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *Pig heart boy*. These books will give us many opportunities to get creative with our writing such as narratives, letters, diary entries and an information text

Reading

Vocabulary development, retrieving key facts from the text and making inferences, and developing reading fluency.

Maths

Co-ordinates, angles, construction, reflection, translation and problem solving

Science: Evolution and working scientifically.

History: Local History study - Thamesmead Greenwich

Geography: Settlement and land use, Fairtrade and resources

Art/ DT: Suffragette sash

PSHE: Relationships and Changing me

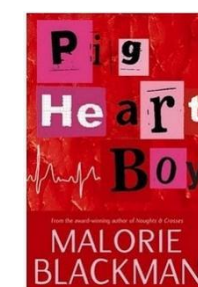
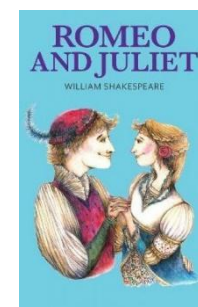
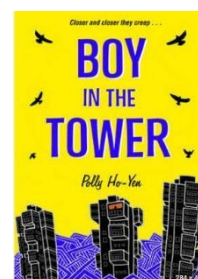
Jigsaw: Changing Me

ICT: Microsoft programs

RE: What matters most to Christians and to Humanists?

PE: Athletics, tennis, cricket and rounders

Music: Songs linked to the production; working on the performance and production of these songs



Upcoming Events in Year 6

Trips this term

**Assemblies KS2 Rights
Respecting Schools assembly
Tuesday mornings**

**Achievements
Assembly
every 3rd week.**



Year Group Photo



Mr Heath



**Ms
Annansingh**



**Mr
Jameson**

Home and school partnership

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that they:

- Arrive at school on time, the gates open at 8.40am. Registration is at 8.50am.
- Read daily to develop a love for reading and to improve fluency and comprehension skills.
- Share their school experiences with you so that you are aware of their school life.

Miss Annansingh, Mr Jameson and Mr Heath

Attendance and Punctuality

Do ensure that your child comes to school every day unless they are really ill. Even one day off means missing many lessons and it can be hard to catch up.

(Please remember that if your child has vomited or suffered from diarrhoea, they should stay off for 48 hours to avoid passing on any bugs).

Arriving in school on time is also vital!

PE days: Monday indoor games and Wednesday outdoor games. Please wear a PE kit to school on these days.

UNIFORM REMINDER

- Children are not permitted to wear clothing that has Logos on it (this includes fashionable brand names or strips).
- Children are no longer required to wear white shirts, they can now wear white polo tops. Children can continue to wear the shirts they have until they are ready to be replaced.
- Children are no longer required to wear ties.

All children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos and is based on the following principles:

- Promotes a sense of pride amongst the children in the school
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind.
- Impacts positively on attitudes to learning

Please note that it is not compulsory to purchase logo items of school uniform, you may purchase plain uniform items from a shop of your choice - something that we actively encourage you to do.

Second-hand uniforms can benefit all parents, particularly those on low incomes. In addition, by extending the life of garments, it is more sustainable.

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Grey trousers▪ Grey shorts in the summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Grey skirt/tunic/trousers▪ Green & white check dress in the summer▪ Grey shorts in the summer
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ White polo shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ White polo shirt
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Grey socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ White/grey socks/tights
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bottle green pullover or school sweatshirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bottle green cardigan or school sweatshirt

Black school shoes

No trainers or the equivalent

Children are not allowed to wear boots

Please note: Shoes should not have flashing lights.

Sandals and other open footwear are not allowed at any time of the year

PE - children should come into school wearing their PE kit on days they have PE lessons

Indoor PE:

- Black shorts
- White T-Shirt
- Bare feet
- Black leotards are acceptable for Junior Girls (if they can change in and out of these quickly)

Outdoor PE:

- Black shorts
- White T-Shirt
- Black plimsolls or training shoes
- Socks ONLY - No tights

In colder weather (the following is allowed):

- Children may wear a green fleece (with or without a school logo) or a plain black tracksuit top / fleece / hoodie with black jogging bottoms over their shorts and t shirt.

Water Bottles

- Please either purchase a Castilion Water bottle from the school office or provide your child with a clear plastic, push-up top water bottle.

Jewellery

- For health and safety reasons, please do not send your child to school wearing jewellery. If your child has already had his/her ears pierced, they may only wear plain studs, with no stones.

Watches

- Children may only wear plain, small, watches that only tell the time and do not allow any other activity to be accessed.

Hair

- Children should come to school with sensible haircuts. Skin-head, Mohican, motif haircuts, dyed hair and coloured extensions are not permitted.
- Children may wear plain beads but these must be tied back.
- Hair accessories should only be worn in order to keep hair tied back, they should be discreet and plain coloured (black/white/green)
- Nail varnish and make-up **MUST NOT** be worn.

Nut Free School

As we have several children in school who suffer from severe nut allergies, we have made the decision to continue forwards as a 'Nut-Free School'. If your child has **any** serious allergy, please inform our Senior Administrator Ms N Walford via the school office and their teacher as soon as possible. Although we are now striving to be a nut-free school, it will be impossible to provide an absolute guarantee that no nuts will be brought onto the premises.



Please record all daily reading in the children's reading record books.

Teachers will be checking these and signing them regularly.

Reading records and reading books should be brought to school every day to support progress.

Your child may bring a healthy snack to eat at playtime such as fresh / dried fruit or healthy cereal bars.
You can order milk for your child if you wish to do so.

Dojo and Behaviour

We will shortly be sending out information on our new behaviour policy which is based on us becoming a 'Rights Respecting School'. The use of dojo will change slightly but will remain the main method of teacher / parent communication. Please speak to your child's teacher if you are not currently signed up.

Thank you for your support.

