

**Dear Families**

*The Year 4 Team at Castilion Primary School welcome you to the 2023 – 2024 school year. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure that all children can achieve their highest potential. 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 and changes for our children this year – we look forward to working closely with you to achieve the best possible outcomes.*

**The Year 4 Team**

**Calendar dates:**

**Parent/Teacher  
Consultation Meetings:**  
**Week beginning**  
**16.10.2023**

**October Half Term**  
**Monday 23rd October**  
**- Friday 27th October**

**School starts again for  
children**  
**Monday 30th October**

**End of Term**  
**Thursday 21st**  
**December. 1:30 Finish**



**English**

This term we are reading Tar Beach and Varmints. These books will give the children many opportunities to get creative with their writing.

**Reading**

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

**Maths:** Number and Place value, addition and subtraction.

**Science:** Living things and their habitats.

**Geography:** The Americas

**History:** The Ancient Egyptians

**Art:** Drawing and exploring lines. Studying the art of Shaun Tan and Laura Carlin.

**D.T:** Seasonal stockings.

**PSHE:** Understanding what it means to be part of a Rights Respecting School.

**Jigsaw:** Being Me.

**ICT:** Internet Safety. Using email and responsible use of the Internet.

**RE:** Why the Bible is important to Christians.

**Music:** Everyone in Year 4 will be learning the guitar this year – guitars are kept in school.

**PE:** Netball and Dance.

**French:** Where do we live?



## Upcoming Events in Year 4

### Trips this term

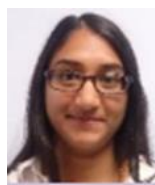
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**Assemblies**  
**KS2 Rights Respecting**  
**Schools Assembly**  
**Tuesday mornings**



**Achievements Assembly**  
**every 3<sup>rd</sup> week.**

## Year Group Photo



Mrs  
Simms



Mrs  
Abbas



Mrs  
Oloyede

### 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, ready to come into class. Registration closes 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.

Mrs Simms, Mrs Abbas and Mrs Oloyede

### **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, as lessons start at 8:50am prompt!!*

***PE days – Monday outdoor games / Tuesday indoor PE. Please wear PE kit to school on these days.***

## UNIFORM PROCEDURES

**Wear your Castilion School uniform with pride.**

- 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"> <li>▪ Grey trousers</li> <li>▪ Grey shorts in the summer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grey skirt/tunic/trousers</li> <li>▪ Green &amp; white check dress in the summer</li> <li>▪ Grey shorts in the summer</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ White polo shirt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ White polo shirt</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grey socks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ White/grey socks/tights</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bottle green pullover or school sweatshirt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bottle green cardigan or school sweatshirt</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Black school shoes</li> <li>▪ No <i>trainers or the equivalent</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Children are not allowed to wear boots</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Please note: Shoes should not have flashing lights.</i></b>  <b>Sandals and other open footwear are not allowed at any time of the year</b></p>	
<p><b>PE</b> - children should come into school wearing their PE kit on days they have PE lessons</p>	
<p><b>Indoor PE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Black shorts</li> <li>▪ White T-Shirt</li> <li>▪ Bare feet</li> <li>▪ Black leotards are acceptable for Junior Girls (if they can change in and out of these quickly)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outdoor PE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Black shorts</li> <li>▪ White T-Shirt</li> <li>▪ Black plimsolls or training shoes</li> <li>▪ Socks ONLY - No tights</li> </ul>
<p><b>In colder weather (the following is allowed):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 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 PE kit.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Water Bottles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Please provide your child with a clear plastic, push-up top water bottle</li> </ul>	<p><b>Jewellery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Watches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Children may only wear plain, small, watches that only tell the time and do not allow any other activity to be accessed.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Hair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Children should come to school with sensible haircuts. Skin-head, Mohican, motif haircuts, dyed hair and coloured extensions are not permitted.</li> <li>▪ Children may wear plain beads but these must be tied back.</li> <li>▪ Hair accessories should only be worn in order to keep hair tied back, they should be discreet and plain coloured (black/white/green).</li> <li>▪ Children may wear plain beads but these must be tied back.</li> <li>▪ Hair accessories should only be worn in order to keep hair tied back, they should be discreet and plain coloured (black/white/green).</li> <li>▪ Nail varnish and make-up <u><b>MUST NOT</b></u> be worn.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Bookbags</b></p> <p>Children need a green, flat book bag – no backpacks please. These should be clearly named on the outside. School book bags are available on the Mapac website:  <a href="https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/castilionprimaryschoolse288qa">https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/castilionprimaryschoolse288qa</a></p>	

### **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 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.

Please supply your child with a re-usable, clear, plastic water bottle with a flip up, non-spill lid.

*Thank you for your support.*