

Dear Families

The Year 5/6 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 5/6 Team

Calendar dates:

Parents evening
week beginning 16th
October

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

School starts again for children
Monday 30th October

End of Term
Friday 21st December



English

This term we are reading *The Odyssey*, *The Arrival*, *Windrush Child* and *Can We Save the Tigers*. 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, four operations, mental calculations, squares, cubes and primes.

Number facts / times tables

By year 5/6, the expectation is that your child knows all of their time tables up to 12 x.

Science: Living things and their habitat

History: The Victorians

Geography: The Amazon

Art: Typography

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

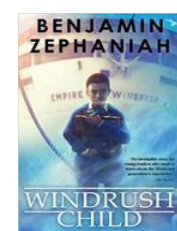
Jigsaw: Being me

ICT: Online safety and Spreadsheets

RE: What do religions say when life gets hard?

PE: Basketball, Dance and Swimming (separate letter will follow).

Music: Charanga – Happy



Upcoming Events in Year 5/6

Trips this term

Assemblies

**KS2 Rights Respecting
Schools assembly
Tuesday mornings**

**Achievements
Assembly
every 3rd week.**



Year Group Photo



**Miss
Annansingh**



**Miss
Bonsu**



**Mr
Jameson**



**Miss
Stevens**

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.

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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: Y5/6 PE days are as follows:

Y5/6 Bonsu - Tuesday and Thursday

Y5/6 Jameson - Monday and Thursday (swimming)

Y5/6 Annansingh/Stevens - Monday and Wednesday

Swimming times:

5/6 Jameson will be swimming this half term on Thursdays.

5/6 Annansingh Stevens have swimming autumn 2

5/6 Bonsu class will have swimming Spring 1

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"> ▪ 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Black school shoes ▪ No <i>trainers or the equivalent</i> ▪ <i>Children are not allowed to wear boots</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please note: Shoes should not have flashing lights.</i> Sandals and other open footwear are not allowed at any time of the year</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PE - children should come into school wearing their PE kit on days they have PE lessons 	
Indoor PE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Black shorts ▪ White T-Shirt ▪ Black plimsolls or training shoes ▪ Socks ONLY - No tights
In colder weather (the following is allowed): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. 	
Water Bottles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Please provide your child with a clear plastic, push-up top water bottle 	Jewellery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children may only wear plain, small, watches that only tell the time and do not allow any other activity to be accessed. 	
Hair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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). ▪ 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. 	
Bookbags <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: https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/castilionprimaryschoolse288qa</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.

Thank you for your support.