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## Newsletter – July 2023

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic year we have had, filled with strong learning, good outcomes across the school and lots of fun! I am sure you will join me in thanking all the staff for their hard work and commitment to our pupils/your children's learning.

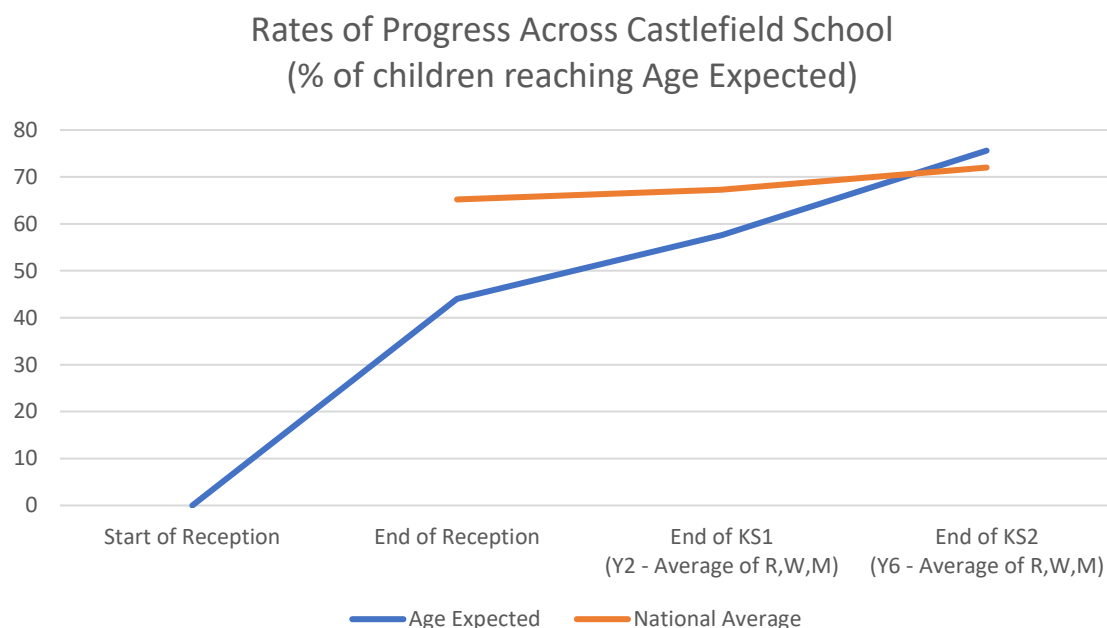
Your children have risen to the challenges put in front of them and excelled with confidence. We are very proud of them and all they have accomplished throughout the past 12 months.

Don't just take my word for it...

		Castlefield School Outcomes for 2022/2023 (unvalidated data)	How does this compare
Y1 Phonics check		<b>95%</b>	<p>The National Average for 2022 was 75%</p> <p><b>This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row we have exceeded 90%</b></p> <p>We are very proud of how effective our Read Write Inc Phonics and writing program is.</p> <p><b>Reading is the single most important subject. If children can read well, they will be able to access all other subjects</b></p>
KS1 outcomes (end of Y2)	Expected Standard	<b>Reading: 61%</b>	<p>These results are broadly in line with our previous outcomes.</p> <p><b>A lot of additional time and resources have been targeted at our KS1 children</b></p>
		<b>Writing: 51%</b>	
		<b>Maths: 60%</b>	
KS2 Tests (end of Y6)	Expected Standard	<b>Reading: 75%</b>	<p><u>At the Expected Standard</u></p> <p>Reading: The National Average is 72%</p> <p>SPaG: The National Average is 72%</p> <p>Maths: The National Average is 73%</p> <p><b>In all subjects, Castlefield school has exceeded the National Average</b></p>
		<b>SPaG: 82%</b>	
		<b>Maths: 80%</b>	
	Greater Depth	<b>Reading: 18%</b>	<p><u>At Greater Depth</u></p> <p>There is currently no published National data at Greater Depth</p>
		<b>SPaG: 45%</b>	
		<b>Maths: 38%</b>	

## What does the educational journey look like for our pupils?

Rapid progress, rapid progress, rapid progress!



## How can I help my child?

All the hard work your children and the school have put in will be for nothing, unless children continue to read daily throughout the holidays and work on the targets in their reports. We know that 6 weeks without learning, practicing and reinforcing knowledge just means children will forget what they have learnt (and they do forget things far quicker than they learn them).

**Over the summer, support your child by listening to them read each day and talk to them about their books.**

**Help them to complete the reading challenge and the holiday packs.**

## IMPORTANT - Change of school day:

In September, the length of the school day is changing slightly, in line with DfE expectations that all schools provide 32.5hrs of education for all children.

All children will need to have **arrived in school by 8:50am** through their normal gates.

All children will be **dismissed at 3:20pm**.

Reception, Y1 and Y2 children will be dismissed from Sparring playground.

Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be dismissed from Laburnham playground.

## Uniform

New uniform can be bought/collected from the school office from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September after 10:30am, then every day following that, after 10:00am.

**Uniform can be pre-ordered via email** and will be **ready for collection 24hrs after your order is placed.**

An order form will be sent to you towards the end of the summer break.

## Goodbyes

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to 2 teachers who are moving on - Mr Stother, Miss Farid. I would like to thank them all for their time at Castlefield School and the dedication they have shown to the school and the children. They will be missed by all.

Also, after 31 years of working at Castlefield School, we finally say goodbye to Mrs Bagley, who is retiring to spend time with her family. Her length of service and commitment to the school is unparalleled. I am sure you will all wish her well and I know there are many generations of children, adults (and grandparents) who will remember her fondly.

We also say goodbye to our Year 6s. They been a really good cohort, full of character and enthusiasm. They have worked hard and overcome some huge obstacles over their time at Castlefield. We will miss the role models they have been and the good examples their leadership has shown (through their roles as prefects, play leaders etc) to their peers and the younger children and wish them the very best for their futures, wherever it may take them.

We know that they leave us ready for their next steps!

## Important Dates:

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>Summer Holidays</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET Day – no school for children Pre-ordered uniform can be collected from 10:30am
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception to Y6 Children return to school
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	RAP children start school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Nursery starts for those children who attended last academic year
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	All other Nursery children start 2:55pm Y6 parent's welcome meeting 3:30pm Y6 residential meeting
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	11+ Practice Test 2:55pm Y2 parent's welcome meeting
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	2:55pm Y3 parent's welcome meeting 2:55pm Y4 parent's welcome meeting
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	11+ Transfer Test 2:55pm Y1 parent's welcome meeting 2:55pm Y5 parent's welcome meeting
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	2:55pm Nursery parent's welcome meeting
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	12:00pm RAP parent's welcome meeting 2:55pm Reception parent's welcome meeting 3:30pm Castlefield Road Consultation
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Y6 Theatre Company
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	2:55pm Reception phonics meeting for parents
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4 trip to Verulamium
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Target Setting Meetings – No school for children
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET day – No school for children
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Half Term Holidays</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Children return to school
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 trip to the Iron Age Fort
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	INSET Day
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school

Thank you all for your continuing support and have a lovely Summer break.

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Andrew Kann

(Headteacher)