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Dear Parents and Carers

Well we have another week under our belt of these new routines and groupings. Everyone is adapting really well. We are getting full in our hubs so please do give us a week's notice if you would like your child to return. We might have to operate a waiting list as we don't want to go over 10 in a hub until after the Summer.

I am sure you all heard the u-turn of the government about NOT getting other year groups back into school. I understand for a lot of you this must have been very disappointing. There is nothing we would all love more than to have school back as it was but at the moment, we have every space used and every member of staff working full time too. We have borrowed Miss Arbuckle from OWS and she is a real asset to the Year 6 team. So, for us getting other children back in would have been very, very difficult. We are, however giving some thought to transition to see what we can offer. Whether this is a visit or a virtual tour we haven't fully decided yet. We will let you know as soon as we can.

Attendance

If your child is not attending school, they will be given an authorised absence mark. If, however, you are shielding due to medical conditions or self-isolating due to suspected Corona Virus symptoms please will you email Mrs Hampson at: head@castlefields.org.uk Your child will be given a different code on the register. This is important for government reporting of the statistics. Thank you.

Outdoor Learning

All of our hubs have been working really hard and also doing lots of outside learning which is highly recommended as the chance of passing the virus between people reduces outside. If your child is back in school please make sure they have the appropriate clothing for indoors and outdoors. Layers is the best idea and a coat and sensible shoes. We don't want changes of clothes in bags.

Packed lunches at lunch time is working really well and whenever possible the children have a picnic. If they eat in doors they do so at their work station. The weather hasn't been as hot but we have still managed to get outside and Year 6 have been walking their daily mile around OWS field. The last 3 days they have walked at least 1.5 miles - well done Year 6.

Distance Learning

Teachers are working really hard to provide the face to face learning in the classrooms for the various groups of children and to set the work for those children or year groups who are not in school, on ClassDojo. If you cannot access the



platform or are having problems with it do not hesitate to ring school or email me on head@castlefields.org.uk We have lots of technical staff who can help sort it out for you.

Family News

I mentioned in my assembly this morning the Messenger family who have collectively completed a marathon. The money they have raised has gone to support Chester Zoo. You have probably heard that attractions such as this are really struggling with their upkeep, so it is a great thing to do. Well done Tom, Ollie and family.

The Fellows family have also set themselves a challenge of walking all the Shropshire Hills and are doing well with this. Let us know when you have completed your challenge.

I know there will be other families who have done similar things. Please let me know - it is great to celebrate these things.

Mrs Hampson's Challenge

I would like to put up a display in the school entrance hall of children and families doing outdoor activities. It is called the JUST A MINUTE challenge. Can you send in a photo and brief description of what sporting activities you can achieve in one minute e.g. star jumps, bunny hops, jogging on the spot, sit ups etc. I am sure you can be very creative. Send your photos by email and I will print them off and make the display. In September when you come back to school (in whatever form that might look like) you will be able to see them all.

**I have had so many lovely messages from you all about your home learning or your child coming back to school -
THANK YOU.**

Please keep in touch. Stay positive. Support each other and most of all stick to the rules for the moment so we can stay as safe as we possibly can.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs J Hampson
Headteacher**

