



Dear Parents and Carers,

4<sup>th</sup> April 2022

We find ourselves in the last week of a very busy and sometimes challenging term, and I wanted to say thank you for all your support. The way our families work with us really give us the support needed to be able to focus on trying to do our very best for our students.

I wanted to highlight some Easter Activity offers that are available free of charge to families with children who attract Pupil Premium or have Free School meals. Please see the attached information sheet sent to us from Suffolk Local Authority. I know families have really enjoyed the outdoor activities particularly but it is also great to see local swimming featuring too.

I mentioned last week that we were acting as a collection point on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April for Matilda Rose and their efforts for Ukraine. We would also like to run a cake sale to raise money for Ukraine during that morning from 10am-12pm at school and are seeking baked donations - if anyone can provide a cake for us to sell please can you let us know by emailing my PA Gill Mitchell on [GMitchell@castlemanor.org.uk](mailto:GMitchell@castlemanor.org.uk)

I am really pleased to let you know that you will soon be getting letters to tell you more about our Activities week in July. We had started plans for this back in 2020 and are really pleased to be able to offer this week for all students. Some students are booked onto the residential trips that we have offered but we have also set up some different activities for the week too for all students, to give them a slightly different week to normal and some experiences that they wouldn't usually come across in the curriculum.

We have noticed a little trend where students have been seen with marks on their knuckles following playing a game where they hit each other with coins - apparently a trend that is prominent on Tiktok currently. This clearly isn't a very safe or healthy activity and we are talking to any students who we notice with these marks. We just thought we would notify you so that you can keep an eye out too.

I wrote on Friday regarding the new COVID guidelines. We will still record any positive cases we know of so if you do have tests and your child tests positive please do let us know.

With best wishes for the week ahead.

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