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**Castle**  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **CASTLE'S 150<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

As you know, over the past academic year we have been marking the school's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. The foundation stone was laid in 1875, and the school opened to pupils in 1876. We have lots of events coming up to celebrate this important milestone for our school.

#### **Victorians Dress-Up Day**

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, we would like the entire school to step back in time to 1876 and experience a typical day in a Victorian classroom. All staff will be dressed as schoolmasters and schoolmistresses, and we invite the children to come to school dressed as Victorian pupils. There is no need for elaborate costumes—simple touches can be very effective, and it's surprising how much a blouse, waistcoat or flat cap can transform an outfit!



We will be spending some time on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June teaching the children about what school was like in Victorian times and preparing them for some of the role play we may engage in the following day, such as drill, the 3 R's, playground segregation and maybe even some (appropriate!) Victorian discipline...

#### **Castle School 150: The Exhibition**

A team of our Year 6 pupils have worked closely with the local History Group to curate a series of displays which will be exhibited in the school hall from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. The Exhibition will be open 8:30-9:30 and 15:30-18:00 on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July. This event is open to the whole community. We hope as many people as possible come and have a look at the fascinating history of our school while the Exhibition is open.



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### **Castle's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Street Party**

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, Castle Street will be closed to traffic for a period during the school day, so we can take to the streets in celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday – and you are invited! The festivities will begin at 11:30, with a grand opening, followed by lunch on tables set along the street. We haven't done this since Queen Elizabeth II's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, so it's very exciting!

All children will be sent home with a party bag, which can be filled with their party food for the celebration lunch. They must bring their own water bottles as drinks will not be provided.

Children in Early Years (nursery and reception class) will remain on the school grounds (between the playground gates and the top gates, or by the school office).

If parents attend the party, and wish to take their child around with them, they must sign them out in the presence of their class teacher - you will then be responsible for your own child.

The party starts at 11:30 and will end at 13:30. At the end of the party, class teachers will gather on the playground and all children who have been signed out, must be returned and signed back in.

11:30 – Opening Speech and whole school song

11:40 – Country Dancing demonstration

12:00 – Lunch (children seated at tables with classes unless signed out by a family member)

12:30 – Castle's Got Talent winner performance

12:35 – Street party games

13:30 – Closing thank you and children return to classes.

*(If you are able to help set up before 11:30 or to help pack down at 1:30 please let the school office know in advance of the event.)*

Kind regards,

**The Castle Team**