

If you have a fundraising suggestion we would like to hear about it so contact us on jtomlinson@castle.w-berks.sch.uk.

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Happy New Year from the Friends of Castle School. We hope that you are all keeping safe and well. We thought we would let you know what we have been up to last year and what we are hoping to do this year. As many of you already know the Friends of Castle School are a group of volunteers made up of staff and parents, who usually meet up a couple of times in a term to fundraise for projects, either linked to education or well-being, which help the children at the school. Obviously recently we have not been able to organise any social events but we still have been hard at work fundraising for many different projects. Below you will find details on projects which we have been able to complete and some which we are still fundraising for. We want to thank you for supporting our Christmas cards and tea towel initiative last term and we hope you find this first newsletter of interest.



Outdoor All Weather Sports Track

The outdoor sports track was completed last summer and as you can see many of the pupils have already used it for running and hurdling. This provides a great facility for keeping the children physically fit and active. Nine organisations contributed grants and funding to enable this project to be completed and we are very grateful to them for all their support.

WOW Car

The World of Work team at Post 16 took possession of their multi-purpose vehicle with 7 seats in December, again another successful fundraising project by the FoCS. This vehicle will be used to take pupils to and from work placements and it will be much easier to park than a mini bus! We are grateful to the VINCI Foundation and the Clothworkers' Foundation who both gave £10,000 towards the cost of the vehicle.

Improvements to the hydrotherapy pool.

One of the projects we are hoping to fundraise for this year is to make improvements to the hydrotherapy pool. We would like to buy new lights, new music system and new sensory equipment. Our funding page can be found at [Revitalisation of the Hydrotherapy Pool \(thegoodexchange.com\)](https://www.thegoodexchange.com)

Can you help?

Friends of Castle School need volunteers to help keep it running so if you are interested do please contact jtomlinson@castle.w-berks.sch.uk

