

# Headteacher News



Term : Spring 1 2020

Whole School Topic: My Wonderful Self

It seems only a moment ago that it was Christmas, but we have already had a busy and exciting term at The Castle. You may notice that work on our new running track at Love Lane has started in earnest. This is an amazing project that will give us a 6 lane 100m athletics track as well as a two lane path around the school field, enabling all our students, whatever their level of mobility, to access the outdoors on a regular basis.

As you will know, we are also trying to raise funds to develop our own woodland project. James Whybra (Assistant Headteacher) and Kieron Fisher (Class Teacher) are both running the London Marathon in April in aid of this. Please can you spread the word so we can get as much as possible and make it wonderful for our pupils. The website is

<https://tinyurl.com/castlemarathon2020>

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Friends of Castle School invite you to attend our **Barn Dance evening on Friday 20th March** at The Castle School at **7pm until 10pm**. This event is for parents and staff. The ticket price will £7.50, which includes light nibbles and a complimentary drink. There will be a paying bar at the event. Our live band for the evening includes our very own Charles Allison. We do hope you can come to this event which promises to be a fun and lively evening!

For more details on all the news, please visit us at [www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk](http://www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk)

Some photos of our learning



Rebound Therapy fun and Learning



Our youngest pupils enjoying the great outdoors



James and Kieron getting Ready for the Marathon



We continue with job success with Tom at Tesco

I wish all our students, staff and parents a wonderful half term. Please note that the last day of term is **Friday 14th February 2020** and pupils return to school on **Monday 24th February 2020**

Many thanks, Jon Hewitt (Headteacher)

## Governors' News

I became a parent governor towards the latter part of 2018. I was very keen to enhance my knowledge of such a wonderful school and to be a 'parent' voice.

Since being a governor, I have attended some excellent school-based training sessions carried out by Jon and Caroline. The Safeguarding and PREVENT training have been invaluable and gave an overview of how important it is for us to work together to protect and support our children.

It has been a productive half term for the Castle School. Everyone has settled back into their busy routines after the Christmas break and the much-needed repairs are being made to the roof of Primary House – your understanding and patience with this project is greatly appreciated.

We are extremely lucky to have such a caring, highly specialized and dedicated team of staff at the Castle School. It is fair to say that all staff are willing to make a special effort and 'go the extra mile' for our school. On this occasion, Kieron Fisher (Flint class teacher) and James Whybra (Assistant Headteacher) are going 26.2 extra miles and running this year's London Marathon. We are extremely grateful to Kieron and James for their incredible efforts and to Children First International who donated the entries - all for the benefit of The Friends of Castle School.

We have lots to look forward to in the half term ahead. Open View Education are returning to give a fun and informative 'puppetry performance' about internet safety to our key stage 2, 3 and 4 children and we also have the Barn Dance in March to look forward to so cowboy boots at the ready!

Enjoy your half term break.

Marie Verney (Parent Governor)