



# The Herald

14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

I can't believe that it is already half term! Our children have once again demonstrated their creativity through an array of impressive project outcomes across all year groups. The Chinese dragon dance, Titanic hats, and the charming hand puppets were particular highlights that showcased the diverse talents of our children. Thank you for attending these events and I hope that you enjoyed them.

On Tuesday, the children took part in lots of activities about Internet Safety. They thought about how to stay safe on the Internet and what to do if they didn't feel safe. We have lots of information on our website: <https://www.castlehillinfantschool.org/key-information/e-safety>

I would like to extend my gratitude to the Castle Hill Friends for organising the Valentine's Disco. The children had an amazing time.

On a more serious note, I wish to inform you that Mr Whistler and I have been monitoring the parking on Kenilworth Road. We have discussed this with our local PCSO to share our concerns. Please could parents not park on corners or in front of the garages. This is for the safety of the children and to maintain good relationships with the local community.

Thank you for all of your support. I hope you have a good week and look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Mrs Fitz

## Early Years

As we come to the end of a very busy half term, we have reflected on all of our amazing learning! The children have wowed us with their recall of knowledge from our current project, The Magic Ride and thank you to all of you that supported our project outcome. It was fantastic to see so many of you and the children were very excited. We hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Next half term we start our new project, 'Old MacDonald had a Farm'. Please look out for the parent overview in the first week back to find out more.

Over the holiday we would like to ask for your help with a couple of things. As we move into the second half of the school year, we will be working on greater independence. Many of the children can talk about resilience and perseverance and are starting to adopt a 'I can't do it yet' attitude to learning like Lightning our Learning dragon. Please could you work with your child on doing their zip up on their coat.

This week some of the children have been using an app in class called White Rose Maths - 1 Minute Maths. This app can be downloaded for free onto a mobile phone or tablet. We have been looking at the **subitising** section. This is a fun and interactive tool that can really help the children with mental maths. As we learn more, we will direct you to other sections of the app that would be suitable. As always, this is an optional resource for use at home and if you do not have access to the internet please be rest assured that the children will be able to access it in school.

We hope you have a lovely week and look forward to seeing everyone after half term.  
Thank you for your continued support.

The Early Years Team

## Year 1

Wow! What a term! The last 6 weeks have gone so quickly and the children have done amazingly. The 'Showtime' project has been such a success. Thank you so much for the fantastic turn out for our outcome yesterday. We really hope you enjoyed it; we are so proud of the children for performing so confidently. This term the children have worked hard designing and making their puppets as well as writing their own version of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. In their writing the children have used all their skills to write more independently.

In maths the children have been working on subtraction (-) and what process is involved to work out their answer. They have used a range of resources to support them such as counters, number lines and drawings.

Please take a look on **Purple Mash** where activities have been uploaded and on **Oxford Owl** where you will find a selection of books for your child to read to you. We will also be sending home some half-term activities that your child can have a go at, independently, using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. They could challenge themselves by using an exclamation mark, adjectives or even alliteration!

We hope that you have a wonderful break and thank you for your continued support.

The Year 1 Team

## Year 2

What an exciting term it has been! We can't believe how fast the 6 weeks have flown by. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the 'Titanic' project and have impressed us with their in-depth knowledge of the disastrous event. This was showcased in their end of project outcome, where they enjoyed sharing their learning through the range of activities parents were challenged to complete.

In maths the children have been working on multiplication and have been introduced to division. They have used their problem-solving skills to work out multiplication and division sums.

We hope you enjoy your half-term break and thank you for your continued support.

The Year 2 Team

## School Notices

### INSET Days

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## Castle Hill Friends

Thank you for taking part in our Wear What You Love day. We hope that the children had a great time at the Valentine's Day Disco! ❤️

Have a lovely half term!

**Stars of the Week**



Oskar  
Sophia  
Ethan J  
Isabella J  
Alfie-Martin  
Callie P



**Diary Dates**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Half Term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Children return to school