



The Herald

7th February 2025

We have had a lovely email from the Samaritans this week. Our school community's generosity has resulted in a donation of £310.69, a sum that will directly support the vital work of this organisation. The Samaritans have expressed their gratitude, emphasising that our donation will play a crucial role in keeping their branch operational, enabling them to continue their round-the-clock support for those in need. Thank you again for your support with this.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting event on the horizon. Our Valentine's Disco is scheduled for Thursday, promising an afternoon of fun for our children. The PTA are selling tickets through their website.

Next week's 'thought of the week' will focus on mutual respect. This is part of our school value of community.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Fitz

Early Years

We have had a busy week continuing our learning all about China and Chinese New Year. We have revisited the story of The Great Animal Race, acting out the events of the race! We have used this learning to label the animals of the Chinese Zodiac and think about what year we were born in.

In maths next week, we will be exploring and learning about the number 8. We will be looking at different ways of making 8 and learn about octagons. In phonics we will be reviewing our learning so far as we have now completed phase 3 sounds. Please look at the sounds in the zippy wallet with your child as they are getting trickier and any recall and support at home will really help your child with remembering them.

The children have been working very hard to prepare for our project outcome and are excited to share their learning with you on Wednesday 12th February at 2.30pm. We hope that you can make it.

Please remember that you can access Purple Mash using the log in details in the back of your child's home learning diary. When selecting the school, please make sure that you click on the one with a school logo. If you have any problems, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you have a lovely weekend.

The Early Years Team

Year 1

This week the children have been finishing their story writing using all of their planning to help them. They have illustrated their work and produced a front cover. The children have also finished making their

puppets by joining and decorating them to make their puppets look like their design! They are very excited to share these with you next week at our project outcome!

In maths, the children have shown excellent skill with doubling numbers up to 10. They have worked really hard to use this knowledge to support with adding, using two ten frames. Next week we will be moving on to subtraction.

Have a wonderful weekend!

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

This week the children had a fantastic time exploring sculpture as they made the base of their hats using papier mache. They will be following their hat designs to decorate it next week. The children are excited for you to see the final product at the end of project event on Friday 14th February at 2:45pm.

In maths, the children have been introduced to the multiplication symbol through repeated addition. Next week, the children will continue their learning of multiplication through the use of arrays.

Thank you for your support and we hope you have a great weekend!

The Year 2 Team

INSET Days

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 7th July 2025

Castle Hill Friends

Castle Hill Friends Upcoming Dates

TODAY!! Come and join us on the playground and buy a Valentine's Day themed treat. We will also have World Book Day Costumes and Pre-Loved Uniform for sale. You will also be able to purchase your Valentines Disco Tickets and make your donation for the Wear what you Love Day.

Upcoming next week

Thursday, 13th Feb: Wear What You Love Day! ❤️
£1 donation on the day, online, or at playground sales.

❤️ Valentine's Disco ❤️
Early Years - 15:20-16:20
Year 1 and 2 - 16:30-17:30

❤️ Drink, Gift & Festival Glitter included!
Please inform the office if you do not want your child to have festival glitter applied to their skin.

Don't forget your ticket at:
www.pta-events.co.uk/chf-castlehillfriends

Thank you for your support.

Stars of the Week



Melia
Skyla
Griffin
Maximilian
Finley
Zakariya



Diary Dates

Wednesday 12th February - Early Years Project Outcome 14:30 (Parents invited to attend)

Thursday 13th February – Year 1 Project Outcome – 9:15 – 9:45 (Parents invited to attend)

Thursday 13th February – Castle Hill Friends Disco –

Early Years - 15:20 – 16:20

Year 1 & 2 – 16:30 – 17:30

Thursday 13th February – Wear what you love day - £1:00 donation

Friday 14th February – Year 2 Titanic Outcome 14:45 – 15:15 (Parents invited to attend)

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February – Half Term

Monday 24th February – Children return to school