



The Herald

24th January 2025

Today our School Council have been representing the school at the Cluster Conference at Cranbourne School. This is a great opportunity for the schools in the local area to mix and share their ideas. The theme of the Conference is standing up for what is right and making a difference in the world.

Acting on parent feedback is really important to me. In the surveys at the end of the school year, many parents thought the website was outdated and difficult to navigate. I am pleased to announce that we will be launching our new-look website on 1st February. This redesign aims to enhance your experience as parents, making it easier to navigate and access essential information. One of the key improvements will be the increased accessibility of project overviews, allowing you to stay informed about your child's learning journey.

You may notice that your child does not have a reading book today. We are currently auditing all books and they will be given a new reading book next week.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Fitz

Early Years

This week the children have been learning all about Emperor penguins. They have looked at the life-cycle and written sentences about what they have found out, using a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop.

Thank you to those that attended our maths workshop. The slides have been put onto the Early Years page on the website for you to refer. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Next week we are going to be writing some fact pages for our class books, to help our explorer Emily Snow. We will also be continuing our 'Magic Ride' by visiting China. We are very excited to start learning a Chinese New Year song and dragon dance.

New phonics sounds have come home today in zippy wallets. Please have a look at them with your child to help them remember them. We hope that you have managed to log into Purple Mash using your child's log in which is in the back of their home learning diary. The following link will take you to our school log in page www.purplemash.com/chi-rq23/child Please come and see us if you have any questions.

We would like to ask for your help with the children's independence when dressing. We are encouraging them to try and turn their clothes in the right way around when dressing and undressing for PE and putting on their socks or tights. Any practise at home with this would really help them in class when changing. We are also working on zips on coats and many of the children are working collaboratively to help one another.

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 begun their puppet making journey by making 'mock ups' of their puppet design. They have worked very hard to make sure that their mock ups look just like their design. In project writing this week the children have learnt about alliteration which they will be using in their story writing. We are continuing to encourage independence in writing by using resources that can be found around the classroom such as the learning walls and tricky word walls.

In maths this week the children have compared numbers within 20 by using words such as greater than, less and equal to whilst using the corresponding symbols. They have also revisited ordering numbers from greatest to smallest. Next week we will be moving on to addition within 20.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend!

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

This week the children have enjoyed being detectives and finding out if the Titanic disaster could have been avoided. They discussed which mistake was the worst and gave their reasonings. They also loved using wax crayons to add colour to their sketching of the Titanic in art.

In maths this week the children have been looking at pounds in notes and coins. They looked at addition sums when learning to calculate with money and subtraction sums when finding out how much change they have. Next week we will be solving written money problems.

Thank you for your support.

The Year 2 Team

INSET Days

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 7th July 2025

Castle Hill Friends

Valentines Disco- Thursday 13th February

Early Years – 15:20-16:20 (Children will go directly from their classroom to the disco if they are attending)

Year 1&2 - 16:30-17:30

Tickets are £3.00 and can be purchased on our website

www.pta-events.co.uk/chf-castlehillfriends

Please let us know if you can help.

Drop off is at the usual classroom doors and MAGNA will run as normal.

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

This can now be paid online via our website if you would prefer to not have the stress of finding cash on the day.

As always, thank you for your support.

Stars of the Week



Elijah
Tony
Piper
Harper. R
Greyson
Aaditya



Diary Dates

Wednesday 29th January – Nurturing Neurodiversity Group - 14:15pm

Friday 7th February – Castle Hill Friends 2nd hand uniform and sweet treat sale