



The Herald

31st January 2025

Year R have been immersing themselves in the rich traditions of Chinese New Year, engaging in a variety of activities that enhance their understanding of global celebrations. I'm really looking forward to seeing their final Chinese dragon dance.

In our ongoing efforts to improve communication and accessibility, I am thrilled to announce that our new website will be launching in the next few days. This updated platform will serve as a comprehensive resource for our school community, providing easy access to important information and showcasing the wonderful achievements of our children. The web address will stay the same and please bear with us if there are any hiccups with the transfer.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Fitz

Early Years

Early Years have had a very exciting week! We began the week, helping the explorer Emily Snow by writing some fabulous polar animal fact files. On Wednesday, we travelled to China as part of our 'Magic Ride' project and are enjoying exploring the festival and celebrations of Chinese New Year. The children have especially enjoyed starting to learn a dragon dance!

Next week, the children will continue to explore China, comparing it with the Arctic, Antarctica and Basingstoke. They will continue their learning about The Great Animal Race and use this to write about the Chinese Zodiac. In maths the children will be looking at time and height.

It has been great to see some of the home learning starting to come into school this week, we look forward to seeing more on Wednesday 12th February.

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

The Early Years Team

Year 1

In our project lessons this week the children have been very excited to begin writing their story of the 'Billy Goats Gruff'. We have focused on the beginning, build up and the problem of the story and the children have had the chance to include the adjectives we have been looking at to describe the characters.

This week in maths we have been focusing on number bonds to 20 using tens frames to support the children's understandings. We have been writing addition number sentences as well as working in partners to complete practical tasks with tens frames and counters.

We have loved seeing some of the children's puppets they have been making at home as the home learning task. Just a reminder they are due in by **Thursday 6th of February!**

Have a wonderful weekend!

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

This week the children looked at the work of hat designer Philip Tracey in art. They had the opportunity to become designers and sketch their own hat designs that 1st class passengers might have worn on the Titanic. The children can't wait to start creating next week.

In maths this week, the children have used their problem-solving skills to work out written money problems, using addition and subtraction. Next week they will be recognising, making and adding equal groups.

Thank you for the wonderful home learning projects handed in so far! They are all so unique and creative. Please remind your child to bring their Titanic room to school on or before Monday 10th February 2025.

Thank you for your support.

The Year 2 Team

INSET Days

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 7th July 2025

Castle Hill Friends

Castle Hill Friends Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 4th February - PTA meeting online (please let us know if you would like to join)

Friday 7th February - Sweet treat sale and World Book Day costumes! (Please donate any unwanted costumes)

Thursday 13th February - Wear what you love £1.00 donation

Thursday 13th February – Valentines Disco £3.00 per ticket

EY: 15:20-16:20

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

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

Thank you for your support.

As always, thank you for your support.

Stars of the Week



Charlie
Thea
Enzo
Leon
Archer
Leighton



Diary Dates

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

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)