



The Herald

19th September 2025

It has been really lovely to see so many families at our welcome meetings. I hope that you found them informative and answered any questions you had.

Accompanying this letter, there is a letter from the Castle Hill Friends about a visit to the Haymarket Theatre. They have financed this visit and I know the children will get so much out of this. A copy of the letter is also in book bags.

Thank you to Mrs Fulbrook, our Forest school leader, and Mrs Johnson and Mrs Mathewson for restarting Forest School this week. Years 1 and 2 will have regular sessions throughout the year. Early Years will have Forest School sessions later in the year. The children have been so enthusiastic about it, even in the drizzle!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Fitz

Class Stars of the Week



Ayda
Malaki
Edward
Thea
Jordan
Harper D



Mrs Fitz's Star of the Week



Nova



Early Years

Early Years have had a very busy and exciting week and we are so proud of how well the children have managed their first whole week full time! We have introduced more of the Castle Hill dragons this week, Astro – appreciation and Sparkle – self-esteem, the children have shown an excellent understanding of our values and have been showing them throughout the school day.

Early Years were very surprised to come into class on Monday to find a big colourful mess, we became detectives to discover what had happened and eventually it turned out to be the Colour Monster! The children have spent the week exploring the emotions confusion, happiness, sadness, feeling calm and why they might feel that way.

Next week, we will continue to explore more emotions such as anger, fear and love and we will use our learning to create a calm corner in the classroom as a safe space for us to retreat to and express our emotions. Together we will introduce and create the class charter, a set of statements and rules agreeing on how we work as a community in our class and the school.

We start introducing maths next week, and will be sorting, comparing, and amounts.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week!

The Early Years Team

Year 1

Our 'Stanley Saves the Seas' project got off to a great start this week with a big pile of rubbish being found in each of the classrooms! The children were fascinated by this and are now keen to find out more about different materials and the effects on the environment.

We have built on expanding our sentences with 'and' and have looked at adjectives and how describing words make our sentences more exciting.

In maths, we have looked at sharing and more than/less than by introducing the symbols $<$ $>$ and $=$.

We have more exciting science coming up next week!

Have a great weekend,

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

What a busy week we have had! It was lovely to see so many of you at our project outcome and welcome meeting this week. Please remember that if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help. On Thursday we started our exciting new project, 'The Journey Home'. The children discovered an ancient scroll, map and feather. We found out it was from a Dodo. Can we solve the riddle and find out what the Dodo is trying to tell us? Time will tell, but it has been an exciting start.

In maths this week the children have worked really hard on partitioning into tens and ones, using this to write number sentences such as $56 = 5 \text{ tens and } 6 \text{ ones}$ $56 = 50 + 6$. They have also revisited counting in multiples of 10 by completing missing numbers on a number lines.

Please could we remind you that our PE days are Monday and Wednesday. The children will also have Forest School every Thursday.

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Year 2 Team

Forest School

Year 1 and Year 2 have had a great first session of Forest School. Year 1 enjoyed playing with the mud kitchen and had lots of fun on the tyre swing. Year 2 were very creative and used a palm drill to make holes into wood to make a keyring.

Please can your child bring an empty bag into school to put their dirty wellies in after they have finished their forest school session.

Thank you

Mrs Fulbrook



Castle Hill Friends

Tales From Acorn Wood at Christmas 🧑🏻‍🎅

We're thrilled to share that all children will be attending a special theatre trip on Thursday 5th December to see "Tales From Acorn Wood at Christmas" 🎄— a magical stage adaptation of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's much-loved stories. With festive fun and enchanting surprises, it promises to be a truly memorable experience! 🎭

Thanks to the fantastic fundraising efforts of our PTA, we've been able to cover the cost of tickets and organise transport for the day 😊 If any parents would like to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the transport, it would be very much appreciated — every little helps us continue to create special moments like this for the children ✨

👻 Halloween Disco Alert – 23rd October! 🎃

SAVE THE DATE! Get your kids costumes ready and their dancing shoes on—tickets are now live on our website! 🗨️👧👦 Link is on our socials & below also for you and more detail on timings etc is there too!

Website below

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/chf-castlehillfriends/>

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you for supporting the PTA!

INSET Days

2025/2026

Friday 24th October 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Friday 10th July 2026

Thought of the Week

Feel good about yourself

(This links with our Self-esteem Value)



Diary Dates

Tuesday 23rd September – Cauliflower Cards sent home

Monday 29th September – Year 1 visit to QMC

Tuesday 30th September – Year 2 visit to QMC