



# The Herald

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

What a brilliant first half term we have had! It has been lovely to see how well our Early Years children have settled in and I am so impressed by the progress that children in Year 1 and 2 have made. Their work looks amazing and I know the teachers are looking forward to sharing this with you at Parents Evening.

I know that most parents have booked appointments via Arbor, but if you need some help, please give the office a ring or send them an email.

Thank you for your support this morning with the path being closed off. We have informed Hampshire about the tree and asked them to come and check all of the trees, particularly those covered in ivy. To ensure the children's safety, they have remained indoors at playtime and lunchtime. Could I ask that you use the steps from the playground as we will keep the path closed. Please check your email to see a change of door for pick for classes at home time and the disco this evening.

Just a reminder that the children's last day is today as we have an INSET day tomorrow.

Have a lovely half term,

Mrs Fitz

## Class Stars of the Week



Jackson  
Billie  
William  
Noah  
Matilda  
Alessandro



## Mrs Fitz's Star of the Week



Jaxyn



## **Early Years**

What an amazing first half term we have had! The children have settled really well into the routines and are showing the values of Castle Hill Infant School. We are so proud of them!

Our first project outcome was a great success and we loved being able to celebrate your child's learning with you. They have worked so hard and produced some lovely work already. We hope you enjoyed it!

Next half term we will be starting our new project 'The Great Outdoors'. There will be lots of opportunities for the children to explore their natural world and find out more about seasonal change. Over half term please would you and your child collect lots of natural resources such as leaves, pine cones, small twigs and conkers! These will help us to produce some creative crafts for our new learning.

After half term we will also start sending home 'worded books' in relation to the sounds that they have been learning in phonics. Please continue to look at your child's picture book with them over half term to help with their comprehension.

### **Reminders:**

Please remember to label all your child's belongings to help us locate lost items easily.

Our local walk will be happening on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November (more information about this via email) – Please remember to send your child in with appropriate clothing for the weather on that day.

Finally, a big thank you from the Early Years team for all your support over this first term. We hope you have a lovely, restful half term.

### **The Early Years Team**

## **Year 1**

What a fantastic start to Year 1 this half term! The children have produced some amazing work throughout our 'Stanley Saves the Seas project' and this week we have had an exciting start to our new project 'Fire! Fire!'

We have begun our project with a special visitor all the way from 1666... Samuel Pepys! He informed the children of a terrible fire that took place in his city, London. He then explained that he wrote all about it in his diary but that the children will need to do their own research to find out more. So far, we have learnt about how the fire started in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane and why it began to spread so quickly. The children have written some great sentences about this using the conjunction 'and'.

In maths we have continued our focus on subtraction and the children have used some concrete and pictorial representations to help them write some number sentences. We have also practiced using a number line to support their understanding of subtracting or taking away.

Over half term we are sending home some handwriting packs as extra learning, please encourage your child to complete these if possible. We are also setting some to do's on Purple Mash to do with our upcoming project and maths focus.

Have a great half term!

The Year 1 Team

## **Year 2**

What a fantastic end to our half term this morning! Thank you to all of those that came to our project outcome and supported the children. It was lovely to see so many of you and we are really proud of what the children have achieved. So far, we have raised £11.75 towards our year group animal adoption. If you would still like to donate, we will be accepting donations after half term. We will be busy counting the tokens later today and will let the children know what has been voted for.

Next half term we will be starting our new project, 'Land of the Long White Cloud.' Look out for the new parent overview when we return.

In maths, we will continue with addition and subtraction after half term before moving onto 10 more and 10 less.

Just a reminder that each class we will be having a small workshop from the NSPCC on the afternoon of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Have a wonderful half term and thank you for your continued support.

The Year 2 Team.

## **Forest School**

Just a reminder that our Forest School sessions will restart after half term. We have decided to make Forest school sessions longer to give the children more opportunities to take part in activities and extend their play.

This means that the sessions will run every other week for the classes.

### **The next sessions will be:**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November: Birch

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November: Maple

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November: Rowan

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Sycamore

Thank you

Mrs Fulbrook



## **Castle Hill Friends**

🎃 We hope all the kids have a spook-tacular time at the Halloween disco! Thank you everyone that's donated and volunteered we couldn't do these fun events without you and we know the kids appreciate it!

💎 Don't forget: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November is non-uniform day! Please bring a chocolate donation or £1 coin alternative for the Christmas Fayre.

🎅 Santa's Grotto tickets are now on sale—grab yours early so you don't miss out on the magic at the Fayre on 21<sup>st</sup> November!

👏 And if you can spare a little time, we desperately need some extra hands to help make the Fayre sparkle. Volunteers always welcome so please don't be shy and get stuck in to make this day amazing for all!

👋 Wishing everyone a restful half-term—see you next term!

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

### **Office Notices**

#### **INSET Days**

##### **2025/2026**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### **Thought of the Week**

We appreciate others

(This links with our Appreciation Value)



### **Diary Dates**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October - INSET Day (school closed)

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Half-Term**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – EY Phonics workshop for parents 09:00 – 09:45am  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week