



# The Herald

6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

As we approach the festive season, I am delighted to share some of the exciting events and achievements that have taken place at school recently. Our Year 1 children showcased their learning with a parent outcome for their 'Fire, Fire!' project, while Year 2 impressed us all with their 'Land of the Long White Cloud' presentation. These events exemplify the rich, engaging curriculum we strive to provide.

I am thrilled to announce that our Christmas Fayre was a resounding success, raising approximately £1100. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the generosity and support of our school community.

On a practical note, I kindly request that parents exercise consideration when parking on Kenilworth Road, particularly directly at the back of the school. Please ensure that garages and driveways remain unobstructed. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated so we can maintain good relationships with our local community and safeguard the pedestrians.

Finally, I'd like to clarify some of our upcoming dates: on 13th December, children may wear Christmas jumpers with their uniform, while the last day of term, 20th December, will be a non-uniform day.

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

Mrs Fitz

## **Early Years**

This week has been very busy with the hustle and bustle of our Christmas performance rehearsals and new project hook for Happy Birthday. The children have enjoyed sharing about when they were born and how a new baby might be welcomed.

We are looking forward to showcasing our performance on Tuesday at 9.15 am (adults only) and 2.15 pm (all invited). Our dress rehearsal today was great and you are all in for a treat!

Next week we will be looking at the Nativity story and exploring all things Christmas in our classroom provision. In maths we will be looking at subitising (recognising an amount without counting) and ordering numbers to 5. In phonics we will learn 'ai' and 'ee' and consolidate all of the sounds we have looked at so far. Please continue to work on the sounds in the zippy wallets and remember to record in your child's home learning diary anything you do at home.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

The Early Years Team

## Year 1

This week the children finished off our Fire! Fire! Project, writing some accounts of different people's experiences of the Great Fire of London. They wrote sort sentences in speech bubbles and included contracted forms such as 'didn't' and 'couldn't'.

In maths we have continued to develop the children's understanding of place value. They have completed worksheets using greater than, less than and equal to as well as working out one more and one less of an amount.

We would like to thank everyone who was able to make it to our project outcome on Wednesday, it was lovely to see so many of you. The children have really enjoyed this project and were very excited to share some of their work with you! We look forward to beginning a two-week Christmas project learning about how Christmas is celebrated in different countries, next week.

Lastly, the children are very excited to perform our Nativity next week! **It will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am (adults only) and 2.15pm (all invited). Also, a reminder to bring in your child's costume if you have not done so yet.**

Have a lovely weekend!

The Year 1 Team

## Year 2

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to attend our project outcome on Wednesday. The children have worked so hard over the past five weeks and were very excited to share this with you (especially the Haka)!

In other learning, we have been adding two 2-digit numbers together using pictorial representations and number lines. Next week we are moving on to subtraction.

Also, next week will be looking at programming Bee Bots and creating an algorithm to move them around different countries and debugging them as needed.

We are very excited that the primary has invited us to watch their Christmas performance dress rehearsal on Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday morning, Maggie Wigmore (from the Church of the Good Shepherd) is coming in to spend time with each class to speak about the Christmas journey.

Have a great weekend.

The Year 2 Team

## School Notices

### INSET Days

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### Vacancy's

We have 2 vacancy's that have become available to join our school. The first vacancy is for a One to One Learning Support Assistant. The days and working hours are Monday – Friday 8:45am – 12:00pm - Term time only.

The second vacancy is for a Lunchtime Supervisor. The days and working hours are Monday – Friday Friday 11.55am – 13.10pm – Term time only.

If you are interested in any of the above job roles and you would like more information, please contact the school office. To apply for these roles please click on the links below which will take you to each of the job roles available on Hampshire education.

<https://south.education-jobs.org.uk/jobs/job/OnetoOne-Learning-Support-Assistant/3000>

<https://south.education-jobs.org.uk/jobs/job/Lunchtime-Supervisory-Assistant/2997>

### **Castle Hill Friends**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fair. It was an amazing event. We will keep you posted on how the profits will be spent but rest assured it will be something memorable for the children to enjoy.

Also thank you for everyone who signed up to Asda Cashpot for school this has raised £171.62 for castle Hill Friends.

Don't forget to buy your ticket to the Magical Christmas Trail which takes place in school hours on 20th December 2024. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/chf-castlehillfriends/>

### **Stars of the Week**



Evie B  
Sarah  
Leo  
Julia  
Obaapa  
Ava



### **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – EY Nativity 9:15am (Adults only) and 2:15pm (all invited)

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 Nativity 9:15am (Adults only) and 2:15pm (all invited)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Year 2 Carol Concert- 2:15pm (2 tickets per Year 2 family – children may attend, but they will need a ticket)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 – Christmas Holidays

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – INSET Day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Children return to school