



# The Herald

13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

The Year R and Year 1 nativity plays were a resounding success, showcasing the talents of our children and the dedication of our staff. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the parents who provided such tremendous support.

I am proud to announce that through your generosity at the nativity performances, we have raised over £200 for the Samaritans. This shows the spirit of our school community. We will continue with the collection at the upcoming carol concert.

In the midst of this busy period, I hope that families found the date sheet for next week helpful in managing schedules. Your engagement and support are invaluable as we navigate this joyous yet hectic time of year together.

Thank you so much for your support and having a lovely weekend.

Mrs Fitz

## Early Years

It was so lovely to see you all at our Christmas performances this week. The children made us incredibly proud and it is hard to believe that we have almost completed our first term of school! Whilst Christmas is in full swing, we continue our Happy Birthday project next week, looking at the nativity story, Christmas in other parts of the world and Christmas past and present. We are looking forward to our end of term party on **Monday**, where the children can wear party clothes to school if they would like to. Please ensure that they wear something suitable as they will still have access to outside, during Sparkle Time.

As we approach the Christmas holidays the children are getting tired and are ready for a well-deserved holiday. This week we have had some circle times about using kind hands and words. We would like to ask for your support in reinforcing this at home over the coming week with their Time to Talk homework, which is in book bags today. You will also find a Kinetic Letters letter formation sheet. This shows you our school letter formation and is for you to keep at home and refer to.

Please remember that you can also access Oxford Owl for further reading books online, using your child's log in at the back of their Home Learning diaries. This is optional. We will be collecting in library books next week so please ensure that your child's book is in their bag. We look forward to visiting the library again when we return to school in January.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing the children for a fun packed week, finishing with the Christmas Trail on Friday.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Early Years Team

## Year 1

First of all, we would like to thank everyone who was able to attend our Nativity performances yesterday. The children have definitely made us proud and we hope that you enjoyed it too. Thank you for your support with sending in costumes and helping your child learn their lines.

This week, alongside nativity rehearsals, in our RE sessions we have discussed the nativity story and have spoken about the importance of Jesus' birth to Christians.

In maths this week the children have revisited number lines and how they can be used to work out addition and subtraction problems. Next week the children will revisit 2D and 3D shapes – with a Christmas theme!

We are looking forward to our end of term party on **Tuesday**, where the children can wear party clothes to school if they would like to.

Have a lovely weekend!

The Year 1 Team

## Year 2

We can't believe that there is just one week left of term! The children really enjoyed watching all the dress rehearsals this week, particularly going across to the primary to watch the year 3 / 4 production.

Our visit from the church, which looked at the journeys to Jesus' birth, was thoroughly enjoyed by the children. They will be bringing home one of the activities that they took part in.

Whilst we will be counting down next week, we will also be continuing with maths, looking at 2d and 3d shape.



We are looking forward to our end of term party on **Wednesday**, where the children can wear party clothes to school if they would like to.

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

### School Photographs

There is still time to order your school photographs in time for Christmas. If you no longer have your proof card, please call Fraser Portraits on 01202 692433, or email [sales@fraserportraits.com](mailto:sales@fraserportraits.com). Please place your orders by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December for delivery to home addresses, digital downloads are instant.

## **Castle Hill Friends**

Please 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/>

## **Diary Dates**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Early Years Christmas party (In School)– Non School Uniform for Early Years only

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 Christmas party (In School)– Non School Uniform for Year 1 only

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Year 2 Christmas party (In School)– Non School Uniform for Year 2 only

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