



The Herald

20th December 2024

As we approach the festive season, I am delighted to reflect on the wonderful events and achievements that have marked our school year to date. The recent Christmas trail, organised by our dedicated Friends group, brought joy to our children as they each had the opportunity to meet Santa. Such moments of magic are what make our school community so special.

Congratulations to Windsor (blue) House for winning the tokens this term. Tokens are given for great behaviour at lunchtime, particularly playing. The results were:

Windsor – 514, Hever – 462, Arundel – 458, Portchester – 397

I will meet with Windsor House to discuss what their treat will be.

I would like to express my gratitude for your tremendous support during our Christmas events. Your participation and enthusiasm truly embodied the spirit of our school family. I am proud to announce that our collection for the Samaritans has reached an impressive final total of £310. This generosity will undoubtedly make a significant difference to those in need.

As we celebrate the end of term, we also bid farewell to two valued members of our staff. Mrs Ritchie, our esteemed dinner lady of 14 years, leaves us today. Her dedication and warmth will be greatly missed. We also say goodbye to Mrs Aubrey, and we thank her for her service to our school. We wish them both well and hope they visit us soon.

Thanks for your continued support and the lovely gifts that the team and I have received. I wish you all a joyous and restful Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 7th January.

Mrs Fitz

Early Years

This term has flown by! The children have spent the week finishing our 'Happy Birthday' project. They have been busy writing about their own birthdays, learning about Christmas around the world and in the past. They have had lots of fun today at our Castle Hill Friends Christmas Trail and they were especially excited to meet Father Christmas!

Next term, we will start our exciting new project 'The Magic Ride'. Look out for more information coming home in the first week back.

Thank you for all your help and support this term. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

The Early Years Team

Year 1

This has been a lovely first term for Year 1! This week we have learnt all about Christmas traditions in different countries. We discovered that gingerbread biscuits were a common tradition so we decided to make some of our own. We hope the children enjoyed them!

For maths this week we have been doing some Christmas themed activities to recap.

The children have loved joining in with the Christmas Trail today and we're sure they will tell you all about it!

In January we will be beginning our new project 'Showtime!' and will send out the parent overview containing all the information in the first week.

Thank you for your continued support this term and we hope you have an amazing Christmas and New Year! 😊

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

Amazingly we have come to the end of the first term! We have completed Land of the Long White Cloud and the writing about geographical features and Māori artwork look fantastic in the children's books.

We have been looking at shape this week, predominantly 2d and symmetry. This will continue with 3d in the New Year.

Your child will be bringing home with them a project overview on the first day of the spring term. As you are aware, we will be studying the Titanic, which last year was the children's favourite Year 2 project. We are sure that this year group will be equally as engaged.

Homework has been set on Purple Mash, but please enjoy the break.

Have a fantastic Christmas and New Year!

The Year 2 Team

School Notices



Wishing you a season filled with warmth, joy, and peace. May this holiday bring you closer to the ones you love, and may the New Year be full of exciting opportunities and wonderful moments. Happy holidays!

Christmas Holidays 23 December – 3 January
Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025

INSET Days

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 7th July 2025

Castle Hill Friends



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for engaging with our fundraising efforts throughout 2024. We look forward to hosting more fantastic events in 2025.

Merry Christmas from Castle Hill Friends!

Stars of the Week



Carter
Esther
Joseph La
Enzo
Zoe
Tehya
Emme
Frazer



Diary Dates

Monday 16th December – Friday 10th January – **Year 2** Sea City Museum trip sign up on Arbor

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January 2025 – Christmas Holidays

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