



The Herald

15th November 2024

Thank you to all of the children who entered the Christmas card competition. The winner is Jessica in Maple class. We will be using her design to send cards to members of the local community and other schools.

The Friends of Castle Hill are busy planning the Christmas Fair on 29th November from 4pm to 6pm. There are more details in their section further down the newsletter. I know that they would love to see everybody there and would appreciate any help you can give them on the day. They do an amazing job to raise money for the school and give the children lots of different opportunities.



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Fitz
Headteacher

Early Years

We have had such a great week exploring the parts of a plant this week! We have been busy writing instructions on how to plant a bean which we are excited to share with you later in our project. We have also been making careful observations and drawing some plants, thinking about shading with our pencil too.

Next week we will be thinking about the weather, planting some class cress and watching it grow. In maths we will be looking at the number 4, squares, rectangles and sorting shapes into those with 4 sides and not 4 sides. In phonics we will be starting our Phase 3 sounds in phonics with j,v,w and x. Next week is also National Road Safety week so we will be spending an afternoon learning about how to keep safe by the roads and how to cross safely.

A couple of reminders that Oxford Owl log ins are in the back of your child's reading and home learning diary. This gives you access to extra books online if you would like to use them. Tapestry is up and running and you should be able to see pictures in your child's online journal. Please let us know if you are having trouble accessing this.

Christmas singing for our nativity will begin in class next week! If you are having any problems with items for costumes please let us know and we will be happy to help.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Early Years Team

Year 1

This week the children have found out more to do with The Great Fire of London as part of our Fire! Fire! Project. They have learnt about the fire service, or lack of, back in 1666. They have discussed the various

equipment that was used and have made their own zig-zag books as part of this week's writing tasks. Next week, in our project work, the children will find out about King Charles II and how he helped with the fire. They may even have two special visitors!

This week in maths, the children have continued their shape work. They have made their own 3D and 2D model, then labelled them with the shape names. Next week in maths we will recap addition and subtraction, reminding children the different strategies that can be used to solve these problems.

We have sent out the roles this week for our nativity play 'Born in Barn' and today your child will bring home any lines that they will be saying in the play. We thank you for your support with this.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Year 1 Team

Year 2

We have had a very good week as geographers studying the continents and oceans! We have also taken a tour around Basingstoke and Rotorua to compare the human geography (courtesy of Google earth)!

In maths, we have been adding and subtracting single digits to/from a two-digit number. The children are currently securing which method is best for them.

Next week we are looking forward to practising our songs for the carol concert and looking at Māori art.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 2 Team

School Notices

No bikes or scooters in the playground

To avoid bumps and crashes into others, we ask that children do not ride bikes or scooters before or after school into or on the playground. Please could the children get off and walk the bike or scooter as soon as you come into the school site and park them in the bike rack.

Castle Hill Friends

Christmas Fair:

Planning is well under way and we can't wait to see you there on Friday 29th November 2024 between 4-6pm ... There will be a food van, stalls, games, crafts and a Grotto.

Magical Christmas Trail:

We are so glad to have the trail return for 2024. This is an in school event.

The children will spend the morning visiting multiple stations where they will get to visit Santa, get a gift, make reindeer food, play fun games, dance, make a craft and more!! To buy your ticket please visit www.pta-events.co.uk/chf-castlehillfriends.

We will try to do a few sale days on the playground over the next month so you can purchase in person.

Stars of the Week

Evie B-R
Jessica
Ethan P
Zabeer
Sammy
Haadiya

**Diary Dates**

Tuesday 26th November - Nurturing Neurodiversity Support Group 2:15pm
Thursday 28th November - Early Year Project Outcome 2:30pm (parents invited to attend)
Friday 29th November - Castle Hill Friends Christmas Fayre 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Wednesday 4th December - Year 2 Project Outcome 9am - 9:30am (parents invited to attend)
Year 1 Project Outcome 2:45pm - 3:15pm (parents invited to attend)
Friday 6th December - Castle Hill Friends Sweet Treat/2nd hand uniform sale 3:10pm
Tuesday 10th December - EY Nativity 9:15am (Adults only) and 2:15pm (all invited)
Thursday 12th December - Year 1 Nativity 9:15am (Adults only) and 2:15pm (all invited)
Thursday 19th December - Year 2 Carol Concert 2:15pm