



The Herald

22nd November 2024

Hot on the heels of our Christmas card competition, Cranbourne Cluster have launched their Christmas card competition. Please bring any entries for it to the office. All entries must be to us by Wednesday 11th December.

Earlier in the week there was nearly an accident on the zebra crossing in the outside car park. Please could all parents drive slowly in the car park and ensure that they are vigilant for children who may be crossing. Breakfast club begins at 7:40am, so children will be around from this time.

Christmas rehearsals are in full swing and we will be decorating the school next week ready for Christmas. If you scroll to the bottom of the newsletter, all of the dates are there. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Fitz
Headteacher

Early Years

This week we have had great fun watching our beans grow and looking after them. Lots of them have started to germinate and have started to grow roots and shoots. We have made decorations for the outdoor area using leaves. We have learnt how to cross the road and have learnt a song, 'Stop, Look, Listen, Think', to help us remember how to keep safe.

Next week we are looking forward sharing our learning with you for the Great Outdoors at our 'Come Outside!' Project Outcome. This will take place on Thursday 28th at 2.30pm. We hope you can join us! Come wrapped up and ready to get creative with natural resources. The children will even teach you how to plant a seed.

We have enjoyed starting to learn our songs this week for our Christmas play. Next week we will be starting our rehearsals in the hall. If your child has brought home any lines to learn, please help them by rehearsing them in a loud, clear voice.

We have enjoyed exploring items that the children have been bringing in from nature for our exploration table. Please remember to bring in any home learning on or by 26th November. Details of this can be found on the parent overview leaflet sent home at the beginning of our project. Please come and see us if you have any questions.

Please note our library days are changing. Fir Class will now go and change their books on a Monday and Ash Class will go on a Friday.

Have a great weekend and thank you for your continued support.
Early Years Team

Year 1

This week in Year 1 the children have taken on a roleplay activity for our project. They re-enacted a conversation between King Charles II and Samuel Pepys deciding to use gunpowder to stop the fire. The children then wrote out a conversation in speech bubbles, creating their own questions using question marks. Today for our project we began to explore different shapes and colours of flames and experimented creating art using watercolour and oil pastels.

In maths, we have been learning to draw and label our own number lines! The children then used their number lines to work out both addition and subtraction number sentences.

We have started rehearsals for our Christmas play! The children have enjoyed learning the songs and are looking forward to performing them to you all. Any help with learning lines your child may have would be greatly appreciate. Thank you!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Year 1 Team

Year 2

This week the children have enjoyed becoming researchers! We first gathered facts and interesting information, learning about the physical and human geography on the North Island of New Zealand. They also enjoyed looking at the exciting activities the country had to offer. The children used their research to create short fact files in writing.

In maths, we have continued our learning of adding and subtracting single digits to/from a two-digit number. The children have had the opportunity to use their preferred method to solve written maths problems.

Next week we are looking forward to learning about Māori culture and artwork.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 2 Team

School Notices

INSET Days

Monday 3rd January 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 7th July 2025

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 it in person.

Stars of the Week



Ava
Micah
Charlotte
Mollie
Amber
Sonny
Callie-Kay



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 (2 tickets per Year 2 family)
Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January 2025 – Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January 2025 – INSET Day
Tuesday 7th January 2025 – Children return to school