



# The Herald

29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

As we approach the festive season, our school is abuzz with excitement and activity. The school entrance has been beautifully decorated, ready to welcome the Christmas spirit. This evening at 4pm, we eagerly anticipate our Christmas Fayre, an event that promises to bring our community together.

Our Year 1 children recently experienced an exciting visit from the fire brigade, an educational encounter that undoubtedly will leave a lasting impression. Such experiences enrich our curriculum and inspire our young learners.

While we embrace the joy of the season, I must draw your attention to an important safety notice. The Child Accident Prevention Trust has published a list of eight gifts most likely to cause accidents this year. As the safety of our children is paramount, I encourage you to review this information. You can access the list via the following link: <https://capt.org.uk/8-dangerous-gifts-to-avoid-this-christmas/>

As always, I am grateful for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Fitz  
Headteacher

## **Early Years**

It was lovely to see so many of you at our 'Come Outside' project event yesterday. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning with you and thank you for getting fully engaged in the activities with them. The weather was very kind to us! We are so proud of them and we hope that you enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did.

Christmas play rehearsals are well under way and next week we start our new project, 'Happy Birthday'. Look out for the new parent overview leaflet next week. Please look in your child's Time to Talk homework book as we would like you to talk to your child about when they were born. We will be sharing these in class on Tuesday. Time to Talk homework is a great way to talk to your child about their learning and support them to join in with class discussions. Please sign their book and it is always really nice if you can record some of the things your child has said so that we can support them in our discussions.

Please remember to bring in your child's costume items for the play, in a named plastic bag on **Monday**.

If you have not accessed your Tapestry account yet please let us know and we will send you a reactivation email.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Early Years Team

## Year 1

This week for our project, we had an exciting visit from some fire fighters to learn more about the modern fire service compared to the one in 1666. The children were given the chance to sit in the fire truck, use the hose to knock down some cones and learn all about the uniform and different tools they use! The children then chose some of these features and to write about in a fact file on the modern fire service.

Also, for our project the children have been creating a collage using pieces of artwork made from water colours and oil pastels. They have also learned about how silhouettes of the London skyline can be used in artwork and cut out their own to be placed over their collage.

In maths we have been using part-whole models to support the children's understanding of addition and subtraction. They then developed this further by writing fact families using part-whole models.

This week we have been busy rehearsing lots for our Nativity! We'd like to remind you to **continue practicing any lines** your child may have and that we need the costumes in on **Monday**, to begin dress rehearsals.

**We look forward to seeing many of you for our project outcome next Wednesday at 2:45-3:15!**

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 1 Team

## Year 2

We have had a very creative week learning about, and recreating, the art work of Theresa Reihana. The children are very excited about showing this to you at our outcome next week (9:00-9:30 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December).

We are continuing with addition and subtraction and have been looking at different methods of adding or subtracting ten, or multiples of ten, to/from a 2-digit number.

If your child hasn't yet bought in their volcano, please could they be in school by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

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

## Castle Hill Friends

### Christmas Fair

We can't wait to see you all this evening at the Christmas Fayre! Please note that it will begin at 4pm... 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](http://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**



Alexia  
Alfie J  
Alfie V  
Frankie  
Denisse  
Henry



**Diary Dates**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> December – Castle Hill Friends Sweet Treat/2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale 3:10pm  
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)  
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