



The Herald

20th September 2024

Thank you for all of your support with the parents' meetings over the last two weeks. The staff have enjoyed meeting you and sharing their plans for the year. I have loved looking at the work the children have been busy with and they are so keen to share their learning.

The children have settled in well. Please can I ask Year 1 and 2 families to remain on the no-mow area until all the children have come up the path. I have noticed that sometimes it can be tricky for children to get through the door. These measures are to strengthen safeguarding in the morning. Once the children are in, the teacher at the door will be happy to take any messages.

Next week assemblies will be focusing on our value of Self-esteem. We have chosen our thought of the week to be 'I feel good about myself'.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Fitz
Headteacher

Early Years

Wow, this week has flown by! We have been very busy learning our routines in the classroom and talking about our emotions, using the Colour Monster to help us. We enjoyed our first music session where we talked about pitch, exploring high and low with our voices.

Thank you to all of you who were able to make our parent meeting yesterday. Don't panic if you couldn't, a copy of the presentation will be available from Monday on our year group page on the website. If you have any questions, please talk to one of the team and we will be happy to help.

Next week we will be introducing our next 2 values with Tickle the Truth Dragon and Lightning the Learning Dragon. Please ask your child about the dragons and values.

It is not too late to bring in the 'All About Me' boxes if you haven't done so already. We will start sharing them from the end of next week.

Please can you ensure that your child has a named water bottle and that it only contains **water**. We ask that the children do not put their bottles in their book bags as they can leak and once books start to come home this can cause damage to them. Many thanks for your assistance with this. Please note that we have a **no earrings** policy. If your child wears earrings we ask for health and safety that they are removed for school hours.

Next week we will be continuing our Marvellous Me project. We will be looking at how we felt about starting school, using 'The Colour Monster Goes to School' story as starting point. We will talk about what it means to be part of a community and complete our class charter. In Kinetic Letters we will revisit the animal positions to make our bodies strong for writing. We will also be starting our maths, looking at

matching and sorting. The children will be very good at pairing matching socks by the end of the week so make sure to use them to help at home!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Early Years Team

Year 1

This week we have launched our new project 'Stanley saves the seas'. The children have enjoyed finding out about Stanley from the story 'Someone Swallowed Stanley'. They have started to retell the story in their writing. This week we have introduced adjectives (a word used to describe something) in writing to make it even more interesting!

In maths we have continued to work on place value. The children have learnt the terminology greater than, less than and equal to as well as the symbols for each term.

This week we will be sending the children home with their reading book and Time to Talk books. Please could these books be put back in book bags everyday as the days that they get changed/updated changes every week.

Our P.E. days will be **Thursday and Friday**. This may occasionally change, so we would ask that children leave their P.E. kits in school. They will be sent home at the end of each half term.

Please bear with us if home time is taking a little longer whilst we get to know you all. The children are lined up in no particular order and we ask that they do not leave the door unless the adult dismissing is able to locate the adult picking them up.

Thank you for your continued support.

We hope that you have a wonderful weekend,

Year 1 Team

Year 2

A big thank you to those who were able to attend our end of project event on Monday. If you were not able to attend, the slides from the welcome talk have been attached. Please do come and speak to us if you have any queries.

Our Journey Home project began this week and we have started looking at the consequences of deforestation and climate change. We also started this half term's R.E. which is titled 'Community'. In maths, we have continued looking at place value and also partitioning. This will continue next week.

We have introduced habitats this week and next week the children will be writing about their chosen habitat including conjunctions but, or and however.

Other

Our P.E. days will be **Mondays and Tuesdays**. This may occasionally change, so we would ask that children leave their P.E. kits in school. They will be sent home at the end of each half term.

In order to increase independence, please could we ask that children walk up to school with their teacher on their own in the morning.

Homework has been set on both Education City and Purple Mash this week. Please choose activities, don't do them all!

Football cards

Football cards have been seen in classroom and during play and lunch times this week. Please remind your children not to bring football cards into school. Thank you.

School Notices

Lunchtime Staff Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a responsible, calm and caring person to work with and support our friendly and hard-working lunchtime supervisory team. The hours are 11:45am to 1:00pm. If you are interested, please pop into the office for an application form.

Nasal Flu Vaccine

All parents will receive a separate email next week regarding Nasal Flu Vaccinations which will take place on **Monday 4th November**. Please can you read the email and complete the online consent form.

Census Day

The next Census Day is Thursday 3rd October 2024. Pabulum have designed a special menu for the day. We have attached the menu option for you to go through and discuss with your child.

Winklebury Way – Carriageway Resurfacing works

We have been informed by Hampshire County Council that throughout September they will be carrying out carriageway resurfacing works in Winklebury way, Basingstoke from Ashwood Way roundabout to the junction of Dover Close.

The works will take place in 2 Phases;

Phase 1 (Night time works) will start on the 12th September to 18th September and the road will be closed off between the hours of 22:00 – 06:00.

Phase 2 (day time works) will begin on the 19th September to 27th September and the road will be closed off between the hours of 07:30 – 18:00.

The pedestrian access will still be available at all times. For more details on how the road may affect your journey please click on the below lin.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/plannedmaintenance>

Castle Hill Friends

You will receive a separate communication regarding the exciting things lined up for this term.

Keep an eye on our socials for updates on upcoming events

www.facebook.com/castlehillfriends

www.instagram.com/castlehillfriends

castlehillfriends@outlook.com

Stars of the Week



Molly
Theo
Jordan
Joseph Long
Sonny
Callie-Kay



Diary Dates

Friday 27th September - Cauliflower Cards deadline

Thursday 3rd October - Year 2 visit to QMC

Friday 4th October - Castle Hill Friends Non-Uniform Day - £1 donation and Sweet Treat/2nd hand uniform sale 3:10pm