



The Herald

27th September 2024

Thank you for your patience with the app for ordering lunches. The company are investigating the issues that we have had with the roll out. I am disappointed that it hasn't gone smoothly and understand that this is frustrating for parents. Please be assured that we will always make sure the children have the option to order lunch in school.

Next week will be Miss Lund's last week before she starts maternity leave. Miss Espera will start full time teaching Maple class on 7th October, but she will be in school a couple of days next week to ensure a smooth handover. We wish Miss Lund all the best for this exciting time and look forward to meeting her baby in due course.

On Wednesday 9th October, we are holding our school Harvest Festival. This is just for the children. As part of it we would like to collect tinned or dried food (unfortunately fresh food will not be suitable). We are collecting for the Basingstoke Food Bank which distributes food to local families when they are in need. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Next week, assemblies will be focusing on our value of Truth. We have chosen our thought of the week to be 'I am honest'. I have attached the values poster which breaks down each value.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Fitz
Headteacher

Early Years

We have had another very busy week this week. The children have loved being introduced to the rest of our values dragons and we have now met all of them. On Monday, 'Time to Talk' books will come home and our topic for talking will be around our values. Please use the attached values poster to assist you with this. Please ensure that the 'Time to Talk' books are in book bags every Monday for us to collect in and update.

The children will have brought home a reading book and diary this week. Please share this book more than once at home and if you could record in the diary when you have read with them, that would be great. Next week the children will be reading on different days so please ensure that their book and diary are in their book bag every day. The children also have a library book that they have chosen from the school library for you to read to them at home. We will change them every Wednesday so please make sure that they are in their book bags.

Just a reminder not to put water bottles in book bags as they can leak. 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. Many thanks for your assistance with this.

Next week we will be continuing our Marvellous Me project. We will be looking at how we are all unique, painting self-portraits, taking selfies and drawing pictures of our family ready to share at our end of

project gallery on Wednesday 23rd October at 2.45pm. In maths we will be looking at sorting and comparing objects. In Kinetic Letters we will be introduced to Brave and Scared Monkey and basic movements of down, bump, back up, slide, push and pull. We will start learning letter sounds s, a, t, p in phonics.

Due to some changes that Seesaw have made, we have decided to return to Tapestry for our online learning journal. You will receive a letter next week with further information.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and hope that it is not quite so wet!

Early Years Team

Year 1

This week in our project writing the children have used adjectives in their writing to write about the seagull in the whale. The children have also been learning about -ed endings for verbs such as splashed and pecked. The children are continuing to develop their independence in their writing skills.

In maths we have been working on place value and have been completing number tracks with missing numbers. The children have been learning about greater than and less than, using the symbols to complete number sentences.

Please bear with us as we send home reading books and 'Time to Talk' books. All children will be taking them home this week. If your child does not receive a book today, please let us know next week. Please could these books be put back into book bags everyday as the days that they get changed/updated changes each 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.

Thank you for your continued support.

We hope that you have a fantastic weekend,

Year 1 Team

Year 2

We are very much in to our new project and the children have been taking part in debates about environmental issues. We have also looked at microhabitats this week and searched our premises to see what minibeasts we could find.

We have continued with place value in maths and looked at number positioning on a number line.

Next week will be starting our first 'big write' and independent research.

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 Purple Mash this week. Please choose activities, don't do them all!

School Notices

Nasal Flu Vaccine

You would now have received an email regarding your child's Nasal Flu Vaccination 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.

Year R – Vision screening

We have sent home vision screening consent forms to all Year R parents. Please can these be completed and returned to us so we can pass these onto our school nursing team. If you have not received a consent form or have misplaced it, please contact the school office and we will provide you with a new one.

Winklebury Way – Carriageway Resurfacing works

Update as of 25th September

Phase 2 Roadworks are set to continue beyond 27th September with a new completion date of 2nd October anticipated. However, roadworks will be suspended over the weekend of Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th October, when buses will run to normal route.

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

4th October – Sweet Treat sale after school

4th October – Non-Uniform Day (£1 donation)

24th October – Halloween Disco - don't forget to buy your child's ticket

[CASTLE HILL FRIENDS \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://www.pta-events.co.uk)

www.pta-events.co.uk/chf-castlehillfriends

You still have time to sign up to ASDA cashpot for schools. Just download the app and "opt in." Thank you to everyone that has already signed up we have raised £87.00.

Keep an eye on our socials for updates on upcoming events

[Www.facebook.com/castlehillfriends](http://www.facebook.com/castlehillfriends)

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Stars of the Week



Amna
Louie
Harvey
Emony
Mason U
Haadiya



Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 8th October - Nurturing Neurodiversity Support Group 2:15pm

Wednesday 9th October – Harvest Festival (children only)

Wednesday 16th October - School photos - **individual & sibling photos**