



# The Herald

24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

I can't believe we are already at half term! It has been such a busy half term and it has been lovely to see the school so settled. The teachers are looking forward to seeing families for Parents Evenings on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

As the children are so settled, please can I ask all families in Years 1 and 2 to line up in the playground in the morning rather than wait on the no mow area.

I hope you have a lovely half term and we are looking forward to seeing you back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Mrs Fitz  
Headteacher

## Early Years

Wow! We can't believe that we have come to the end of our first half term at school. The children have done amazingly well and we hope that this was reflected in all of our wonderful learning that we shared with you at our project outcome yesterday. Thank you for your support, it was a fabulous turn out and lovely to see so many of you. If you weren't able to attend, please feel free to come and see us and we can arrange for you to have a look around.

This week we have enjoyed composing our own music for Incy Wincy Spider. We have been working on blending sounds together for reading and any support at home to learn the sounds in the zippy wallets would be appreciated. In the back of your child's home school reading diary, you will find your log in to Oxford Owl. This is an **optional** site for you to access further reading books online if you wish to do so.

Next half term we will be starting our next project, 'The Great Outdoors'. You will receive a parent leaflet about this after half term.

We hope that you have a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing everyone after the holidays. Please remember to sign up for a parents evening appointment if you have not already done so.

Thank you for your continued support,

Early Years Team

## Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have learnt about Diwali and the importance of candlelight in different religions as part of R.E! We discussed how candlelight makes us feel and what it might be used for as well as learning the story of Rama and Sita and creating our own Diya lamps using clay.

In maths this week we have continued to practice addition and subtraction. The children have been writing number sentences including the + and – symbols and have used number lines to support their understanding.

As well as their Time to Talk books we have also sent home some handwriting packs with the children for them to practice over half term. Thank you for your support with this!

We have lots to look forward to next half term including our exciting new project Fire! Fire! which is History based about the Great Fire of London.

Our P.E. days will continue to be **Thursdays and Fridays**. Can we please remind you to check that all of your child's items of clothing are named over half term.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy your half term!

Year 1 Team

## Year 2

Amazingly we have come to the end of the first half term! Our Journey Home project has been so well received by the children and they have produced some fantastic work.

As mentioned last week, we have mainly been looking at maths and understanding how we can use number bonds to 10 to solve number bonds to 20 addition and subtraction sums. Using a bar model has proved very popular with the children and we would be happy to talk to you about this method at parents' evening.

Our next project, Land of the Long White Cloud, will begin with a very exciting hook on the first Monday back after half term. Hopefully, your children will share what they have done with you!

Homework has been set on Purple Mash. A number of extra activities (including racing games!) have been added in case the children would like to access over half term.

Have a lovely week!

Year 2 Team

## School Notices

### Inset Day – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Please can we remind you that tomorrow is an inset day.

### Nasal Flu Vaccine

Your child's Nasal Flu Vaccination will take place on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. Please can you complete the online consent form.

### Parents Evening

Please can we advise you that the bookings on Arbor for Parents Evenings will close tomorrow evening at 6:00pm.

You will need an Arbor account to login and book a slot if you wish to see your child's teacher. You are welcome to bring your child with you if you do not have childcare options at home that night.

If you do not have access to Arbor, please contact the school office for assistance.

## Children in Need

Children In Need will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, please can your child wear something spotty to school. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

## Poppy Appeal

You are now able to purchase these items in the school office.



## Castle Hill Friends

### \*AUTUMN RAFFLE\*

We have now launched our Autumn Raffle! Tickets cost £1 each or £4 for a strip of 5. You can win a **WELLINGTON ILLUMINOVA family ticket** or one of our **AMAZING hampers!** You can buy your tickets via the website [www.pta-events.co.uk/chf-castlehillfriends](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/chf-castlehillfriends) The winners will be drawn on Friday 8th November 2024.

As always Thank You for supporting our fundraising.

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[www.instagram.com/castlehillfriends](http://www.instagram.com/castlehillfriends)

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## Diary Dates

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Castle Hill Friends Disco – **Early Years** 16:00- 17:00 and **Year 1 & 2** – 17:10 – 18:10

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October - INSET Day – School Closed to children

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Half Term Holiday

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Early Years Phonics workshop – 9:05am

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Early Years walk to local park

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Outdoor Learning Day