



The Herald

8th November 2024

It is great to see everyone back this term. We came back to school with some lovely news, Miss Lund has had a baby girl.

Can I remind all Year 1 and 2 parents that children should **not be on the climbing equipment** in the morning and **should be in the line on the playground**.

It has been lovely to see so many families here for Parents' Evenings this week. I know that the staff have enjoyed the opportunity to share the children's successes with you. Thank you for returning the homework surveys. I will be looking over them next week and using them to help update the Homework Policy. I will share the feedback from the surveys with you and the finalised policy before the end of term.

Mrs Fitz
Headteacher

Early Years

We have really enjoyed sharing with you what a fantastic start the children have made to Early Years at our parents' evening meetings this week. Thank you to everyone who attended the phonics workshop on Wednesday. If you were unable to attend, the Powerpoint will be uploaded to our year group page on the website for you to refer to from next week. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the Early Years team and we will be happy to help.

We had a fantastic time yesterday on our walks to the park. The children were amazing and we had fun exploring nature and 'The Great Outdoors!' We have looked at the parts of a tree and made some wonderful pictures with leaves. We hope that you have had a look through our new project leaflet that came home this week. The children have certainly been very excited about it.



The Gazette have informed us that the 'First School Photos Edition' was published this week.

Next week we are looking at the parts of a plant, planting our own beans and writing some instructions. We will be reviewing the phonics we have taught so far and comparing 1,2 and 3 in maths. We will be looking at 1 more and 1 less and also positional language e.g. in front, next to, under.

We have sent parts and costume information home today for our Christmas play, Whoops-A-Daisy Angel. Please come and see us if you have any questions.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Early Years Team

Year 1

This week the children have really enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London for our new project Fire! Fire! They have written their own sentences about how the fire began and why it spread so quickly, using adjectives and conjunctions. **Please find information about the home learning on the Fire! Fire! Parent overview leaflets we sent out earlier in the week.**

In maths we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. The children have shown a strong understanding of them labelling and sorting them into groups!

On Thursday the children took part in some outdoor learning! We collected fallen leaves off of the ground in the playground, exploring their different shapes and colours. We then glued them to a hedgehog drawing to create their spikes. The children worked collaboratively and definitely reflected Cosmo the Community Dragon.



Have a lovely weekend!

Year 1 Team

Year 2

We had a fantastic start to the week with our flight to Auckland! The children completed their passports and boarding passes and were very excited by the simulated flight and inflight film and refreshments!

Our project has begun by investigating local maps, atlases and a globe. We will be building on this throughout the project in order to know what and where the continents and oceans are.

In maths, we have moved on to addition and subtraction. This will continue over the next two weeks.

Following some comments at parents' evenings we have included some PDFs on Purple Mash that can be looked at on screen or printed out. As always, please don't complete them all!



Have a lovely weekend.

Year 2 Team

School Notices

Children in Need

Children In Need will take place on Friday 15th November. To mark this, your child can 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. The remaining items will be collected on Monday.

Castle Hill Friends

Autumn Raffle

And the winners are....

Wellington Illuminova Family Ticket: **Laura Milne**

Hamper 1: **Saxon Powell**

Hamper 2: **Caroline Benford**

CONGRATULATIONS!!! Your prizes will be available to collect from Reception from Monday. This was a completely digital raffle, names and amount of tickets purchased were inputted into a digital random selector, the video of this is up on our Facebook page should you want to view it (Castlehillfriends.)

Christmas Fair:

29th November 2024 - 16:00pm -18:00pm

We are busy planning an amazing Christmas Fair for you but can you help with any of the following...

- Volunteer to help run the stalls on the day
- Donate unopened bottles for the bottle tombola (can be alcoholic drinks / cooking oils / bubble bath – just anything in a bottle) just hand to reception or a teacher
- DIY lighting – we need to light up outside, please let us know if you have access to any DIY lights we could borrow

Even if you can't help with any of the above, please just come and enjoy. We want this year to be bigger and better than ever before.

Some essentials:

- Only the main entrance of Winklebury Way will be open
- You can buy vouchers at the entrance with card so no need to hunt for cash
- The children in the school choir will be performing at 17:00
- There will be a food van this year.

Stars of the Week



Raff
Roman
Rosie-Mae
Logan R
Logan R
Zakariya



Diary Dates

Friday 15th November - Wear something spotty for Children in need - £1 Donation

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)

Wednesday 4th December - 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