



The Herald

6th September 2024

It has been lovely to welcome the school family back this week. Our Early Years team have been busy with home visits and our new children have had their first morning at school. We look forward to welcoming them on Monday.

We held our first celebration assembly this morning. As suggested in the parent surveys, I have given a certificate to our 'Stars of the Week' explaining what they had done so brilliantly. Our thought of the week for next week is: Listen carefully to others. This is part of our community values of 'We work collaboratively'.

Please can I reminded families that the play equipment in the grounds is only to be used when supervised by a member of staff. Therefore, it should not be used before and after school.

As part of our new behaviour systems, house points are now awarded for positive play at lunchtimes. The children are given tokens that they put in their house collection jar. The winning house will have a treat, such as an extra playtime, at the end of the half term.

Thank you for all of you support and hopefully the rain will stop for the weekend!

Mrs Fitz
Headteacher

Early Years

We would like to welcome you to Early Years. We have had a wonderful week visiting you all at home and thoroughly enjoyed our Stay and Play session this morning. The children looked very smart in their uniforms and we had great fun exploring the classroom, despite the weather!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing the children on Monday for their half-day session, 8.45- 12.00. The children will come in and out through the classroom doors on the Early Years Garden. Please ensure that they have a named water bottle with them and you have taken any inhalers that may be required, to the office with a signed form. From Tuesday the children will be in full time, the doors will open at 8.40am and the children need to be in no later than 8.50am. Collection will be at 3.15pm.

Our P.E. day will be a **Friday**. This may occasionally change, so we would ask that children leave their P.E. kits in school. They will be sent home each half term. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named.

Next week we will be starting our 'Marvellous Me' Project and settling in to school life. Getting to know each other and our school routines. Please find attached a copy of our project overview for your reference.

Early Years Team

Year 1

The children have had a fantastic start to Year 1 and have begun their new project 'Getting to know you'.

This week the children have been telling us all about themselves, their family and what they like. They have also shown us their brilliant writing skills by putting these facts into sentences!

In maths the children have been counting and representing numbers to 10. Next week they will begin to read numbers represented as words – up to 10.

Thank you for the wonderful home learning that we have received – please keep them coming in, the children have loved sharing their Top Trump Cards.

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 each half term.

Please bear with us if home time is taking a little longer whilst we get to know you all.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend,

Year 1 Team

Year 2

Everyone has settled in well and have begun their new project 'The Day the Crayons Quit'.

As part of our P.S.H.E. we have spent circle times together in order to get to know each other and also discussed how emotions can differ depending on situations.

We have been recapping Phase 3 and 5 in phonics this week and will continue to do this alongside spelling and grammar as we progress through the year. In maths, we have been looking at place value and understanding tens and ones. This will continue next week.

Next week:

We are looking at, and respecting, similarities and differences and what the qualities of a good friend are. In English, we will be instruction writing and studying acrostic poetry.

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 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 (9th-15th Sept). Please choose activities, don't do them all!

School Notices

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.

Castle Hill Friends

Welcome back everyone!

Castle Hill Friends (PTA) and the school have been busy over the summer break. We have created a wonderful new area where the old decking used to be, it is now a fun useable area filled with colour (we hope you all like it.)

This project couldn't have happened without your support over the last year with our fundraising so THANK YOU.

We have lots planned for this year so please keep following our updates on the newsletters and on our Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/castlehillfriends

We are in desperate need of willing chaperones for our events. We have a WhatsApp group which we approach before events to ask for volunteers but with a lot of people leaving to go to juniors we need more. If you would be willing to be a part of this group, please email us at castlehillfriends@outlook.com or message us on Facebook

Kind regards

Stacey

Stars of the Week



Freya-Rose
Tehya
Sebastian
Savannah



Diary Dates

Monday 9th September – Early Years children start 8:45am - 12pm

Tuesday 10th September – Early Years children in school full time 8:45 – 3:15pm (Doors open at 8:40)

Friday 13th September – Year 1 Welcome Meeting for parents - 2:45pm

Monday 16th September – Year 2 Project Outcome and Welcome Meeting for parents 2:30pm

Thursday 19th September – Early Years Welcome Meeting for parents - 2:45pm