

CHPS Greenbank Campus

NEWSLETTER

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Website: <https://www.castlehillprimary.net/>

UPCOMING DIARY DATES:

25 October – Year 5 Winchester Uni Workshop

25 October – Year 4 Parent Share

28 October to 1 November – Half Term Holiday

4 November – Inset Day

8 November – Happy School Bag

20 & 21 November – Parent Evenings (both sites)

3 December – UV Christmas Disco

10 to 12 December – Year 3&4 Christmas Productions

20 December – Last Day of School

23 December to 3 January 2020 – Christmas Holidays

6 January 2020 – Back to School

REMINDERS:

Parking: We have again had numerous complaints regarding inconsiderate parking. Please only park in the allocated parking spaces/zones. The Greenbank lower carpark is not a drop-off zone and should only be used for parking.

Coats: Due to the changeable weather please make sure your child brings a named coat to school every day. They will play outside in all weathers.

Change of personal details: Can you contact the school office if your telephone, address, email or emergency contacts change.

Appointments: where avoidable please do not book appointments during school time.

Earrings: There have been no changes to our Uniform Policy. Earrings are still not allowed to be worn in school. This policy was discussed out our Full Governing Body meeting last night. A formal letter outlining details of our exact policy will be sent out after half term.

Birthday sweets: Due to the seriousness of allergies, CHPS policy is not to allow children to hand out birthday sweets/cakes.

Healthy snacks: CHPS encourage children to eat healthy (no nut) snacks at breaktime.

Lost property: The lost property boxes are over-flowing with un named items, please come and find any missing belongings before the end of term.

Year 7 applications: Year 6 parents don't forget to apply for your child's senior school place by 31st October <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/year7>

ATTENDANCE:

(whole school target is 97%)

Our attendance update for the week beginning **14th October** 2019 = **98.2%**

Currently, **157** children at Greenbank hold an attendance rate of 100% and a further **10** children are at 98% or more. Let's try and keep this going for 2019.

BAGS TO SCHOOL:

If you need an excuse to have a good sort out over half term, then please bring in all your unwanted clothes, paired shoes, handbags, belts etc on Friday 8 November by 9am.



NEW BREAKFAST CLUB:


We now offer a Greenbank Breakfast Club from 8:00 – 8:35. For more information and booking form:

<https://www.castlehillprimary.net/parents/class-letters/whole-school-greenbank-letters>



EASYFUNDRAISING:

A great start to our new term with 96 supporters raising £606 for CHPS but with over 1000 parents we can do better! Is so simple to set up and every penny counts. Please visit the link below to find out more and how

to register. 

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/castlehillsch/>

TWITTER:



@chps_bstoke

SPORTS:

The Castle Hill Year 5/6 girls participated in the Basingstoke schools football tournament at the end of September. The girls played with great energy and passion throughout the afternoon winning 5 matches but a 1-1 draw in the semi-finals saw the girls lose out in a penalty shootout. Third place was a fantastic result. Well done to the team: Khyra, Amelia, Josie, Maddie, Alicia, Micaela, Kaitlyn, Freya and Tamsin. Special mention to Maddie and Alicia who scored 14 goals on the day. Both girls were selected to represent the Basingstoke school's girl's district team.

The year 5/6 boys entered their first tournament of the school calendar and put in a great display of football during the early stages to come second in the group. Unfortunately, a slow start in the quarter final led to being knocked out losing 2-1.

We have also regained our GOLD School Games Mark for 2018/2019. Well done to everyone involved, helping us maintain our high achievement.



SCHOOL SENATE:

The children have been busy learning about Democracy in our school, by holding Student Senate elections! They took part in campaigns, created posters and delivered speeches to their classmates in the runup to polling day. We were lucky enough to borrow the real ballot boxes from our local council to make our election day really special and realistic. The children each filled out a ballot card and posted it into the box. The votes were then counted and the winning candidates from each class were announced in assembly. The children really enjoyed taking part in election week and were able to learn a little more about how democracy works in our country and the importance of their voices.



AUTHOR VISIT:

Greenbank campus were lucky enough to have a real author come and visit on Tuesday 10th September! Eamonn shared some of his stories with the school, and we were lucky enough to borrow some books to read in class for a few days. One of the extracts Eamonn read to us had us all howling with laughter - including the adults! Eamon gave us a few writing challenges to inspire us.

We learnt about how to 'magpie' ideas, about 'whodunnits' and 'tall tales. At the end of the visit, we got to ask Eamonn questions about any further tips for writing and about his career.

Eamonn was really impressed by our school ethos and our enthusiasm for reading. Eamonn came back on Thursday 12th September and signed books that the children had bought. The children were totally enthralled by the visit, and we can't wait to see how they apply Eamonn's advice to their own writing. Thanks for coming, Eamonn!



WE ARE RECRUITING:

Would you be interested in a:

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR or **CLEANING**

position, please visit our school website page:

<https://www.castlehillprimary.net/job-vacancies>

NEWS & EVENTS (click links for more info):

Everyday Counts from HCC

Visit our website to read details on the importance of your child's attendance in school and how every day counts.

<https://www.castlehillprimary.net/news/2019-09-17-every-day-counts-attendance-matters>

Winklebury Playground Consultation



Visit this page to gain access to the online new park area survey <https://www.castlehillprimary.net/news/2019-09-24-winklebury-playing-fields-consultation>

The Book People



Big Book Boost is The Book People's brand new fundraising scheme. Every time you place an order over £10, they'll donate £1 to us to spend on books! Use the link to find out more:

<https://www.castlehillprimary.net/parents/fundraising-opportunities>

Spotlight Free Musical

<https://www.castlehillprimary.net/news/2019-10-09-spotlight-uk-free-musical>

Basingstoke Bisons

Come watch the Bisons in action!

<https://www.castlehillprimary.net/news/2019-10-03-basingstoke-bisons-in-action>

Positive Parenting Courses



<https://www.castlehillprimary.net/news/2019-09-12-positive-parenting-courses-autumn-term>

ROMEO & JULIET:

In September, Year 5 and 6 ditched English and Maths lessons in favour of a much more exciting morning. We were lucky enough to have a performance by the Young Shakespeare Company who performed Romeo and Juliet in the school hall. As usual, the actors gave an incredible rendition that inspired, engaged and brought Shakespeare to life for us.

We were split into Capulet and Montagues before being taught the rudest gesture possible... biting our thumbs to our rivals. Some lucky volunteers were chosen to play key roles in the performance and everyone had a chance to chant, rally and shout their family mottos. It's safe to say, the visit has been the highlight of our year so far and we look forward to the work that follows.

LUCAS CREATES FOR CHARITY:

Lucas from Year 5 has been busy creating and selling his comic for charity raising over £340 so far. Read his story in the Gazette via the link below:

<https://www.basingstokegazette.co.uk/news/17965843.budding-illustrator-creates-special-comic/>



OPENING OF PLAYGROUND:

As you are hopefully all aware, our playgrounds have had a revamp over the summer holidays. Our top playground has been resurfaced and, rather excitingly, our bottom playground is now completely covered in some top of the range artificial grass! This brand new, much safer, surface has gone down a storm with the children who are absolutely loving it at break time and lunch time. We were very lucky that our Chair of Governors, Graeme Train, came in to formally open the bottom playground. Graeme has wanted this for many years and he is thrilled that we have finally got a fantastic playground for the children. Our Student Senate will be holding some meetings in the coming weeks to decide on some markings for both playgrounds.



HARVEST ASSEMBLY:

The Castle Hill team just wanted to say a big thank you to the community for your generosity with the Harvest collection this year. The food bank were extremely grateful for the plentiful donations which will have an amazing impact on those who are in crisis within our local area. The children took part in a fantastic assembly to celebrate Harvest and spend some time to consider quite how lucky and thankful we are.



ALLOTMENT CLUB:

It's nearly time to close our doors in the allotment for a well-deserved winter break for all our budding gardeners and the adult helpers. The children have been picking strawberries, apples and pears and digging up potatoes, onions and garlic naming just a few fruits and vegetables we've harvested throughout the season. However, the children have been waiting all summer long to take home the pumpkins, which they've carefully looked after and have now been rewarded with all their hard work. The allotment is due to finish in the last week before the October Half Term holidays.

We would like to thank parents and grandparents who have taken the time out of their busy schedules to come and help us in the allotment. It has been very much appreciated and we couldn't have run the successful club without you. The new season will start up again next year in March and letters will be sent out for children to join the club nearer the time. By Mrs. M. Toobe (Allotment Leader).



NEW LUNCH MENU:

The new HC3S lunch menu will be sent home before half term and will start Tuesday 5th November. This and the jacket potato menu are also available to view on the school website

<https://www.castlehillprimary.net/parents/school-meals>.

There is no picnic option until Spring term.



ALDI STICKERS:

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated their Aldi stickers. To date we have already completed one chart (consisting of 300 stickers) and have now started the second. Please keep collecting and mention to friends and family, as we'd love to finish both charts. In it to win it! This promotion ends on Sunday 3rd November, so please bring in before half term.



JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY:



We had an excellent day at the Junior Road Safety Officer training. Leon and Ellyn were awarded with their Junior Road Safety officer accreditation and attended workshops to help them encourage the message of Road Safety within our school. They had a brilliant time creating radio adverts and 'Be bright be seen' t-shirts, learning about different types of road crossing and finished off by testing their knowledge with an interactive road safety quiz. They are very excited to be Road Safety ambassadors and are looking forward to putting their ideas into action over the course of the next academic year.

WALKTOBER:

This October, both Greenbank and Rooksdown are very excited to be taking part in the 'Walktober: Walking to wellbeing' initiative. There are five main challenges that the children are keen to get started on: connect, be active, keep learning, be mindful and give to others. The children each have a challenge card to fill out to keep track of the activities they've been taking part in. They also have the opportunity to enter exciting competitions too. Friends, families and even pets are more than welcome to get involved and walk to your wellbeing this Walktober!



<https://www.castlehillprimary.net/events/2019-10-31-walktober-walking-to-wellbeing>

HIGH PERFORMANCE LEARNING:

We had a great turn out of parents attending our HPL Information Evening at both sites. We hope this was beneficial, explaining how we use HPL in our school and sharing some videos of the children explaining some of the language. Parents should be receiving an invitation to join 'ClassDojo' this week, so that you can see how we reward children and celebrate their success. If you were unable to attend the evening but would like some information about HPL, please see the presentation and handouts from the evening on our school website.

<https://www.castlehillprimary.net/parents/class-letters/whole-school-rooksdawn-letters>

This fantastic achievement puts CHPS into an elite fellowship of World Class Schools and is the subject of intense interest, both locally and nationally. Please read the article in the Basingstoke Gazette which came out today: <https://www.basingstokegazette.co.uk/news/17989144.castle-hill-primary-school-achieves-world-class-status/>.

Again thanks to the parents for support and the hundreds who turned up for the HPL evenings at both schools.



REFLECTIVE ITEMS 'INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE'

Please complete the online questionnaire to show your interest in purchasing hi-vis/reflective items from school: Use this link: <https://www.castlehillprimary.net/news/2019-10-24-road-safety-products>

BULB PLANTING

Another dry (thankfully) and successful day of bulb planting. Thank you to everyone who contributed in some way, the children really enjoyed themselves.



Please see below for a reminder on dates. New dates or amendments are highlighted in red.

October 2019					
Friday	25 th	All Day	Year 5 Winchester University	Greenbank	Year 5
Friday	25 th	09:30 – 10:30	Year 6 Height & Weight session	Greenbank	Year 6
Friday	25 th	15:00 – 16:00	Year 4 Parent Share	Greenbank	Year 4
Friday	25 th	All Day	Last Day of Term	Both sites	All
Monday	28 th	All Day	Half Term Holiday begins	Both sites	All
Thursday	31 st	All Day	Last day for senior school application	Greenbank	Year 6
November 2019					
Monday	4 th	All Day	Inset Day 2	Both sites	All
Tuesday	5 th	All Day	First Day Back – Autumn 2 Term	Both sites	All
Friday	8 th	9:00	Happy School Bag Collection	Both sites	All
Thursday	14 th	All Day	Flu Vaccinations	Greenbank	All
Wednesday	20 th	15:15 – 18:15	Autumn Parents Evening	Both sites	All
Thursday	21 st	16:00 – 19:00	Autumn Parents Evening	Both sites	All
December 2019					
Tuesday	3 rd	Lower School 16:00 -17:30 Upper School 17:45 – 17:15	UV Christmas Disco	Greenbank	All
Tuesday	10 th	13:30 – 14:30	Year 3&4 Christmas Dress Rehearsal	Greenbank	Year 3/4
Wednesday	11 th	18:00 – 19:00	Year 3&4 Christmas Evening Production	Greenbank	Year 3/4
Thursday	12 th	13:30 – 14:30	Year 3&4 Christmas Morning Production	Greenbank	Year 3/4
Thursday	12 th	18:00 – 19:00	Year 3&4 Christmas Evening Production	Greenbank	Year 3/4
Wednesday	18 th	11:30 – 13:30	Christmas Lunch	Greenbank	All
Friday	20 th	All Day	Last Day of Term	Both sites	All
Monday	23 rd Dec	All Day	Christmas Holidays beings	Both sites	All
January 2020					
Monday	6 th	All Day	First Day Back – Spring 1 Term	Both sites	All
February 2020					

Tuesday	11 th	All Day	Safer Internet Day	Both sites	All
Thursday	13 th	All Day	Last Day of Term	Both sites	All
Friday	14 th	All Day	Inset Day 3	Both sites	All
Monday	17 th	All Day	Half Term begins	Both sites	All
Monday	24 th	All Day	First Day of Term – Spring 2 Term	Both sites	All
Thursday	27 th	9:00	Happy School Bag Collection	Both sites	All
Thursday	27 th	All Day	Year 4 Roman Day	Greenbank	Year 4
March 2020					
Thursday	5 th	All Day	World Book Day	Both sites	All
Thursday	12 th	8:00 – 14:00	Class Photographs	Greenbank	All
April 2020					
Friday	3 rd	All Day	Last Day of Term	Both sites	All
Monday	6 th	All Day	Easter Holidays begin	Both sites	All
Monday	20 th	All Day	First Day Back – Summer 1 Term	Both sites	All
May 2020					
Friday	8 th	All Day	Bank Holiday Monday	Both sites	All
Monday – Thursday	11 th – 14 th	All Day	SATs KS2	Greenbank	Year 6
Thursday	21 st	All Day	Last Day of Term	Both sites	All
Friday	22 nd	All Day	Inset Day 4	Both sites	All
Monday	25 th	All Day	May Half Term begins	Both sites	All
June 2020					
Monday	1 st	All Day	First Day Back – Summer 2 Term	Both sites	All
Wednesday	3 rd	9:00	Happy School Bag Collection	Both sites	All
July 2020					
Tuesday	21 st	All Day	Last Day of Term	Both sites	All
Wednesday	22 nd	All Day	Inset Day 5	Both sites	All
Thursday	23 rd	All Day	Summer Holidays begin	Both sites	All