

CHPS Rooksdown Campus

NEWSLETTER

Term: Autumn 1

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

UPCOMING DIARY DATES:

28 October to 1 November – Half Term Holiday

4 November – Inset Day

8 November – Happy School Bag

8 November – M&M Productions

15 November – Flu Vaccinations

20 & 21 November – Parent Evenings (both sites)

11 & 12 December – Year 1&2 Christmas Performance

13 December – Christmas Fair

17 & 18 December – Year R Nativity

18 December – Christmas Discos

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 (this includes the Community and Medical Centres). Please be considerate when driving and parking around the school.

School Comms: Please read all letters and emails from school. Also use the school website as a first point of reference.

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 non-emergency 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.

Grapes: To reduce choking accidents can we please ask that all grapes are cut in half length ways.

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

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

ATTENDANCE:

(whole school target is **97%**)

Our attendance update for the week beginning **14th October** 2019 = **94.9%**

Currently, **117** children at Rooksdown hold an attendance rate of 100% and a further **22** 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.



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/>

LIBRARY BOOK DONATIONS:

We're calling out to parents for donations to the school library. Any suitable children's chapter or non-fiction books would be gratefully received. Thank you.



TWITTER:



@chps_bstoke

OUR SPORTING CHAMPIONS:

Another successful few months for our pupils at Rooksdawn:

Mason & Freddie (Year 2) – taking part in a Muddy Race for Life. <https://www.castlehillprimary.net/news/2019-09-26-mason-freddie-get-muddy-for-charity>



Liam (Year 3) – continues to win medals in Modern Pentathlon and Triathlon

<https://www.castlehillprimary.net/news/2019-10-07-liam-s-world-championships-triathlon-british-championship>



Chloe & Jack (Year 3 & 1) – compete in their first triathlon <https://www.castlehillprimary.net/news/2019-09-25-triathlon-sibling-success>



Harley (Year 2) – first win!

<https://www.castlehillprimary.net/news/2019-10-23-harley-s-first-win>



SPORTS NEWS:

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



HARVEST FESTIVAL:

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.



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>

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 all the children/parents who brought in stickers for the Aldi's kit for school. We have now completed our poster so we will be given an exclusive sports kit and the chance to win £20,000!!



SKIPPING:

A huge achievement yesterday, selected children from Year 1 and Year 2 took part in a KS1 skipping competition against 12 other schools. The children worked extremely hard and showed great perseverance and we ended up coming 7th. A huge thank you to the parents for supporting us as we would not have been able to take part without them. Well done!



BBC MUSIC DAY:

The children enjoyed a fun day of music on BBC Music Day and discovered how music can change the way we feel. Throughout the day, each class followed an online tutorial and learnt to sing the song, 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot'. In the afternoon, everyone came together at a special singing assembly to perform the song as a whole school. From the huge number of smiling faces and the spontaneous singing in the corridors and on the playground, I think it can be said that the children experienced first-hand how music has the power to change how we feel.



Year 2 in full voice on BBC Music Day!

During Friday Fun the following day, the children made musical instruments out of recycling. Teachers chose the best two instruments from each class. The winning children had the opportunity to play their instruments in assembly in front of the whole school. They were rewarded with a special music sticker and their instruments are on display in the music room.



Congratulations to the winning instrument makers!

We currently offer instrumental tuition in piano, guitar and violin through either Hampshire Music Service or private tutor. If your child is interested in learning to play a musical instrument, please speak to the front office or Mrs Hartley for more information.

YEAR 1 GEOGRAPHY ROOKSDOWN WALK:

Olivia "We got to look all around where we live, spotting human and physical features"

Joshua "It was so much fun!"



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 from Year 1 - 4 should be receiving an invitation to join 'ClassDojo' this week, so that you can see how we reward children and so you can celebrate their success. Children in EYFS will receive their invitations at a later date, as it is still being introduced to the children. 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-rooksdwn-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.



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>

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>

GREEN FINGERS AT CASTLE HILL:

We had a fantastic morning planting bulbs around Rooksdown on Friday 18 October, helped by lots of friends and families. In preparation for spring, all children from Reception through to Year 4 planted a variety of bulbs all around the school buildings. Fortunately, the weather was glorious, and our wellies and raincoats were not needed! We were joined by an army of friends and families who dug in and helped with our planting. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who was involved, and who generously donated bulbs, time and equipment. We now just have to wait until spring to see the fruits of our labour!



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

| October 2019 | | | | | |
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| Friday | 25 th | All Day | Last Day of Term | Both sites | All |
| Monday | 28 th | All Day | Half Term Holiday begins | Both sites | All |
| 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 |
| Friday | 8 th | 9:00 – 11:00 | M&M Productions | Rooksdown | All |
| Friday | 15 th | All Day | Flu Vaccinations | Rooksdown | 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 | | | | | |
| Wednesday | 11 th | 13:30 – 14:30 | Year 1&2 Christmas Production | Rooksdown | Year 1/2 |
| Thursday | 12 th | 10:00 – 11:00 | Year 1&2 Christmas Production | Rooksdown | Year 1/2 |
| Friday | 13 th | TBC | Christmas Fair | Rooksdown | All |
| Monday | 16 th | 10:30 – 11:30 | Year R Nativity Dress Rehearsal | Rooksdown | Year R |
| Tuesday | 17 th | 10:00 – 11:00 | Year R Nativity Play | Rooksdown | Year R |
| Wednesday | 18 th | 10:00 – 11:00 | Year R Nativity Play | Rooksdown | Year R |
| Wednesday | 18 th | Year R 14:00 – 14:45 Years 1&2 15:00 – 16:00 Years 3&4 16:15 – 17:15 | Christmas Discos | Rooksdown | All |
| Thursday | 19 th | 11:30 – 13:30 | Christmas Lunch | Rooksdown | All |
| Friday | 20 th | All Day | Last Day of Term | Both sites | All |
| Monday | 23 rd Dec | All Day | Christmas Holidays begins | Both sites | All |
| January 2020 | | | | | |
| Monday | 6 th | All Day | First Day Back – Spring 1 Term | Both sites | All |
| Friday | 10 th | 9:00 – 11:30 | Year 1 Science Dome | Rooksdown | Year 1 |
| February 2020 | | | | | |

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| Tuesday | 11 th | All Day | Safer Internet Day | Both sites | All |
| Tuesday | 11 th | 15:00-15:30 | Parent Share | Rooksdown | All |
| Thursday | 13 th | 15:00-15:30 | Parent Share | Rooksdown | 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 |
| March 2020 | | | | | |
| Monday | 2 nd | All Day | Year 4 Roman Day | Rooksdown | Year 4 |
| Thursday | 5 th | All Day | World Book Day | Both sites | All |
| Tuesday | 10 th | 8:00 – 14:00 | Class Photographs | Rooksdown | All |
| April 2020 | | | | | |
| Wednesday | 1 st | Year R 14:00 – 14:45 Years 1&2 15:00 – 16:00 Years 3&4 16:15 – 17:15 | Easter Disco | Rooksdown | All |
| 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 |
| Tuesday | 19 th | 15:00-15:30 | Parent Share | Rooksdown | All |
| Thursday | 21 st | 15:00-15:30 | Parent Share | Rooksdown | All |
| 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 |
| Friday | 19 th | 9:00-11:30 | Sports Day | Rooksdown | All |
| Friday | 19 th | 12:30-15:00 | Sports Day Picnic & Summer Fayre | Rooksdown | All |
| July 2020 | | | | | |

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| 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 |