



@chps_bstoke

CHPS Rooksdown Campus NEWSLETTER

Term: Autumn 1

Issue: 12

Date: 22 October 2020

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

UPCOMING DIARY DATES:

CHPS WEBSITE CALENDAR

23 October – Last day of Autumn 1

23 October – Harvest Festival Food Bank collection

26-30 October – Half Term

1 November - Year R (RD) & Year 3 (GB) Applications Open

2 November – Autumn 2 begins

2 November – Virtual Parents

Evening bookings open @ 8am

16-19 November – Virtual Parents Evenings

24 November – Virtual Open Evening with Q&A (prospective Year R & Year 3 parents)

9 December – Virtual Open Evening with Q&A (prospective Year R & Year 3 parents)

18 December – Last day of Autumn 2

4 January – Inset Day

5 January – Spring 1 begins

COVID UPDATE: All classrooms will continue to be well ventilated, irrespective of how cold it is outside. We would encourage all children to wear warm clothing to address this.

EASYFUNDRAISING:



£15.96 was raised for the school during September but with only 1 new supporter added to our current 133 supporters (sniff sniff) we know we can do better! With Christmas around the corner, please can you help us raise money while you do your online shopping....it really is so easy. There are over 4100 retailers to choose from. Join us now by clicking on the link below and selecting 'Support this cause':

[EASYFUNDRAISING FOR CHPS](#)

REMINDERS:

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.

PE Kit: With the arrival of colder winter days, please can the children have warm navy or grey jogging bottoms and hoodies for outdoor PE. Trainers must be worn and not plimsols.

Packed Lunches: Can we please remind you that packed lunches should not contain nuts, chocolate spread or sweets. Break times should also be healthy snacks.

School Meal Price Increase: Hampshire County Council approved the price increase of primary school meals provided by HC3S to be increased to £2.50 from November 2020. The increase of 10p is due to rising staff costs, the forecast food inflationary pressures due to Covid-19 and leaving the EU on 31 December 2020.

Threadworm: We have had a couple of reported cases of threadworm. For more information please visit: [Threadworm Info](#)

Dog Fouling: We have had numerous reports of dog fouling around the school campus. It is an offence not to clean up after your dog with a fixed penalty fine of £50. Please use the website below to report dog fouling. Can we also ask that all dogs brought on the school run are well behaved and kept on a short lead. Thank you. [Report dog fouling](#)

Gate Congestion: Please adhere to social distancing guidelines during pick off and drop off times. Try not to arrive too early for your child's collection as this creates congestion at the gates, particularly along the service road.

TRIBUTE TO BELINDA MOTT:



It is with great sadness and a heavy CHPS heart that we had to announce the passing of our cheery, chatty colleague and friend, Belinda Mott. This sad loss has left a large hole in our school community. Belinda's funeral will be held on Friday 23 October and part of the procession will be going past the Greenbank campus at 2:50pm, if you would like to pay your respects. We have also set up an account on ScoPay for any donations you may wish to make towards a memorial school bench and Hants Air Ambulance.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends at this difficult time.



HAPPY SCHOOL BAGS:

We cannot thank you enough for your donations. We collected an amazing 317g raising our highest amount EVER **£206.05!**



MISS LEE'S CHOP FOR CHARITY:

What an amazing act of kindness by Miss Lee (a PTP at Rooksdown). She recently cut off more than 35cms of her lovely hair to send to the Little Princess Trust to make wigs for children, a charity very close to her heart. She has raised £370 to date.



SCHOOL SENATE:

Congratulations to all our newly voted School Senate members - [Student Senate Web Page](#). Each class voted for who they wanted to represent them. This is a key role within the school and we look forward to hearing what topics/plans our new school council implements. After their first meeting with Mr Martin, they have already agreed to continue **'Dress Down Fridays' once every half term on the last Friday.**

MENTAL HEALTH DAY:

As part of World Mental Health Day (which was on Saturday 10th October), all the children in the school completed at least one Stormbreak activity. These are different movement activities that help us to develop positive mental health. As time goes on, we will be doing more of these Stormbreak activities to embed positive mental health discussions into our school day.



HOLIDAY FORMS:

Due to the current restrictions, we are unable to allow parents on site, so we have now added the 'Request to Authorise Absence from School' form onto the Term Dates webpage: <https://www.castlehillprimary.net/termdates>. Download the form for completion and advise your child to hand it to their teacher or email in to admin@chjs.net.

BULB PLANTING:

Thank you so much for all of the generous bulb donations! The children had a great time planting their bulbs around the school and we look forward to seeing them start to appear in the Springtime.



FUNDRAISING FRIENDS ROOKSDOWN:

Thank you yet again to our hard-working Fundraising Friends, along with our generous school community, who have recently given us £2300 towards the library. This will make a huge difference to the resources we are able to buy.

We also enjoyed another successful and well organised event, the Scarecrow Trail, raising a staggering £752.36. Thank you to everyone who got involved by making the scarecrows and coming to find them! Here are a few...



NEWS & EVENTS (click links for more info):

New Rooksdown Lunch Menus:



To view the new lunch menus starting in November visit:

[School Meals webpage](#)

October Half Term Holiday Clubs:



For more information about October holiday clubs from ISIS Out of School Club, Magna and SCL please visit our 'News' page <https://www.castlehillprimary.net/news>

Keep Hampshire Safe:



You can find information on our website to help parents understand the coronavirus symptoms, the 'medium' Covid Alert level, when to get tested and when your child should stay at home. [Local Covid Alert poster-Medium](#) and [Keep Hampshire Safe Information](#)

Free Workshops/Courses for families:



The HHF flyers can be found here: [Free workshops courses for families](#)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

It is Black History Month and the children are doing a competition in class and at home about one of the 100 Great



Black Britons (for example: Sir Lenny Henry CBE, Dame Kelly Holmes, Stormzy, Sir Mo Farah CBE). To help the children learn more about Black British History they can create a presentation, piece of artwork, write a poem or even do a dance about a person of their choice <https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/competition.html#children16>. We will show case some of their creations in the next newsletter.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK & CLEAN AIR DAY:

We would firstly like to say a huge thank you for all of your efforts in this year's walk to school week. It was really fantastic to see the children motivated to make a difference to their usual routine by getting some steps in this week.

The children took part in activities with their class to raise awareness about the importance of walking for their wellbeing, as well as to benefit the environment. Again, we thank you for all your participation come rain or shine, and really hope these habits can continue throughout the rest of Walktober.



PARENT DONATIONS:

THANK YOU to all those parents who chose to donate their refunded trip money to the school, which totalled £250! These trips were cancelled due to Covid restrictions and this money has helped to offset the cancellation costs the school incurred. All other refunds are being processed by HCC and will be completed soon.

HARVEST FESTIVAL:

Thank you so much for your donations to celebrate our Harvest festival this year. These items are currently being prepared to be taken to the Basingstoke Foodbank and Spotlight UK who are both very thankful for your generosity. This year we were extremely fortunate to have had a virtual assembly with Jamie Johnson from The Church of the Good Shepherd, as well as a presentation from the Basingstoke Foodbank. This really helped the children to get an understanding of how their generosity can help those in the community around us.



NHS COVID-19 APP:

The **NHS** COVID-19 app, now available to download for free, is the fastest way to see if you are at risk from coronavirus. The faster you know, the quicker you can alert and protect your loved ones and community. To download the app visit <https://www.covid19.nhs.uk/>