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CHPS Greenbank Campus NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING DIARY DATES:

CHPS WEBSITE CALENDAR

16 December - Christmas Lunch

16 December - Christmas Jumper Day

17 December - Mufti-Day

17 December - Last day of Autumn 2

4 January 2022 - Inset Day

5 January - Spring 1 begins

18 February - Mufti-Day

21-25 February - Half Term Holiday

4 March - Bags2School Collection

21-24 March - Year 6 Bikeability

NEW LOLLIPOP LADY:

We are so pleased to welcome Ms Dawkins who joined us in September. She is a huge asset to the safety of our children crossing Winklebury Way.



REMINDERS:

Covid Update: If your child is showing any Covid symptoms, please keep them home and get a PCR test. With cases on the increase we remain vigilant with our protocols. Thank you for your support and patience. **Travelling abroad:** If you are travelling abroad this Christmas please ensure that are aware of the rules. This page tells you what you must do before you travel to England and after you arrive: [Government Travel Rules](#)

January 2022: With the number of positive cases increasing daily, we are already putting contingency plans in place for January. Please check your emails prior to 5th January for any updates. It has always been and continues to be our intention to keep the school open to deliver face-to-face education as long as we have the staff and it is safe to do so.

Road Safety: Unfortunately, we are still receiving complaints about dangerous driving and parking during school drop off and pick-ups. For the safety of all, please be considerate to other drivers and pedestrians.

Latex: We have a child with a latex allergy in school. Please can we ask that no fidget toys or sports equipment are brought in from home as these often contain latex.

THE BIG RAFFLE:

A massive 'Thank you!' to all of the little helpers for drawing out the winning names for the raffle! Also a **HUGE** thank you to all of the staff, parents, friends and families that made the Prize Draw such a huge success! We managed to raise a staggering **£1620!** which will be split equally between each campus.

We couldn't have raised this money without the amazing prizes from local businesses including the generous contribution from Property Explorer. Thank you so much.

Please find attached a list of prize winners and a link to our video: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oQvYoB2JT6rMn_8cWAmHUXYGFDjFYZq/view?usp=sharing



BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL:

Basingstoke & Overton Royal British Legion have raised around £56,000 this year, of which Castle Hill (both campuses) donated **£707.61**. Thank you to everyone who came and bought a poppy, snap band or reflector.



BAG 2 SCHOOL:

Thank you as always for your donations. We raised **£121.80** from the weight of 406kg.

Next collection is 4 March 2022.



THANK YOU

Basingstoke Foodbank would like to thank

Castle Hill Primary School

Greenbank with Rooksdown

for your very generous donation of **207.42kg**. This is equivalent of **494 meals**

Your donation will go a long way to support local people in crisis.

From Jan - Sept 2021, so far with your help we have fed over 6,200 people of whom 2,500 were children. We are currently distributing food for the community in crisis through our 6 Foodbank Centres located in and around Basingstoke & Tadley

CURRENT VACANCIES:

Parent Governor – The Governing Body, which overlooks the strategic direction of our school, now has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please email our Clerk to Governors Mrs Toobe: mt@chjs.net

ALLOTMENT PROJECT:

Our Allotment is back to its former glory! Thanks to the help of the Prince's Trust Team at Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service, the allotment has undergone a complete revamp.

The volunteers have been very busy clearing away weeds, creating a new compost bin and painting fences, sheds to name but a few activities. It's looking terrific and I can't wait to invite the children back to the allotment club in the new year. The Prince's Trust Team have been working with a group of young people aged between 16-25 to bring the allotment back to life. Part of their 12-week program is to volunteer in community projects and this time we've been fortunate to have them at Castle Hill!

My sincere thanks to the team of volunteers that have helped the school and we will no doubt be seeing them again in the future for more projects. The Prince's Trust helps young people, who are not in employment or education, to gain valuable skills and complete qualifications. This year we've been fortunate that they have chosen us as part of their community project. This came at no cost to the school as they were able to fundraise for their project.

Thank you again for all the support. Looking forward to seeing children back in the allotment next Spring!
Mrs Toobe



TIME TO SHINE:

Year 5s in their bright/fluorescent clothing for Time to Shine day. They worked through some powerpoints about Road Safety and discussed how to be safe when cycling or walking at night.



YEAR 3 STONE AGE DAY:

To finish off our topic of the Stone Age, Year 3 spent a morning outside, participating in various activities linked with what we have been learning about in class. We made jewellery out of salt dough 'rocks', created pictures using a tree-rubbing technique and we got to sit around a smoky fire pit with a yummy hot chocolate to keep us warm! Mr Tutton was a huge help and taught us all about fire safety, also discussing how life would have been much harder for Cavemen and Women. It was a brilliant morning and it was the perfect way to end what has been a fun and interesting unit of work!



BOOK DONATION:

Thank you so much to Linda Dobinson for her kind and generous donation of her book 'Kerry's Party Sunday' and some bookmarks.



EASYFUNDRAISING:

Please remember to use easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping. Over 6,000 shops and sites will donate to our school at no extra cost to you - so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food or anything else. We have **raised £99.13 over the last 30 days but still only have 162 supporters!** With over 600 families over two schools we have a target of recruiting an additional **100** supporters by Summer term 2022. PLEASE sign up and help us raise more at: easyfundraising.org.uk



THRIVE:

We are delighted to confirm that we have met the criteria for using the Thrive logo 'We've Embraced Thrive in our Setting', showing our commitment to embracing the Thrive Approach at Castle Hill Primary School. We have chosen the Thrive Approach to help promote the wellbeing of all our students and help to prevent mental health issues arising. To find out more visit: [Thrive](#)



HOMEMADE DECORATION:

Thank you, Daisy E, (Year 5), who kindly made a Christmas decoration for our school tree.



ODD SOCK DAY:

It was great to see so many children wearing odd socks at the start of our anti-bullying week. In classes, the children discussed what is meant by the term 'bullying' and what they should do if they felt that they, or someone they know, was being bullied. As part of this year's theme, they also discussed the difference that one kind word would make to someone's day and celebrated the fact that everyone is different.



ROCKSTEADY CONCERTS:

Well done to all our "rockers"!! What amazing performances for all the year groups. Thanks to Brian from Rocksteady for all the fun while teaching them to be part of a band. To watch our super stars, visit: [Rocksteady @ Greenbank](#)

Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



CHRISTMAS LUNCH/JUMPER DAY:

What a fun day the children have had today! Thank you to our amazing kitchen team who served up over 200 Christmas dinners to both staff and pupils.



NEWS & EVENTS (click links for more info):

Spotlight Xmas Trampoline Party:



This is a pre-booked event on Wednesday 22nd December. Click here to find out more: [Spotlight Xmas Trampoline Party](#)

Love Basingstoke:



There are lots of events and activities happening over Christmas in Basingstoke. To find out more: [Christmas Events from Love Basingstoke](#)

All Age Mental Health Triage Team:



This service is available for all children and adults that live in Hampshire. The specialist mental health triage team are a group of mental health professionals who help and support people's mental health when they need it. Visit: [Mental Health Triage Team 24-7](#)

FUNDRAISING FRIENDS:

The Greenbank Fundraising Elves have been working so hard with all the events this term.

The Smarties Challenge was a huge success raising £625 and with the match funding of £250 from Aviva (a parent from Year 5) meant a grand total of £875. Amazing!

Ink Bin has raised £14.25. Please keep sending any empties into school as every penny counts.

Glass Duck came into school and the children had an amazing time making their individual glass tree decorations. See some examples below.

From Fundraising Friends and the CHPS team, thank you as always for your support. Merry Christmas!



AUDITION SUCCESS FOR JESSICA:

Congratulations to Jessica B (Year 6 Greenbank) who got a part in the local production of Matilda. This picture is her in the RARE Productions hoodie.

She is also going to be on the stage in the West End with her Stagecoach dance and drama group in March next year. We look forward to hearing all about it!



SPOTLIGHT FOOD DONATIONS:

Thank you for the generous food donations from the community through Spotlight foodbank. These bags will be made into hampers and gifted to local families in need.



TAG RUGBY:

I just wanted to mention how fantastic the children were at the recent tag rugby tournament. Excellent behaviour, teamwork, effort, skill all performed at the highest level. Most importantly, they were having a blast playing for the school!

We won all three of our games. All close matches but the children dug in to beat Kempshott, Park View and St Bedes. Mr Moria

THANK YOU EVERYONE & MERRY CHRISTMAS:

On behalf of all the staff, thank you for all your lovely gifts and cards, we are so grateful for your generosity and kindness. We will be having a non-school uniform day tomorrow, with your donations we will be supporting The ARK Cancer Centre and the Hampshire Hospitals Charity. The Hampshire Hospitals Charity supports our local NHS hospital heroes and the patients they care for - <https://www.hampshirehospitalscharity.org/>

Mr Martin wanted to share his latest "hilarious" seasonal jokes:

How does King Wenceslas like his pizza?

Answer: Deep pan, crisp, and even.

I got a universal remote control for Christmas, it does change everything?