



CHPS Rooksdown Campus NEWSLETTER

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

UPCOMING DIARY DATES:

- 20 December** – Last Day of School
- 23 December to 3 January 2020** – Christmas Holidays
- 6 January** – Back to School
- 10 January** – Yr 1 Science Dome
- 11 February** – Safer Internet Day
- 11 February** – Parent Share
- 13 February** – Parent Share
- 13 February** – Last Day of School
- 14 February** – Inset Day
- 17 – 21 February** – Half Term Holiday
- 24 February** – Back to School
- 27 February** – Happy School Bag



EASYFUNDRAISING:

Great news! Since half term we've increased our supporters by **17** and have now raised **£682**. Please visit the link below to find out more and how to register.



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

TWITTER:



@chps_bstoke

REMINDERS:

Parking: We continue to receive complaints from our neighbours regarding inconsiderate parking (this includes the Community and Medical Centres). Please be considerate when driving and parking near the school.

School Comms: We appreciate that the volume of comms from school can be overwhelming at times but we encourage you to take the time to read all letters and emails. We also work hard to ensure that the information on our website is maintained and accurate so please use this as your first point of reference before calling the school.

Coats: Please make sure your child brings a **named coat** to school every day. They will play outside in all weathers.

PE Kit: With the 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.

Change of personal details: If your telephone, address, email or emergency contact details change please update the school office.

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 at our Full Governing Body meeting and was approved by all governors.

Uniform Policy can be found here: <https://www.castlehillprimary.net/parents/uniform-personal-belongings>

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

ATTENDANCE:

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

Our attendance update for the week beginning **9th December 2019** = **98%**. Currently, **90** children at Rooksdown hold an attendance rate of 100% and a further **47** children are at 98% or more. Let's try and keep this going for 2020.

HAPPY SCHOOL BAG:

Thank you everyone who donated items back in November, you raised **£130** for 200kg.



MESSAGE FROM MR MARTIN:

We are delighted to say that Prince Charles has congratulated the school on our HPL Award and in line with a four year tradition, the Prime Minister has sent good wishes to the school community. Thank you to everyone for your continued support and please 'be safe, be seen' over the dark winter days.

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas holiday.

Festive wishes,

Mr Martin

OUR SPORTING CHAMPIONS:

Grace dances on....

Read all about Grace's latest dancing competition results. Keep up the hard work and keeeeeep dancing!



<https://www.castlehillprimary.net/news/2019-11-18-gracing-the-blackpool-winter-gardens>

SPORTS NEWS:

Our Year 4 and 5 boys had a football competition held at Basingstoke Soccer Centre. A selected team from across both Greenbank and Rooksdown took part in a local school's football tournament.

Our players equipped themselves well in very, very wet conditions. Great performances from them all enabled the team to make it through to the final where unfortunately, despite a very spirited fightback, we were beaten. Mr Calpin was very proud of the way the boys conducted themselves during the competition.



WE ARE RECRUITING:

Would you be interested in a:

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

position, please visit our school website page:

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

GEORGE'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINE:

On Friday 6 December, Year 3 celebrated their topic of George's Marvellous Medicine by taking part in some magical potion activities during the day. We started the day by following instructions to create our own potions and carefully measured all our ingredients. We then labelled what we had created, so we had no Grandma's accidentally grow through the roof! We followed this by making our own magical wands, and creating our own rhyming spells, which we practised casting in the playground. Everyone worked well together and had a lot of fun!



NEWS & EVENTS (click links for more info):

Help Us Help You...Use The Right Service

Over the winter months Accident and Emergency Departments at our local hospitals can get very busy. There are many other services that can help if you have a healthcare issue and need NHS help in a hurry...

Help us help you... use the right service **NHS**

Self Care Care for yourself at home Minor cuts & grazes Minor burns Coughs and colds	Pharmacy Local expert advice Minor illnesses Respiratory problems Stomach issues Bites & stings	NHS 111 Non-emergency help Getting unwell? Unsure about a condition? Need help?	GP Advice Out of hours Out of hours Out of hours Out of hours	UTCS Urgent Treatment Centres Urgent Treatment Centres Urgent Treatment Centres	A&E or 999 For emergencies only For emergencies only For emergencies only
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Over the winter months Accident and Emergency Departments at our local hospitals can get very busy. There are many other services that can help if you have a healthcare issue and need NHS help in a hurry...

5 THINGS YOU CAN DO

1. Keep the Emergency Department free for those with critical or life threatening conditions.
2. Contact NHS111 or your GP practice if you need same day help. Or try your GP practice website for appointment information or online consultations.
3. Get a flu jab - ask at your surgery or pharmacy.
4. Order repeat prescriptions in good time, particularly ahead of bank holidays.
5. Why not keep a first aid kit handy at home, together with some self-care treatments like pain relief, cold and flu remedies, and decongestants. Remember to keep them out of the reach of children.

Minor illness? Ask a pharmacist
Get expert advice on common health problems (coughs, colds, flu, earache) from your local pharmacist. It may save you a trip to your GP surgery - you don't need an appointment and you can speak in a private area. You'll be advised if they think you need further help.

Minor injury? Find a service near you
You can often be seen more quickly, 7 days a week, for broken bones, sprains and strains, minor cuts and wound infections in urgent treatment centres or minor injuries units. For details of what's available near you click the first-aid-urgent-care service tab at www.nhs.uk

Not sure? Call NHS111 or go online to 111 Ask if you:
• think you might need to go to the Emergency Department or need another NHS urgent care service;
• don't know who to call for medical help;
• need information about a health issue.

<https://www.castlehillprimary.net/news/2019-12-10-help-us-to-help-you-use-the-right-nhs-health-service>

The Sun – Books for School Campaign



Tokens are in The Sun Newspaper every day so please ask family and friends to collect as many as they can!

<https://www.castlehillprimary.net/news/2019-11-26-the-sun-books-for-schools-campaign>

Positive Parenting – Time Out for Parents

Parent courses:

<https://www.castlehillprimary.net/news/2019-11-27-time-out-for-parents-courses>



XMAS JUMPER DAY & FUNDRAISING FRIENDS FAIR:

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped organise, contribute and attended the Christmas Fair. It was a huge success and Fundraising Friends are thrilled to announce that we raised a whopping **£1,610!!**



XMAS LUNCH:

"It's our most wonderful lunch-time of the year..."



YEAR 1 FIRE OF LONDON:

Our Year 1s had their Great Fire of London recreation before the rain came! Great fun. They also created a short news broadcast using Green Screen technology as part of their Great Fire of London topic. Watch their videos here: <https://castlehillprimary.net/blog/2019-11-14-15-28-47-y1-great-fire-of-london>



YEAR 1 & 2 CHRISTMAS PLAY:

'What a pleasure it was watching Tinsel & Tea Towels. My family and I thoroughly enjoyed it. The children did a fantastic job of portraying the play & the staff did a great job of directing them and pulling it all together. It was a nice twist on the classic nativity but told the important message of the Christmas story throughout. Great job Years 1 & 2!'



YEAR R NATIVITY PLAY:

What a lovely way to start Christmas! The Year R children (and the teachers) have been working very hard to create a wonderful production. All of the children looked incredible in their outfits, so a huge thank you to the parents for providing these. We couldn't have done it without you! The nativity showed us how far the children have come since their first day in September. They showed everyone how super confident and resilient they have become. Thank you to those who came to watch and we hope you got into the Christmas spirit just as much as we did. It's now time to sit back, relax and certainly NO WRIGGLING!



JUNK BOARD GAMES:

Year 4 have been busy this past week making 'Sustainable Board Games'. The children have had some fantastic ideas and most of them are even incorporating sustainable materials into the design of their game.



The topic this term in Year 4 has been 'Sustainability' and the pupils have been learning how we can live a more sustainable life.

ODD SOCK DAY:

It was great to see such an amazing array of odd socks as part of our anti-bullying week. The children had lots of fantastic discussions about what makes them unique and how it is good to be different. All of the year groups talked about bullying, what bullying is and how it could be prevented. It was great to hear the children's thoughts and opinions on how people should be treated and what they should do if someone was unkind.



Calendar Dates: <http://www.castlehillprimary.net/calendar>

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

December 2019					
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					
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
Wednesday	10 th	All Day	Whole School Photo	Rooksdown	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					
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