



Term: Autumn 2

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

UPCOMING DIARY DATES:

[CHPS WEBSITE CALENDAR](#)

18 December – Mufti-Day

18 December – Last Day of Autumn 2

20 December – Christingle Live

4 January – Inset Day

5 January – Spring 1 First Day Back

12 February – Happy Bags Collection

15-19 February – Half Term

REMINDERS:

Covid Reporting: To understand how & when to report symptoms to the school over the Christmas holidays, please read the letter sent out on Monday - [Whole School Letters](#)

Performances: The Year R, 3 & 4 Christmas performances will be sent out tomorrow via Class Dojo.

School Tour Video: If you haven't watched it already. Take a look....
[Virtual School Tour Video](#)

Ventilation: We will continue to keep windows and doors open at school in the New Year. Please make sure your child has warm clothing for both the classroom and outside play.

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.

Dog Fouling: We have had numerous reports of dog fouling outside 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](#)

XMAS ACTIVITY DAY:

Thank you to everyone involved in our fun and festive activities today. We have never seen so many varied Christmas jumper designs! With your £1 donations, we raised so far £218 for our chosen charity Tesco Christmas Gift Appeal. Please view a reflective video from Mr Martin [Christmas Reflection Video](#). Merry Christmas from us all at CHPS!



BELINDA'S BENCH:

We are so deeply touched by the kind donations from our school community. After the sad passing of our Lollipop Lady, Belinda Mott, you have generously raised £425. With this money we have purchased a bench and plaque in memory of Belinda and the remaining donations have been sent to Hants Air Ambulance.



VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CARDS:

What a talented bunch you are! To view the amazing creations on our website gallery, click [HERE](#).

HAPPY SCHOOL BAGS:

Let's try and beat our last amazing donation amount! Our next date for collection is: Friday 12th February 2021.



EASYFUNDRAISING:

I know, I know we are still telling you about this but honestly it is so easy. This month, with the help of our 155 (17 new whoop whoop) supporters, we've smashed the thousand-pound bracket and have currently raised £1034.02. Thank you everyone you've helped raise £371.53 this year, which shows every shop helps! [Join & Raise Funds with Easyfundraising](#)

Whilst Christmas shopping you can raise donations for us (with no extra cost to you) by buying anything from decorations and festive food shopping to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more!



These donations really help us and all you have to do is use easyfundraising when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway. Download the App onto your phone so you can shop and never miss a donation: [Easyfundraising App](#)

THANK YOU:

We'd like to thank The Church of the Good Shepherd who have kindly given a bible to every child in Year 3 at both campuses.

The Parish of Winklebury & Woking have also informed us of a Christingle Service live via YouTube on Sunday 20th December @ 4pm. For more information: [Christingle Live via YouTube](#)



FOODBANK DONATIONS:

Thank you so much for donating food for the Harvest Festivals. The Foodbank Basingstoke have sent us certificates and have calculated that CHPS have contributed to **337** meals!

In addition, The Besom and the churches of Basingstoke have donated some amazing hampers for both schools. We are so grateful, thank you.



SCHOOL MENUS FROM JANUARY:

On Tuesday 5th January 2021, when we return to school, we will all be returning to the HC3S three week rolling menu across both sites. Meals will still be served to classrooms in boxes and stainless-steel cutlery used rather than disposable. The menu can be found on the school website: [School Meal Web Page](#)

A huge thank you to our kitchen teams across both sites. They have worked tirelessly since the pandemic began to ensure that our children are fed adequately in challenging circumstances. Thank you to ALL staff for your continued support over lunch times. You all deserve a medal!



A SPECIAL VISITOR COMES TO ROOKSDOWN:

The children very excited to have the opportunity to meet Father Christmas at school on Monday. The Year R role play shed was magically transformed into Santa's Grotto where each child had the opportunity to post a letter to Santa, have a little chat and share their Christmas wishes. The children were all wonderfully surprised to receive a gift which was very kindly funded by Rooksdownd Fundraising Friends.



NEWS & EVENTS (click links for more info):

Children's COVID Videos:

The Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust have forwarded the following link to the COVID videos for Primary age school children which you may wish to watch. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhD9100QRr6YG5r8kPSGtBOMntkTfZqR1>

Admin Wins County Supplies Competition:



Well done to the CHPS Admin Team for winning the Christmas County Supplies competition. Each day they entered to win different school supplies but actually won the overall competition, a Canon camera! [Admin Wins a Camera](#)

HPCN Newsletter:

To find out the latest news from Hampshire Parent Carer Network visit: [HPCN Newsletter](#)

Max Goes Quiet For Charity....shhhh:



After completing an NHS fitness challenge over lockdown, Max (year 5) decided he'd like to help another charity. He signed up for 'The Great British Children's Challenge of 100min Silence' in November. This was a huge challenge for Max as he has Autism and ADHD and for those who know him, he really does love to talk! So, to be silent for an hour a day was a massive task. He has currently raised £355 for The British Legion. Well done Max, a fantastic achievement!

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS:

"As we enter the festive season we should reflect on the sacrifices that have been made through this crazy year.

Just last week, one of my work colleagues succumbed to COVID and served as a stark reminder of the risks taken every day, by so many people, across the school community to deliver the best education possible to our children.

For this the Governing body and I sincerely thank everyone for their dedication and commitment to keep the school running, our children educated and most importantly, everyone safe.

Wishing all who can celebrate a very Merry Christmas and enter 2021 with hope." Mr G Train (Chair of Governors)

SCHOOL SENATE:

Student Senate meetings have taken a different approach to usual this term and we feel that the children have adapted to this with ease and enjoyment! Every other week the children are assigned a question set by Miss Wheble and Miss Mould to encourage them to think about their school, classroom and daily activities. The three Student Senate members lead these sessions within their class and feedback their ideas to Miss Wheble. Once the responses have all been received, their ideas are fed back to Mr Martin and the Senior Leadership Team within the school for discussion.

One of the questions we asked this term was, "How would you like to celebrate Christmas?" Each teacher then planned some activities to take place after the school Christmas dinner today, based on their class' suggestions. Below are some of the fun activities the children got up to:



THE CHRISTMAS TREE OF JOY:

Thank you to every customer and member of staff at Dunelm Basingstoke who kindly donated presents for children at both our schools. We are very grateful for your kindness and generosity.

