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CHPS Rookdown Campus NEWSLETTER

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

UPCOMING DIARY DATES:

CHPS WEBSITE CALENDAR

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

TREE DUTIES:

Head Boy Jayden & Head Girl Grace, helping to decorate the school Christmas tree.



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.

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, this is amazing!



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



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 Rookdown

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

CHRISTMAS FUN:

A big thank you has to go to our wonderful Headteacher! Through such a challenging year he has always made sure his door is always open to both staff and pupils. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts Mr Martin and we hope you have a lovely Christmas with your family. Thank you to Ms Willmouth for everything you do to help Mr Martin! We know he couldn't run the school without you, you always make the staff and children smile. We hope you have a lovely Christmas too!



We had a wonderful Christmas dinner with our friends and teachers. Thank you to all the kitchen team who prepared our food, the lunch team who served and helped all the children with their food, and our teachers who supported us in the hall.



A huge thank you to the Fundraising Friends for providing each child with a Christmas book this year and our annual Christmas crackers. They always bring such fun to our Christmas Lunch! Thank you to the wonderful Santa and his elf for visiting and bringing a special Christmas feel to Castle Hill Primary School. We can't wait to see you again next year..... maybe you could bring a reindeer with you!



TIME TO SHINE:

Some of our pupils 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.



ROCK STEADY CONCERT:

Year 3's Rock Steady Concert was "banging". They performed: Shotgun by George Ezra and I Don't Care by Ed Sheeran.



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](#)



HOUSE COLOUR DAY:

For our House Day, Year 3 completed a Christmas scavenger hunt using their computing skills. They had a list of questions and had to search around the school for the QR codes which revealed the answers when scanned on the iPads! They used their collaboration skills and worked brilliantly as a team! Well done Year 3.



WHAT A DO:

We just loved Tegen's festive hair designs this week. She really got us all into the Christmas spirit.



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.



FUNDRAISING FRIENDS:

We are pleased to announce that Fundraising Friends of Castle Hill Primary School Rookdown have been working with local company Gorilla Spirits on their community spirit project. The result – is a classic London Dry Gin handcrafted in Hampshire.

A significant contribution from the sale of every bottle goes towards the Fundraising Friends of CHPS, raising much needed funds for the school.

To order, click here: [Rookdown Gin](#)



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.



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](#)

AMELIE'S VIOLIN PERFORMANCE:

Amelie M (Year 6) took part in her first BEASE concert this weekend. She has been learning the violin at school since Year 3 and started attending Basingstoke Early Access String Ensemble this past September.

What a huge achievement performing in front of a large audience, well done Amelie!



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?



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.



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