

9th February 2023

Phonics Information Evening – Monday 20th February

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

Phonics is a critical part of children's education and is vital to producing confident, talented and independent readers and writers. Developing sound knowledge effectively enables children to read and write with confidence.

Our school uses SSP Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS).

Learning phonics well at this early point in children's lives, will have a dramatic effect on the future of their reading and writing education, and in their lives. We are therefore holding an information session for parents, grandparents (or anybody else who is involved in your child's learning) to inform you on how phonics is taught, what it is used for and how to support your child at home. The session will take place on **Monday 20th February at 6:00pm.**

Supporting your child's learning at home and embedding the foundations of their learning is so important. Therefore, we strongly advise that you attend the session.

This session is open to Year R and 2 parents as well, although the talk will be tailored to Year 1 and be around Phonics Screening. The PowerPoint will be available on our school website after the talk.

Please complete the form below in order for us to know how many people will be attending. We are happy for more than one person from each family to come, we just need to know the numbers so we have the right number of chairs. Please complete the form by the morning of **Monday 20th February.**

<https://forms.gle/tbW2KTKqtpi731Gu8>

Thank you for your time and your tremendous effort at supporting your child and the school.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 Team