

3rd April 2025

Summertime Club Interest Feedback

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

Last year, Castle Hill Primary School ran a Summertime Club and based on the feedback we received from parents and the children attending, it was a huge success. The club ran for three weeks, for four hours, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a packed lunch provided. It was open to pupils of **both** campuses who were in Years 3 to 6. The club was free to families who met the following criteria:

- Pupil was eligible to receive Free School Meals
- The family were open to Children's Services support on a CP/CIN/TAF Plan
- The pupil was classed as a Young Carer
- The pupil had been referred to CAMHS/MHST

Castle Hill Primary School could offer this free club last summer as we had secured some grants to cover the costs. However, this year we have been unable to secure enough funding to repeat this, so we are considering opening this club up to pupils who do not meet the above criteria but are willing to pay. The aims and rationale of the Summertime Club remain the same, focusing on:

- Supporting the emotional development of our pupils
- Being a safe space for them to be children in
- Providing the child with a named trusted adult they can speak to for majority of the holidays
- Supporting families by providing a healthy meal and childcare for their child on these days
- Allowing the children to take part in their meal prep and to begin to understand food hygiene/ healthy food choices/ life skills etc
- Reducing the amount of screen time and increase opportunities for an active life style
- Supporting the transition to following year groups
- Encouraging the feeling of belonging
- Having fun and being engaging

We strive to offer a high-quality programme that your children will enjoy.

To ensure the club's sustainability and to cover the costs of resources, activities, and staffing, we have established the following proposed fee structure:

- For pupils who are eligible for a free place, the Summertime Club will remain free of charge.
- For pupils who are not eligible for a free place, the cost will be £20 per day. This fee includes:
 - Four hours of childcare.

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- A packed lunch.
- All resources used during the club activities.

We understand that childcare costs can be a consideration, and we have worked to keep the fee as reasonable as possible while maintaining the quality of our programme.

We believe that the Summertime Club offers excellent value, providing a safe, fun, and educational experience for your children.

If you think you and your child would be interested in attending the club, whether paying or not, please can you take a few moments to complete the brief questionnaire using the Google link below so we can gauge what interest there is for this.

https://forms.gle/97kpSt4cqWXgX6CC8

Yours sincerely

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