



# The 'BROADCAST'

## September 2021 Newsletter 1: Welcome Back

### Big Write

On a Monday, children will be given the opportunity to write independently. The theme will be shared in advance so that you can talk to your child about their ideas for writing and help them expand on thoughts. The first Big Write will be: 13<sup>th</sup> September- My New Class

Clubs We will be running French Club on Mondays, starting 13<sup>th</sup> September 3-4pm for Key Stage 2 children. Each session will cost £3 and will be run externally by Linda. If you would like to reserve a place for your child, please email [admin@Castlehill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@Castlehill.gloucs.sch.uk). We are in the process of setting up more clubs and activities for your children including First Aid and Football and Young Voices

### Homework

We have been really impressed by the work produced for **PAWS** homework. The value of these **Purposeful Activities Without School** became really evident during lockdown.

Children were able to demonstrate their understanding of learning away from the classroom. They showed initiative, understanding and valuable application of concepts they had been taught in school.

We will continue to share a termly PAWS activity sheet. Every MONDAY the teacher will collect in folders and provide an opportunity to share great practice.

### Dear Families

A big welcome back to you all. Mr Tandy has already settled back into the staff and is looking forward to working with Year 5. Mrs Makri will be supporting children who would benefit from a little more nurturing throughout the lunchtime and school day. We are looking forward to having a smooth start to the year and again being able to offer opportunities to your children that we couldn't because of Covid restrictions. Attached to this newsletter is a list of dates for the year. More detail about each event will be provided to you nearer the time but we know how helpful it is to you to have advanced notice if you need to book time off work.

### Meet the Teacher 2.30pm-3pm

The first invitation we offer you is an opportunity to pop into your child's classroom at 2.30pm on the arranged days. This will enable you to personally meet your child's teacher, enable your child to show you where they sit etc. The teacher will use this time to share information with you that is pertinent to that year group. It will not be the right opportunity to discuss individual children.

These are the topics your children will be studying this term:

Reception: Rhythm and Rhyme

Year 1 and Year 2: Jurassic Forest

Year 3 and Year 4: Extreme Environments

Year 5 and Year 6: Tomb Raiders

We are planning to visit places that are connected to the topic. We are grateful to the FRIENDS for their contribution of £3 to every pupil to help reduce the costs of these visits.

Thank you to all those families that have ensured children are smart and school ready. This includes black shoes that are suitable for encouraging free movement at playtime. Your child will be participating in the daily mile. Hair should be cut and styled in a manner. Extreme haircuts are inappropriate in colour and style. Hairbands should be discrete and school colours.

There will be a newsletter every Friday- available on the website and delivered to your e mail address. Please ensure the school office has the correct e mail.

