



# The **BROADCAST'**

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Dear Families

We are all now aware of the Government's decision to postpone the end of lockdown until Friday 19th July. With cases rising locally this is probably the right decision even though it saddens me that some of our plans for the end of term will have to be curtailed.

Good news! The circus can go ahead. Please see attached the Covid Risk Assessment produced in association with the Department of Digital, Cultural, Media and Sport. This reassures us that the event meets all Government Guidelines. Nearer the time we will give you a plan of the day.

Regretfully, Sports Days will now be a pupil only event. This has been a decision taken at Local Authority level.

What a 'Lovely Day' we had yesterday! The whole school joined the biggest Young Voices choir in the world to sing 'Lovely Day'. It was estimated there were 340,000 children involved from all over the world! Young Voices joined forces with Billy Ocean and other guest artists to attempt to smash its' own Guinness World Record title for the largest simultaneous Sing-Along and top the charts with a charity single. You can download 'Lovely Day' for 99p on Spotify. All proceeds will go to a charity that supports young people with their mental health issues brought about by the pandemic. It was an amazing feeling to be singing all together (in our bubbles) and feel the joy music can bring to all our lives.



## Big Write

All about my topic-

*Did you know...*

# STAFF NEWS

Mrs Raymond has decided after 30 years working at our school to take early retirement.

*"Castle Hill will always hold many dear memories for me. Over the decades, I have treasured working with, and building relationships with, children and families as well as opportunities to impact on the growth of the school. I feel very grateful to have had the fortitude to work with so many talented and dedicated members of staff who I am proud to call my friends as well as colleagues."*

We thank her for the time and dedication she has given to our school. She leaves us with many fond memories from over the years including such highlights as:

- Trips to the Isle of Wight
- School Plays
- Raising the standards of science in the school
- Introducing Packtypes as a way of increasing our self-awareness

Going forward in September, Mr Tandy will be rejoining the team bringing with him his passion, enthusiasm and football skills.

The classes for September are as follows:

Reception- Mrs Warren & Mrs Houlston  
Year 1- Miss Baldwin  
Year 2- Mrs Tegg & Mrs Blake  
Year 3- Mrs Ettrick  
Year 4- Mrs Richards  
Year 5- Mr Tandy  
Year 6- Mrs King & Mrs Blunn

We have timetabled 2 sessions before the end of term for class swaps, giving the opportunity for the pupils to meet their new teacher.

Sadly, Mrs Partridge will also be moving on to pastures new. She also has been much loved and respected by staff & children alike.

Freddie Y4- *"Mrs Partridge brings me in the Green Room and chats to me and listens to me."*

Ophelia Y6- *"She gives me a break from the noise in the classroom. She is very kind and caring."*

James Y6- *"She helps me with my homework. I am really enjoying making a film all about me."*

Fortunately, Mrs Makri has been appointed to take on this role in September. She brings with her a wealth of experience to carry on the great work of the Green Room.



## Dates for your diary- Summer Term

Tuesday 29th June- Sports Day - Pupils only

Picnic Lunch cancelled.

Friday 2nd July- PAWS in

Thursday 8th July - Year 5 and 6 Musical soiree- waiting on LA clearance.

Thursday 8th July- Happy's Circus!

Show 1- 5:00pm

Show 2- 7:00pm

Friday 16th July - School finishes 2pm

We are sorry that the LA Risk Assessment has also prevented a Leavers Assembly with a parent audience. More details will follow of how we will ensure our Year 6 have the best day ever.

On Saturday, Jacob, Jesse, Livvy and Sam were lucky enough to play for their local team Brockworth Albion in a Tournament at St Mary's Stadium (home of Premier League team Southampton FC). They played some great football with the highlight being Jacob saving a penalty in the shoot out.



Congratulations to Year 6 who completed their 100 Mile (700 laps) Sponsored Challenge this week! We know there are lots of discussions and ideas in Year 6 about how the money is to be best spent.

