

The BROADCAST

Newsletter: 19th May 2023

PAWS

Henry H, Year 3, used his coding skills to explain the offside rule in football. What an effective tool you have provided us with. Well done, Henry- both for your originality and clarity in explaining this.

With these skills you are sure to become a very valuable Curriculum Lead for our school.



Dear Parents

We have had two very valuable candidates put forward to be our Parent Governor. Ballot papers have been sent out. Please remember to cast your vote by Thursday 25th May. Ballot papers will be counted on Friday 26th May and we will announce your representative. We are very fortunate to have two candidates who offer real areas of expertise to our Governing body. Please read their supporting statements.

Thank you for your anticipated participation.

Sports Day - Tuesday 27th June

Please keep the date free so you are able to join us for Sports Day. We are excited to be able to welcome you back to our picnic lunch. This is a tradition we had for many years pre covid. Now is the time to return to our traditions. The field will be open to family members from 12 o'clock until 1 o'clock. Please bring a picnic blanket and lunch to eat on our school field. Your children will be able to join you from 12. If they order a school packed lunch this will be served to them in a take out bag. Please do not worry if you are unable to join us. The children whose parents are not able to come will be looked after and cared for by school staff. All children will be able to play on the playground after they have eaten. This will give an opportunity to set the field out for the afternoon races. There will be chairs for adults. Please ensure your child wears a t shirt in their team colour and keep your fingers crossed for a sunny day.

Big Write

This week the children will be writing in their assessment books in class so there will be no Big Write. This book supports us in tracking the progress they have made throughout the school year. These books are passed on to their teacher next year so that work in September is matched or better and your child continues to improve.

Year 6 Leavers' Books

Just a reminder for Y6 parents:

Calling all Book Heroes!

Reading is an amazing superpower and we would love to create an even larger range of books for children to choose from in school. Therefore, we are inviting Year 6 parents to help support our book drive by 'leaving a legacy' and donating a brand new book as a parting gift.

We have teamed up with Books for Bugs and chosen a range of books we would love to see in school.

Each book is just £2.99 to purchase with no postage fee!

Once books arrive in school we will place a special label in each one with the name of the Book Hero who donated it.

You can view our wishlist here: <https://booksforbugs.co.uk/your-wishlist/castle-hill-primary-year-6-leavers-2023/>

If you would like to purchase one of these books all you need to do is -

- Add the chosen book(s) to your basket direct from the link above
 - At the checkout stage put the delivery address as Year 6, Castle Hill School, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4NU - It is the schools' post code that activates the free shipping.
 - Complete checkout by paying for the book with either card or PayPal.
 - Your purchase will then be added to our box ready to be shipped.
- Purchases must be made by Friday 14th July to receive free delivery

The School Day

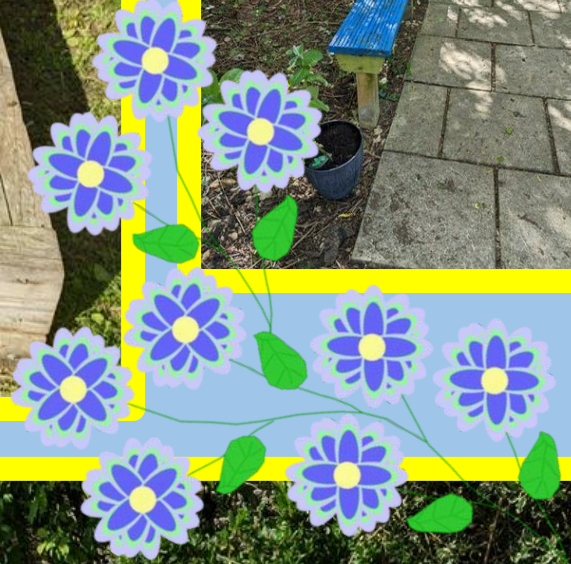
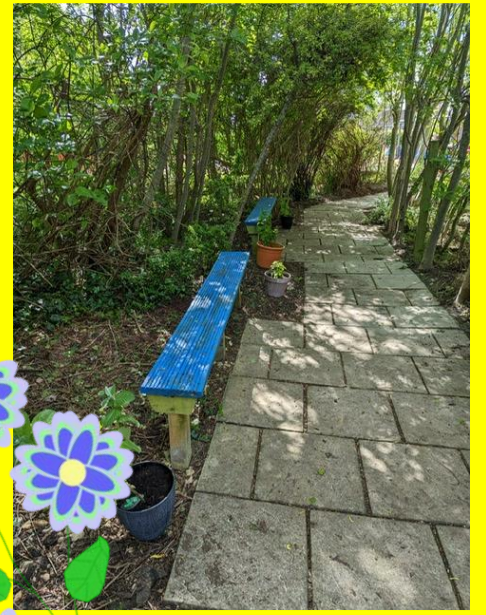
The Government is advising that all schools should ensure that their day is 6 1/2 hours. This takes effect from September 2023. This is not mandatory but a recommendation. The guidance does not specify how the day is used. The time includes break times and lunchtimes as well as assemblies.

The Governors are proposing that from September, KS2 children are in their classrooms by 8.45am and the school day ends at 3.15pm. The children would enjoy an hour for lunch rather than $\frac{3}{4}$ hour as we do at the moment. This year, the majority of KS2 children have begun work at 8.50am so for most of you this will not be a major change.

The gates would open at 8.45am. Key Stage 1 children would line up in the playground outside their classes ready to enter with the teacher at 8.50am. In this way, parents would have time to drop off KS2 children before coming round to KS1. This is something many parents have said has been valuable for them. Children in KS1 would finish school at 3.15pm. They will have an afternoon play added to their timetable.

We welcome your comments with a view to agreeing a way forward to be shared after half term. This will ensure sufficient notice to enable families to make any amendments to their commitments in order to be able to drop off and pick up at these new times.

**Please address any emails to:
Chair of Governors- clerk@castlehill.gloucs.sch.uk**



Thankyou to all those who donated plants as part of the PAWS activity. Mrs Lee and Mrs Reed have worked hard to plant them out. We are hoping that they will flourish and attract insects to our Spiritual garden! If you would like to volunteer to help us keep them watered please let us know!

Dates for Summer Term

- Wednesday 24th May 5pm - Year 5 Parents invited to a meeting to introduce the residential trip planned for their children in Spring 2024

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - Half Term

- Monday 5th June - Year 6 Bikeability - The school considers this a valuable opportunity to help children stay safe. Therefore, we will be covering the cost.
 - Week beginning Monday 5th June - Science Week
- Wednesday 7th June - 6pm - New Reception Parents' Meeting
 - Tuesday 27th June - Sports Day
 - Wednesday 28th June - Sports Day Reserve
 - Friday 7th July - PAWS in
- Thursday 20th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Party
 - Friday 21st July - Term ends 2pm

Playing on the school field

The weather is improving and hopefully soon we will be able to play on the school field. Please ensure your child wears suitable footwear for running etc.

Medical Appointments

If your child has a medical appointment and needs time out of school for this, please provide a letter detailing the appointment. This helps us correctly mark your child in the register. Thank you for your cooperation.

We are always looking for new volunteers in school!

Reading volunteers, gardening volunteers, volunteers who can help with special projects in classes and any other volunteering relating to skills you may have and would like to share. With budgets being so very tight in schools, every minute of volunteering time makes a huge difference. If you have a little time spare and wish to come and volunteer in school, please make contact with our School Business Manager (Jo) in the office who will happily help to get your volunteering adventure started at Castle Hill Primary.