



The BROADCAST

Newsletter: 26th May 2023

Parent Governor Elections

Congratulations to Kate Shields who has been elected to be our new Governor. We are grateful for the interest shown and the support for both candidates who stood for election. This is a valuable professional body where we can work together in the interests of all of our children.

Dear Parents

We have had two visits to school this week. One from our PCSO to talk about keeping safe online with Year 6 and another from the NSPCC who met with both Years 5 and 6 to support them knowing how to keep themselves safe. These were invaluable sessions. I'm overwhelmed with pride that both sets of visitors took the time to say that our children are the best they have visited. They asked considered questions. They responded thoughtfully to the answer and were respectful to each other. These skills are invaluable to support us to build healthy relationships.

Music at Castle Hill

We know the opportunities we have provided have enabled children to go from strength to strength. The children were able to sing whilst reading notation and playing a musical instrument. Year 4 demonstrated their developing skills in assembly this week. They were able to play the glockenspiels in time to the music.



'Come and sing Disney'

Gloucestershire County Youth Choir Course

On **Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th June 2023**

At **Sir Thomas Rich's Sixth Form Centre,
Longlevens, Gloucester, GL2 0LF**

**Come and experience the joy of ensemble singing
with some fantastic songs you'll love!**

You will:

- Be taught by a team of professional vocal tutors / choir leaders for the weekend
- Be inspired by our wonderful guest artist Suzzie Vango (Professional singer, choir leader, vocal coach, conductor, composer and author!)
- Learn new repertoire for a performance at Pittville Pump Rooms in Cheltenham on 2nd July 2023
- And most importantly... make new friends and enjoy music with other like-minded, talented singers.

This course is open to 9- 18 year olds

To find out more: <https://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk>



Suzzie Vango

Cost for the 2 days: £41.20

100% bursaries can be easily applied for.
Please call the office on 01452 427242.

Sign up: <https://gloucestershiremusic.paritor.com/>

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Year 6 Leavers' Books

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

Science Week- 'Making Connections'

After half term, we are promoting Science in school. This is planned to coincide with Cheltenham Science Week. Please look at their programme. There are lots of exciting activities your child will enjoy and this might be a fun way of engaging your family. We are fortunate to have two workshops provided by the festival. They will be on **Tuesday** afternoon for

Years 5- Animal Kindness
Year 6 - Geothermal Energy and Careers.

Throughout the week, we will be highlighting Science in different ways. Our assemblies will be focussed on what is Chemistry, Physics and Biology.

We have asked the children to complete PAWS activities around these three areas. There are already lots of great Chemistry and Biology examples on Seesaw. We appreciate these and can use some in our assembly. Please have a look at the Physics activity as we have fewer examples to use and would love more children to complete the Physics challenge in half term..

Mrs Sugden, our Science lead, will be participating in Science experiments in the playground with the children.

On Friday, we have planned our school to be an interactive Science Exploratory. All children will move around the school participating in different workshops throughout the day. We invite them to wear either a lab coat or an old baggy shirt over their school uniform for this day. This will be practical-to keep their school uniform clean- and also, help set a scientific mood!

Dates for Summer Term

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

- Monday 5th June - Year 6 Bikeability
- 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

Big Write

We hope you have a lovely week. The weather certainly looks settled. Please take some time to support your child prepare for their Big Write. The title is:

'Class Pet'

This will give you an opportunity to discuss the merits of a class pet. You might like to discuss the advantages and disadvantages. Maybe they would like to think what pet they would chose and why. It might be fun to describe what a typical school day might look like. Use your imagination and have fun. The better we can speak about a topic, the better they can write.

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.