

Newsletter II: Friday 25th November 2022

## **Dear Families**

It was a proud occasion when our Year 6 pupils skilfully showed our visitors around school at Open Day. They have helped shape Castle Hill and it was obvious how much they enjoyed this experience. This is an invaluable time for confidence building and sharing their extensive knowledge of the curriculum.. It is lovely that parents have taken the trouble to write to us following the event.

"Just a quick email to thank you for holding your open day today.

We were really impressed with your lovely school and wanted to express our thanks to Ella and Piper who did such a brilliant and thorough job of showing us around. Their knowledge and enthusiasm was delightful and real credit to the school."

## **Christmas Fayre**

The FRIENDS are busy organising this extravaganza. Please could all Young Voices Choir members ensure they are available to sing at this event. Mrs Blake will be leading the children as they share some of the songs from this year's programme in addition to some Christmas favourites. Please come along and join in the festive cheer.

## Big Write

This week the title is linked to your child's topic. Teachers will be talking to their classes about their choices.

### Children in Need

Thank you for your generosity!
We collected £61,22 on Parent Pay
and £56 in cash. We will continue to
offer options of cash or Parent Pay
when possible.

## **FRIENDS**

#### Festive Raffle

Tickets for the raffle have now arrived, with prizes such as tickets to Witcombe Festival, Westonbirt, Puzzlewood and many more. These will be sent home with your children early next week. Please keep an eye out for them and let us know if you'd like any more.

Christmas clothing swap

Tues 6th December, at the start and end of school. Please donate clean Christmas clothing between Mon 28th Nov and Mon 5th Dec. There will be no charges at the swap, only buckets for donations.

### Friday 2nd December

Deadline for photo orders

#### Thursday December 8th

2.30pm Y5/6 music performance

#### Friday 9th December

PAWS in

Christmas Jumper Day- Wear your school trousers/skirt with your jumper

Reception Nativity

FRIENDS Christmas Fayre after school in the KS2 playground

#### Tuesday 13th December

Christmas Dinner and party

### Friday 16th December

Sing a long 1pm-2pm

Friday 16th December - Term finishes at 2pm

### Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Term 3 starts

# \* SchoolGateway replacing ParentMail

ParentMail will be out of use from the 16th December 2022 and from the start of the new year we will be using SchoolComms (App called SchoolGateway) for our communication between school and parents. We have sent out an app invite to all parents, please report to the office if you haven't received one. This app will be used for general messages, emails, and absence recording. We fully encourage you to download this free app to help us better our communication.

 All our school policies are available on our website at: https://www.castlehill.gloucs.sch.uk/