



The BROADCAST'

Newsletter 5 Friday 24th September 2021

Dear Families,

Thank you to all those families that were represented at our reading event for Years 2 and 3 this week. We were impressed by the attendance. This shows us how much you understand the importance of reading to and with your child. We are looking forward to welcoming Year 1 parents to school on Wednesday 24th September at 9.15am. This will be a good opportunity for you to understand how you can help your child at home and support them through the early stages of becoming a reader.

On Tuesday, we had a review of the resources we offer your children from our library. We were delighted to hear that the local authority could see how good our provision is. The Non Fiction books are carefully organised using the Dewey system and fiction is electronically catalogued by age appropriateness. We are really keen for parent support now at lunchtimes. If you could spare an hour during the week to support KS2 pupils change their books we would be very grateful. Please see Mrs Ettrick if you are able to offer your services.



PAWS Homework

Arwen and Finley have impressed us all with their ability to customise their tshirts. They have been busy just like Terriers. The pupils received a Head Teacher sticker for their work when they are able to describe the process they took to create their design. Seesaw has proved very useful for us to share this with you and your children. The more children are able to practice skills at home the more their learning is reinforced. They begin to know more and remember more.



Castle Hill Football Team News

Our Castle Hill Girls Team competed in their first game of the season away at Highnam. Well done on your victory 2-0. Please see our Twitter page for updates. You can follow us at @CastleGlos.

We are really keen to purchase a new football kit for our team. If you are in a position to offer sponsorship we would be very grateful for your offers. Please see Mr Tandy.



TWITTER LAUNCH

We are excited to announce our brand new Castle Hill Twitter page. We will be using this page for updates, school news and sports reports. This page is brand new and we are really excited to share it with you. You can follow us by searching on Twitter for **@CastleGlos**. If you would like more information on how we will be using Twitter, our Usage Policy is available on the school website. Please note we will not respond to any direct messages and comments on this site and you should continue to communicate with the school office.

Young Voices

It is lovely how many pupils are excited to be joining us in Birmingham for the Young Voices concert.

We are taking 50 pupils to Young Voices on Monday 24th September. Letters have been sent home this week. It is essential we have ticket orders back on Friday 1st October at the latest.

Tickets sell out very quickly and we need to secure the best seats we possibly can for you.

Hello Yellow- Friday 8th October

Please help us support our Pupils on Mental Health Awareness Day. Pupils may wear a yellow accessory in exchange for a donation. All money raised will be used to support Mental Health.

Parking

Please park respectfully around the school; do not park over driveways or on corners as this is a child safety issue, and affects our relationship with the community.

Forthcoming dates for your diary
Key Dates - Autumn Term-2021

Wednesday 29th September -9.15am- Year 1 parents invited to join the class to find out more about reading. Please come!

Tuesday 12th October- Bedtime Story Event for Years 2 and 3 5pm-6pm

Wednesday 13th October-9.15am-10.15am-Reception Parents Coffee Morning

Tuesday 19th 4-7pm / Wednesday 20th October 3.20-6pm-Online Parents' Evening

Wednesday 20th October- Harvest Festival- 9.15am

Friday 22nd October- Staff INSET day

Monday 25th October-Friday 29th October-Half Term

Monday 1st November - Staff INSET day

Tuesday 2nd November- School starts

Wednesday 24th November- 1.30pm-2.30pm Open afternoon for New Reception 2022

Wednesday 24th November- 2.30pm-3.30pm- Work Celebration Event for all existing parents to come and see their child's work.

Friday 10th December - PAWS in

Friday 10th December-Reception Nativity

Tuesday 14th December-Christmas Dinner and party

Friday 17th December-Sing a long 1pm-2pm

Friday 17th December- Term finishes at 2pm

Big Write- Week Beginning Monday 27th September

The title for this week Big Write is:

Back in time

Please use the weekend to talk to your child about the title and help them to think creatively about what they may choose to write about. You might like to challenge your child to include a few good vocabulary words into their writing. Maybe you could decide these together.



A massive thank you to the parents who helped take down the silver birch at the weekend. This is sad but was necessary. The stumps have been put to good use to provide a seating area under the trees for the children. We really appreciate your time and expertise-Pete, parent of Ollie and Lisa and Simon Daniels, parents of Thomas. Mrs Raymond has planted an oak tree to mark her time at Castle Hill. This is the perfect gift. Thank you to her. We will enjoy watching it grow.