



The BROADCAST'

Newsletter 36: Friday 8th July 2022

Dear Families

Teachers have been busy writing end of year reports for your pupils. I have read every one of them this week and am so proud of the progress they have made. Being in school on time and everyday has a real correlation with how your children approach their work and the confidence they show. Please continue to prioritise this commitment all the way until the end of term.

We have now received the official SATs results for Key Stage 2 and are so pleased with each and every one of our year 6. Despite COVID they can confidently begin secondary school knowing they are secondary ready.



*Years 1 and 2 enjoyed
their visit to South
Cerne as part of their
seaside topic*

Key Stage 2 SATS results

These are the first official results we have had since 2019.

Reading - 97% of the year group reached the expected level
50% exceeded the expected level.

Writing - 87% of the year group reached the expected level.
17% exceeded the expected level

Maths - 93% of the year group (1 child was absent) reached the expected level.

30% exceeded the expected level.

Class Swap

On Friday 15th July all pupils will have an opportunity to meet their new teacher.

Reports will go out with all the information you need to know how well your child is progressing against national expectations.

Reception - Mrs Houlston/Mrs Warren

Year 1 - Miss Baldwin

Year 2 - Miss Sugden

Year 3 - Mrs Ettrick/Mrs Blake

Year 4 - Mrs Richards

Year 5 - Mrs Blunn/Mrs Dutton - am

Year 6 - Mrs King - am /Mrs Dutton - pm

Staffing for 2022-23

Sadly we have goodbyes to say at the end of this term to some of our members of staff who are retiring. Mrs Smith, Mrs Hamblett and Mrs Hickey have been at the school for a total of 62 years between them!

We also will be saying goodbye to Mr Tandy. He has loved being at our school this year and been an incredibly popular and committed staff member. Sadly, his personal life forces him back to London. I know this decision has been very difficult for him. We wish we could keep him here forever but know we must support him in his decision to leave.

Fortunately, we have appointed a great teacher- Ms Amy Sugden who will join us in September. Mrs Gibbs and Mr Enon will support us in continuing to offer a range of sporting opportunities.

Big Write

This week's Big Write title is 'Ready to Stretch and Grow'. Your children will be writing a letter to their new teacher.

Message from the 'Friends' - Uniform swap

Donations of anything school uniform related (including forest school wear) can be dropped off next week, for a swap to be arranged in the final week of term.

Mrs Hickey Mrs Hickey is truly our 'Castle Hill Queen.' She has been a rock to the hundreds of parents and thousands of children and all the staff at our school. Your love, care and knowledge of this community cannot be matched. What a support you have been to many people face to face or on the phone. You have laughed with them, shed tears with them and genuinely been interested in finding ways to support all families. Your dedication and love for 33 years has been priceless. We all need a Mrs Hickey in our lives and our whole school community.

Mrs Smith Mrs Smith has been a valued member of staff with us for 15 years. We are going to sorely miss her organisational skills and attention to detail. She has been so supportive and tenacious ensuring children know their phonics so they are successful with their reading. She supports both children and adults alike and always goes above and beyond. She is a role model for the perfect teaching assistant. We wish you all the best and look forward to your visits in the future.

Mrs Hamblett After 14 years with us we will sorely miss her kind and caring nature to everybody in the school. She is loved at breakfast club and always ensures those children have a sunny start to their day. Her compassion and patience has allowed children to flourish to be the best they can be. You could never find anyone who loves her job more and is always grateful for the opportunities she has had to work with your children.

Key Dates for Spring Term 2022

Monday 11th July - PAWS in

Tuesday 19th July - 12-1pm-Community Picnic. Please join us on the field. You may bring your own picnic blanket and goodies to enjoy with your family. Children can picnic with their parents. This will give us all an opportunity to say farewell to Mrs Hickey who is retiring gracefully at the end of the year.

School lunch-Sausage roll and chips- will be served in a take out bag so that children can picnic outside.

Please don't worry if you are unable to attend. All staff will be on hand to picnic with the children too!

Wednesday 20th July-Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Party 9:15am

Thursday 21st July- Term ends 2pm

Monday 5th September - Inset day

Tuesday 6th September - Term 1 starts

Please make sure that all breakfast club and dinner payments are up to date before the end of term, particularly if this is your last year at Castle Hill. Thank-you

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castlehill.gloucs.sch.uk**