

# The BROADCAST'

Newsletter 3 22nd September 2023

## Music Lesson

Year 5 have begun to play the clarinet and Year 6 the drums. We are very grateful to our FRIENDS who help support this activity so every child can be a participant. It is now possible for Year 5 to hire their instrument. This means for a charge of £10 they are able to practice at home. They can also attend the county music assemble as part of this charge. If your child expresses an interest to do this, please read further details in the letter given to all Year 5 pupils. Later, we will invite parents to a mini concert at school so that you can see how they are progressing.

## Dear Parents

Thank you for supporting us adapt our timings at the beginning of the school day. We have had lots of positive feedback that one bell in the mornings is helping both KS1 and 2 have a smooth start. Please do remember that when school begins at 8.45am the teacher needs to be in the classroom teaching. Therefore, it is easier to catch them for a quick word after school.

Clubs have started and children have expressed how much they are enjoying the new ones. The staff feel really rewarded for giving up their time when they hear the children's enthusiasm.

Thank you to those parents who were able to join us to explore ways to support reading at home. We aim to put the powerpoints on our website for those parents unable to attend.

Remember, Friday is the FRIENDS first meeting of the year. I do hope you can join them.

Thank you to the vast majority of families who have returned the beginning of year paperwork. If you have not.....

Please ensure all data sheets, medical forms and permission slips are returned to school by Monday..

It is vital we have this information at hand so that we can operate effectively. Many thanks.

## **FRIENDS SOCIAL CALENDAR**

**Autumn TERM 2023**

**Thursday 26th October - Monster Ball**

- ★ KS1 4.15pm-5.15pm
  - ★ KS2 5.30pm-6.30pm
- (Wear Halloween Fancy Dress)

**December:**

- ★ Christmas Baubles
- ★ Coding Competition

**Friday 8th December - Christmas Fayre**

## Revised timings beginning Monday 18th September

**8.40am - gates open**

**8.45am - single bell rings to signify start of the day for everybody.**

**KS1 collected from playground by teacher  
KS2 into classroom**

- **3.10pm - end of day for KS1 - Children who go to The Keep will be supervised until 3.15pm**
  - **3.15pm - end of day for KS2**

What a special time we had at the Year 1 reading information session.



*Learn to  
read...*

*...read to  
learn*



**Football League** - Well played to our Girls' Team who played Dinglewell on Wednesday. We are looking forward to organising some practice sessions so that we can continue to develop a great team.



Our Boys Football team played well this week with the following results.

Castle Hill 1- 1 Croft, Castle Hill 2-0 Widden, Castle Hill 1-2 Longlevens. Well done!



# Dates for Autumn Term

Wednesday 27th September-6pm-Secondary Transfer Information Evening-Open to Year 5/6 parents.

Tuesday 10th October- Bedtime Story Event for Year 2 and 3 at 5-6pm-more details will be given to these classes.

Wednesday 11th October- Harvest Festival- 9.00am Year 6 parents invited

Wednesday 11th October- 11am-12pm Reception Parents Coffee Morning

Wednesday 18th October-4pm-7pm Parents' Evening-Online

Thursday 19th October- 3.20pm-6pm Parents' Evening 3.20pm-6pm

Friday 27th October-INSET Day -Staff only

**MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER-FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER -HALF TERM**

Monday 6th November-INSET Day- Staff only

Tuesday 7th November- school starts

Wednesday 22nd November- 1.30pm-2.30pm Open afternoon for new Reception 2024

Wednesday 29th November- 2.30pm-3.30pm- Work celebration Event for all existing parents to come and see their child's work.

Friday 8th December- Nativity and Christmas Fayre (Revised date)

Friday 15th December- PAWS in

Friday 15th December-Year 6 trip to House of Parliament

Thursday 21st December-Term finishes at 2pm

## Big Write

This week the title is

**'I don't want to!'**

Story books and video clips can be great inspiration for your child.

We have enjoyed reading some great imaginative writing this term. Thank you to all those families who support their child by talking through their ideas and making them confident in their ability to have a go. There is nothing so valuable in life as being prepared.

Help your child now and they learn a skill for life.

We are always looking for new volunteers in school!

We are aiming to reopen the Community Hub next week. Mr Johnson, our caretaker will unlock it.

Mrs Ettrick is hoping that parents that have valued and enjoyed this facility will share their enthusiasm with others.

We want to be offer the wonderful facility of choosing a book, reading the book and swapping the book.

Please help us help your children to love and value reading.



# News from The Friends

This year we're helping to raise funds by participating in a...




## design-your-own Christmas card project

The Christmas cards come in a pack of 12 for a great price, and you will also be able to buy gift labels, mugs, magnets, thank you cards, candles and placemats with your designs on!

Help us raise extra funds this year while having fun and creating something you can be proud of!



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Christmas Card  
PROJECT

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# News from The Friends



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**WE NEED**  
**YOU!**

When : 22nd September 6pm

Where : The Twelve Bells, Witcombe

Why : To meet the new committee, find out about our plans for the year and vote in class ambassadors

We would really like to have a parent/guardian ambassador for every year group (especially year 6 to help to plan their leavers prom).

If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to be an ambassador, please email [friendsofcastlehill@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcastlehill@gmail.com) or send us a message on our Facebook page.