



# 'BROADCAST'

Newsletter 5: October 6th 2023

Dear Parents,

We have had a visit from our School Improvement Partner this week. Their role supports us to be reflective about our practice. We looked particularly at how the school supports children with their personal development. We are delighted to share with you that they were rightly impressed by the extent to which Castle Hill goes to beyond the academic. Areas particularly commended were: the wider opportunities we provide, the way we support children develop their characters and the strong positive message we give around inclusion and equity.

## Harvest Festival

We invite Year 6 parents to join us at our service on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. We will be donating all contributions to Gloucester Food Bank and would be very grateful for support from everyone.

Items needed: Shower gel, Shampoo, Fruit juice, Squash, Coffee, Tinned meat, veg and fruit. Jars of sauce, Cartons of custard, Long life milk. Thank you

Parents' Evening- Booking Service open  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October-11am.

A link will be sent to you at 11am on Tuesday so you are able to book an appointment to see your child's teacher. This is a good opportunity to discuss how well they have settled into their new classes and the progress they are making.

Please be aware that we do not encourage children at the face to face appointments as we value the time you have with professionals without distraction. Please book an online appointment if this is difficult for you to accommodate.

## Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 4-7pm Online

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 3.20pm-6pm Face to face.

SEN Parents' Evening booking opens Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 9am for pupils with a MyPlan. You will receive a phone call from the office on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to book you in.

Mr Pollard will be available to meet with all parents whose children have a MyPlan on Parents' Evening. This will give a valuable opportunity for teacher, parents and SENDco to talk together about areas of focus and next steps in learning. Mr Pollard will meet with parents of children with a MyPlan+ in December. More details will be sent to those families.



What the Dinosaurs saw.....

We have had some amazing Big Writes this term. The Senior Leadership Team have looked at the books in all year groups and are really impressed with the quality.

Thank you. Your support is invaluable to your child's success.

**School Council- The children are learning how to have their voice count.**

**Your KS2 children have been given the opportunity to stand for School Council. Interested parties have been given a manifesto template to complete by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. They now need to prepare their manifesto ready to read out to their class on Monday and Tuesday. Please support them to think about their Packtype strengths and what difference they can realistically make to the school with their ideas.**

**Impact from previous School Council:**

- **Focus week on the environment to ensure how much we can help to care for our planet. As a result, we adopted separate bins in all classes for waste and paper.**
- **Introduction of the Dolphin Award in Friday Assembly to sustain raising the profile of environmental issues**



**Forest School- Year 1 are learning to take considered risks at Forest school. I'm not sure who is having more fun!**

### **Football News**



**The boys' football team played at Oxstalls on Thursday night. They are learning how to compete against others schools and experience highs and lows.**



## **DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM**

- **Tuesday 10th October- Bedtime Story Event for Year 2 and 3 at 5-6pm-more details 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**
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October- FRIENDS Monster Ball KS1 4.15pm-5.15pm /KS2 5.30pm-6.30pm**
- **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.**



## What is 500 Words and how do you enter?

500 Words is a story writing competition for children.

This year the two age categories will be 5-7 and 8-11. To enter, children need to **write a story that they would love to read** which is **no more than 500 words**.

Children need to be the relevant age for the age category on the closing date **10 November 2023** and be living in the UK.

The stories, once written by the children, **must be submitted by an adult using the entry form on the 500 Words website**. If you are an adult, please click [here](#) to sign up as a submitter, which will then allow you to submit stories.

**Please note all stories must be typed and submitted by an adult through our website, as we can only accept story entries that have been submitted through our website.**

## When is the competition open?

The competition is now open and story submissions will close at 20:00 on Friday 10 November 2023. The grand final will take place in February 2024 which will be shown on a special 500 Words programme with The One Show, on World Book Day on 7 March 2024.

## Does the story have to be exactly 500 words?

No, the story does not have to be 500 words exactly, it can be less. It cannot go over 500 words though, if it does then it will be disqualified.

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words?dm\\_i=3YNL,1L7F4,5LCXP0,5ZFDA,1](https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words?dm_i=3YNL,1L7F4,5LCXP0,5ZFDA,1)





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## AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

TO FIND OUT WHICH SPORTS YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL IS OFFERING, FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK, PLEASE VISIT:

<https://the-sports-project.class4kids.co.uk>

TAG RUGBY  
CHEERLEADING  
ATHLETICS  
FUTSAL  
DODGEBALL

AND MANY MORE!

THINK BETTER.  
FEEL BETTER.  
BE BETTER.



Dear Parent/Carer,

As non-profit community interest company, we genuinely place the child at the heart of everything that we do. The Sports Project is truly child-centred. Combining my professional experience of high-level player and community development and personal experience of long-term mental health issues, all our staff develop the child's skills and understanding of a sport, while supporting their overall social and emotional learning.

#### Sports Development

Our specific Sports Leads design a sequential, active, focused, and explicit curriculum to ensure maximum engagement, participation, and development. We aim to exceed the expectations of children for the sport at their age. We do this by empowering the children to have agency of their own development, through collaborative and experiential learning. This means that they have ownership of what they learn and how they learn it.

#### Social-emotional learning

Following the needs of the child, our Child Development Mentors provide opportunities for the child to develop key competencies in self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making. For example, we create a positive and empathetic environment that encourages independence, responsibility and problem-solving. These skills and awarenesses are vital in child development, preparing the child for a happy and successful life.

#### Free Taster

To offer this wonderful opportunity to as many children as possible, upon request of the school, we delivered a free sports taster for every class today. Now we are giving you, the parent/carers, the opportunity for your child to do more. So please ask them how much they enjoyed today, what they learnt and if they would like to do more.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. We look forward to supporting and developing your child.

Best wishes,

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