



# 'BROADCAST

Newsletter 22: March 15th 2024

Dear Parents,

Thank you for booking your appointments for Parents' Evening. We look forward to meeting with you next week. For those parents with online appointments we will make an opportunity for you to share your child's work. This will be after school on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Classroom doors will be open for your child to share their books from 3.20pm-4pm.

Year 6 have had a really successful residential to Viney Hill in the Forest of Dean. They will be returning today with many lasting memories, challenges they have overcome themselves and lots of dirty washing to be done!

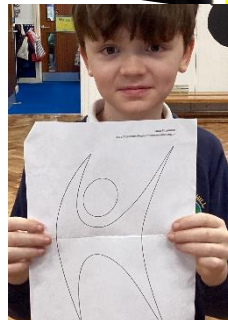
RE Day

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Mrs Richards, our RE lead, invited visitors representing world views such as Humanism, Christianity, Islam and Hinduism.

Mrs Richards lead a special assembly to introduce our visitors. There was then an opportunity for classes to meet our visitors more informally and ask them any questions. You would be really proud of their respect and the questions they asked. We found out that the author, Michael Rosen was a Humanist. We were familiar with his work because of our study of his books during Book Week.

During the afternoon the children were engaged in art activities. They were very impressive when explaining their creations.



amazon wishlist

Thank you!

Amazon Wish list

It means so much to us all that you continue to show your generosity. We feel our resources are really being boosted.

If you feel able to donate anything, you can find the wish lists by following these links:

English Wish list <https://amzn.eu/bnNWVET>

Forest School Wish list <https://amzn.eu/fkxiP5O>



Red Nose Day- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

It was lovely to see your show of support for the charity by coming dressed in uniform that has been accessorised by something red. Thank you for your donations. Hopefully, when your children watch the television tonight, they will be aware of all the good work being done to try and help people that are suffering for many different reasons.



BIGWRITE

Big Write has become an important part of our school timetable. The children have their book to share that shows how their independent work has progressed over time. This week, the children will be selecting one of their pieces that they have written this term. They will be given time to reflect on the content and an opportunity to use their editing skills to make it even better. This might be by improving the vocabulary or the punctuation. It might be by improving the beginning or ending. Maybe, they have acquired new vocabulary that they are able to include. We want to teach them the process an author goes through.





CONGRATULATIONS to our Castle Hill gymnasts who came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 11 other schools in the Gloucestershire KS1 Gymnastics competition!



# egg-cellent!

We have been so impressed by the eggs sent in for our annual Easter Egg Competition! The competitive Guard Dog entries will be very difficult to judge! The eggs will be on display next week and the winners will be announced in our Easter Service next Friday. Here are just a few of the 'eggcellent' entries!



Photos by Alex

#### DATES FOR SPRING TERM

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March- Red Nose Day
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March- FRIENDS Crazy Cake Competition-entries in on Monday-Judged during the school day. Winner receives £10 gift voucher.  
3.15pm-Sale of the cakes in KS1 playground after school  
Profits split between Red Nose Day Charity and School
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March- PAWS in
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March-Year 5 swimmers-bring shorts and T-shirt with swimwear so life skills in water can be practiced.
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March- Parents' Evening- 3.30pm-6pm (face to face)
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March- 4pm-7pm- Parents' Evening (online)
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March- World Downs Syndrome Day is **Rock Your Socks Day**  
So wear different socks to celebrate the fact that we are all different.
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March- 2.30pm Year 5/6 Music Concert- Year 5/6 parents are invited to hear their children perform.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March- Easter Service 1pm (Children only). School finishes at 2pm

**Well done for handing PAWS in on time!**

#### PARKING

We are alarmed by the inconsiderate parking of a minority of our parents when dropping and picking up their children. We understand that your wish is to park in closest proximity to the school, but our children are being put in danger by some of the decisions being made. Please think carefully about our neighbours in the approach road to the school gate. Also the constant reminder that the school car park is for staff only.





## A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

**Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.**

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



**It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.**



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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15th March

# Friends of Castle Hill News

## Mothering Sunday

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MOTHERS DAY GIFT SALES! WE HOPE YOU LIKED YOUR GIFT AND YOUR CHILDREN ENJOYED CHOOSING SOMETHING FOR YOU. THE PAYPAL OPTION PROVED VERY POPULAR BUT PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE THE FRIENDS & FAMILY OPTION IN FUTURE AS OTHERWISE WE HAVE TO PAY A TRANSACTION FEE

A big thank you to everyone who came to our PTA meeting last month. Special thanks and welcome to our new committee members. The minutes are attached, please let us know if you have any questions.

## APPROVED FOR GIFT AID!

Did you know that Friends of Castle Hill is a registered charity?



It is common practice for a PTA to be a registered charity and we have been one since 1996 but none of the previous committees have ever registered for gift aid. Gift aid is a form of tax relief from HMRC and means that for every £1 you donate to us, we can claim 25p on top of that at no extra cost to you! Free money, yay!!

This also means that we have been able to set up a Just Giving page to make donating even easier!

<https://www.justgiving.com/friendsofcastlehill>



**COMIC  
RELIEF**

Today is Red Nose Day but as year 6 are away and we didn't want them to miss out on the fun, we are asking you to get creative this weekend a bake some crazy cakes! Bring your creation in on Monday 18th March and we will judge the best one to win a prize! They will all be for sale after school in the playground with the proceeds split between Comic Relief and The Friends.



## EASTER TRAIL

The deadline to pre order Easter Trails is TODAY! You can send payment to our PayPal account and they will be available to collect from a committee member every day after school next week. If you haven't pre-ordered then we may have a few spare but be quick! It is £2 per map to find bunnies around Abbotswood over the school holidays and includes an Easter treat prize .

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Friends of Castle Hill EGM

Meeting 7pm 23/02/2024

Attendees:

Chaired by:

Co-Chair Kathryn Bell, Co-Chair Lea Stephens, Treasure Helen Kotwica

Attendees:

Alicia Baldwin, Jessica Cousins, Holly Mason, Adrian Hentley, Jo Dean, Kelly Frowen, Liz Baker, Rory Haynes, Shannon Summers, Jess Thomas, Kate Shields and Charlotte Mills

Apologies

Secretary Jennifer Bevan

Recap of last meeting and overview of events Sept – Feb

Financial position, discussion regarding payments for Disco general opinion that they liked the letter option but would rather pay online, action explore options and come up with something for next disco, investigate sibling discount options?

Explanation of constitution and new members needed.

New members voted in this evening.

Jessica Cousins

Charlotte Mills

Holly Mason

Liz Baker

Kelly Frowen

Jess Thomas

Future Events

Year 6 Leavers

Friends to organise a bouncy castle/obstacle event on field date to be agreed Wednesday afternoon was mentioned so teachers can attend as would be in their weekly meeting? No parents. Water pistols, fun, no disco, SEN children to be considered.

Friends to contribute to Leavers books.

Lea/Holly to organise.

Mother's Day – Chocolate cards to be bought in school by child to choose during lunch or break time, £1.50 options for Dad or special someone.

Red Nose Day – Crazy Cakes to be brought in on Monday 18th March as Yr6 on residential previous week prize for the best cake and the cakes to be sold after school, proceeds split between Red Nose Day and Friends.

Easter Trail – Lea/Charlotte to plan an event around the area eggs and letters spell a word 50p Or £1 to get an egg once completed task.

Walk – 18th May 3 peaks of Brockworth (Kathryn & Helen)

PAWS homework to support sponsored event.

May disco to be cancelled as there will be a bigger end of year whole school Summer