



# 'BROADCAST

Newsletter:34 July 12th 2024

Dear Parents,

This is the final newsletter of the year. We are so grateful for all your support over the past year. Thank you for valuing the time and care we give to your children whilst we educate them for their futures. We are excited about the next school year and are confident that Castle Hill will continue to 'Do With Not For'.

Our Governors have worked tirelessly this year to provide the support and governance that our school needs. We would like to thank them on behalf of all the pupils, staff and parents in the Castle Hill community.

Our Friends have also worked incredibly hard to provide fun for all our families whilst raising much needed funds to enhance our pupil's education. We realise that these events take a lot of time, energy and organization. **THANKYOU!**

Molly is a finalist for this year's radio Gloucestershire BBC make a difference award in the bravery section sometimes being brave isn't about being a hero. It's overcoming your difficulties to achieve being normal. Her passion for kickboxing and her love of Brownies, and her years of patching and hospital appointments especially over the pandemic when she was still going in and seeing the docs all in their full PPE. Was difficult. The award isn't till September she getting interviewed in the holidays. And I'll post more during that time.

We are pleased to report our super SATS result for this year.

#### Reading

EXS: 80%

National 74%

GDS: 43%

#### Writing:

EXS: 83%

National: 72%

GDS: 20%

#### Maths

EXS: 87%

National: 73%

GDS: 27%

#### Reading Writing Maths

EXS: 77%

National: 61%

GDS:13%

Thank you

**MOLLY'S A FINALIST!**

make a *difference* awards  
2024

And finally....after 16 amazing years as Head teacher, I am passing the privilege to Mrs Ettrick. I will still be here one day a week to support her in the transition period to ensure Castle continues to be the best it can be.

I am extremely grateful for my time in the role and look forward to continuing to be invested in the future of the school.

I know all your children are excited about moving on. Having met their new teacher they are full of hope, optimism and fun!

## DATES FOR SUMMER TERM

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July- Leavers Party 3.15pm-5pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July- Leavers Assembly 9.15am

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July-Term Finishes 2pm



**Breakfast and School Dinner Debts** - Please ensure your accounts are up-to-date.

### **Holidays in term time**

Please understand that it is not possible for the school to authorise holidays in term time. We appreciate your understanding that it is important that your child is in the classroom on time, everyday, so that they can feel part of the sequence of learning and benefit from the quality of teaching we offer them.



## **Summer Holiday Bikeability Courses**

Bikeability courses give children and young people the skills and confidence to make journeys by bike.

*W/C 5<sup>th</sup> August & W/C 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024*

**Skillzone, Tuffley Lane, Gloucester, GL4 0AS**

*Courses delivered by friendly, experienced and fully qualified Cycling Instructors*

*Small group sizes*

*£5 for a 4 hour course*

*Ages 9 to 13*

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Forthcoming dates for your diary

Key Dates - Autumn Term-2024

more details will be available nearer the time of each individual event

Monday 2nd September- Staff INSET day

Tuesday 3rd September- Term begins Year 1-6 Welcome back

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September- New Reception Pupils start

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September- Meet the Teacher in Year 3 at 2.45pm-3.15pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September- Meet the Teacher in Year 1 at 2.45pm-3.15pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September- Meet the Teacher in Year 4 at 2.45pm-3.15pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September- Meet the Teacher in Year 5 at 2.45pm-3.15pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September-Meet the Teachers in Year 2 at 2.45pm-3.15pm

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September-Grammar School Entrance Exam

Wednesday 18th September-6pm-Year 5/6 Parents- Secondary Transfer Information

Friday 20th September -9.15am- Year 1 parents invited to join the class to find out more about reading. Please come!

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October-9.15am- Year 2 and Year 3 parents invited to join the class to find out more about reading.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Bedtime Story Event for Year 2 and 3 at 5-6pm

Wednesday 9th October-9am Reception Parents Coffee Morning

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October- Harvest Festival-Year 6 parents invited

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October -Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm Face to Face

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October- Year 6 Houses of Parliament

Thursday 17th October Parents' Evening 4pm-6.30pm online

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October-Staff INSET day

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October- Staff INSET day

**Monday 28th October-Friday 1st November-Half Term**

Monday 4th November- School starts

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November- 1.30pm-2.30pm Open afternoon for New Reception 2024

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November- 2.30pm-3.30pm- Work Celebration Event for all existing parents to come and see their child's work.

Friday 13th December - PAWS in

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December-Reception Nativity

Tuesday 17th December-Christmas Dinner and party

Thursday 19th December-Sing a long 1pm-2pm

Thursday 19th December- Term finishes at 2pm

Friday 20th December- staff INSET day

### **Key Dates for Spring Term 2025**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January- School Starts

**Monday 17th February- Friday 21st February- Half Term**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March- Residential Visit Year 6

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April-Parents' Evening- 4pm-6.30pm - Online

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April- Parents' Evening- 3.30pm-6.30pm - Face to Face

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April -PAWS in

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Service 1pm-2pm

**Friday 11th April- Term finishes at 2pm- Easter Holiday**

### **Key Dates for Summer Term 2024**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April- School starts

Monday 5th May-MAY DAY-No School

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May -Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> SATs week KS2

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May- Friday 30th May- Half Term**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June -Sports Day

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June- Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June-FRIENDS 'Circus Event'-Save the date

Friday 4th July- PAWS in

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July- 3.20pm-Year 6 Party

Thursday 17th July-Year 6 Leaver's Assembly and Party

Friday 18th July- Term ends 2pm

Monday 21st July- staff INSET day