

Castle Hill News: 4.10.24



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is nice to finish the week with some sunshine. It has been another busy week and all the classes have been working hard as always! The children really do put a smile on my face every day.

Pupil Ambassadors

Some of our pupils have been diligently working in their role as curriculum ambassadors practising curriculum tours and preparing a whole school assembly on different subjects in our curriculum. We are very impressed by their dedication and commitment.

In assembly on Wednesday, I asked the children for some volunteers to become this year's Castle Hill reading ambassadors. I was delighted with the responses to this request with many children coming forward to take on this responsibility. Their reasons included things like:

"I want to help younger children learn to read."

"I want to run a book club like you ran for me last year."

"I want everyone to see how much fun reading is."

Congratulations

Well done to Freya in Y5 who donated 11 inches of her hair to Little Princess Trust and raised a whopping £570 to help towards making a wig. We are super proud of you.



Football

Yet again, the boys' football team continue to do us proud making it all the way to the semi-finals of their latest tournament. They played 7 matches and only conceded 1 goal which I think is an incredible achievement. They also put several goals in the back of the other teams' nets and finished in a very credible 3rd place. Well done!

Big Write

This week's Big Write title is again based on a picture:



This picture is called '**Mammoth in New York City.**' Some questions to think about:

- Where did the mammoth come from? How is it in NYC (New York City)?
- Are there any more mammoths?
- What is the man doing? Why? What will he do with the picture/video he is taking?
- Why aren't more people looking at the mammoth? Aren't they surprised? Can they see it?
- Is it safe here?
- What do you think will happen next?
- Would you believe someone if they told you they'd seen this?
- How would you make sure that this event is remembered in the future? Would you write it as a recount (of a witness), a newspaper report, or something else?
- How would this event be reported in the news?

[Key dates for next week](#)

Wednesday 9th October 9am Reception Coffee Morning – parents of our wonderful new Reception children are warmly invited to join Mrs. Houlston and Mrs. Warren for coffee and a chat. We look forward to getting to know you better.

Thursday 10th October 9am – Y6 parents are invited to our Harvest Festival Celebration. This will last approximately 45 minutes to an hour. We would love for you to join us if you can.

[Key upcoming dates](#)

Tuesday 15th October Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6.30pm – in- person appointments

Wednesday 16th October Y6 trip to the Houses of Parliament

Thursday 17th October Y5 AIM HIGH writing event at Coopers Edge – by invitation only

Thursday 17th October Parents' Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm – online appointments

[Reminders from Friends of Castle Hill](#)

Friday 11th October "Monster Ball" KS1 4:15-5:15 and KS2 5:30-6:30. Please return your slips or you can pay on the door.

[Save the date!](#)

Pantomime – 30th November

Christmas Wreath Making – 4th December Tickets on sale soon!

[Parents' Evening](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to Parents' Evening on either **Tuesday 15th October** (in-person) or **Thursday 17th October** (online). This is a great opportunity for you to properly meet your child's new teacher and see how they have settled in to their new class.

Please find below the link to sign up for Parents' Evening. The link will go live on Monday 7th October and will close the following Monday (14th October).

<https://castlehillprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

[SENDCO appointments](#)

Please note, parents of children on a My Plan will be offered an appointment with Mrs. Bradford, our new SENDCO, in addition to an appointment with their child's class teacher.

Parents of children on a My Plan+ will be contacted after half term to arrange appointments with Mrs. Bradford.

[Amazon Wishlist links](#)

Thank you for your continued generosity in ordering from our Amazon wishlists. I particularly would like to appeal for any Floppy's Phonics Sounds and Letters books from the English list as our Reception children begin their reading journey.

English

<https://amzn.eu/bnNwVET>

Forest School

<https://amzn.eu/fkxiP5O>

[Polite Reminders](#)

Please do not park on the zigzag lines when dropping off for breakfast club. They are there for reasons of safety and should not be ignored. Staff are arriving at school at this time and it is not safe, or convenient for staff, to drop off in the safety zone. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Ettrick