

# Castle Hill News: 11.10.24



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to see so much parental support at our many school events this week. It has been a very busy one in school with Reception new parents' coffee morning, Bedtime Stories for Y2 and Y3, Harvest Festival and the Halloween Disco! Thank you so much for taking the time to attend these events and to support your children and the home/school partnership. We really do appreciate it.

## Bedtime Stories

Thank you to Mr. Bowers and Mrs. Jones for running this event promoting the importance of a bedtime story. We hope you enjoyed getting cosy with your children and enjoying the magic of snuggling up with a storybook.



## Table tennis

On Tuesday, a small group of Key Stage 2 children went to Oxstalls to represent the school in a table tennis tournament. They all returned with smiles on their faces and, although they didn't win, their behaviour was exemplary and we are very proud of them all.

### First Aid Club

Year 3 have been learning First Aid skills this term and have impressed Mrs. Ward with their listening skills and knowledge of what they have been taught. It is such a valuable life skill and one of our 10 opportunities that we offer to all pupils during their time with us at Castle Hill. Here are some examples of what they have been up to in their First Aid sessions.



### Harvest Festival

Thank you for all your generous donations this week for our Harvest Festival. These items will be donated to our local community this year as we are giving our donations to the Brockworth Food Larder. It was lovely to see so many of our Y6 parents at our Harvest celebration. Well done to all our Y6 pupils who led us through a Harvest assembly with a clear message about fairness and community.

### Football

On Thursday, the boys' team achieved an amazing 5-2 victory over St. Mary's with Theo scoring an incredible 4 goals and Matty getting his first assist. Well done to all the team - I know Mr. Enon and Mrs. Gibbs were both very proud of your conduct as well as your sporting ability. Next week, the girls' team have a match on Tuesday and Mrs. Gibbs will be running a training session for the girls' team on Monday after school from 3.15-4.15.

### [Big Write](#)

This week's Big Write title is: *'What I am thankful for.'*

### [Attendance](#)

This year, new attendance guidance came into place which states that attendance at school is everyone's business. It is vital that children are in school every day and on time.

Mrs. Bradford is our attendance officer. Please see the attendance letter which is published on the website alongside this week's newsletter.

### [Key dates for next week](#)

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6.30pm** - in person appointments

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October Y6 trip** to the Houses of Parliament

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October Y5 AIM HIGH writing event at Coopers Edge** - **by invitation only**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm** - online appointments

### [Key upcoming dates](#)

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** - all year groups Flu immunisations -- please book online

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** - all year groups - end of term (3.10/3.15 pm)

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** - INSET days (no pupils in school)

**Half term** - **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October** - **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

### [Amazon Wishlist links](#)

This week we were very excited to receive some Floppy's Phonics books following our appeal in last week's newsletter. Thank you again for your continued generosity in ordering from our Amazon wishlists.

### [English](#)

<https://amzn.eu/bnNwVET>

### [Forest School](#)

<https://amzn.eu/fkxiP5O>

### [Polite Reminders](#)

Please do not use the staff car park for dropping off or collecting your children.

Many thanks and have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Ettrick