

Castle Hill News: 8.11.24



Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see the children back in school this week. We have another busy term ahead so please keep an eye out for dates of things that are coming up.

Boys' football team

The boys played their first home league match on Thursday against Shurdington Primary and secured an impressive 4-1 win with Theo scoring 2 goals and both Noah and Will scoring 1 goal each. Well done!

Girls' football team



What an absolutely amazing result this week! The girls' football team had their first win this year beating Barnwood Primary 2-0! Well done to every single one of them for their continued resilience and determination. A special mention to Lila and Freya for scoring the goals and to Nyla for keeping a clean sheet. This result is so well deserved and reflects their great team work - we are incredibly proud of them all. The staffroom erupted into cheers as the result came in. A big thank you to Mrs. Gibbs and Mr. Enon for supporting the team and taking them to matches.

Forest School

Thank you for all your amazing Amazon donations. Mrs. Lee is thrilled with her new Forest School trolley.



[Invista – STEM resources](#)

We are very lucky to live in such an amazing community and this week we received £1,000 worth of new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) resources for our children. A huge thank you to Invista for their incredible generosity.



[Art club](#)

We listen to pupil voice!

In our recent School Council manifestos many pupils wanted an after school art club. Creativity is important at Castle Hill and we are excited to announce that we are going to start a Castle Hill Art Club!

We are anticipating that this club will be very popular across the school, so we would first like to get an idea of numbers. We want the pupils that attend to genuinely be passionate about art, design and craft so that they can really benefit from the after school sessions.

Mrs. Ward is hoping to run this club after school on Thursdays.

Please find more information and register interest here <https://forms.gle/ETncg5hNXFxDbnsna8>

by Monday 11th November.

We will collate the responses and email back those interested with further information.

[Key dates for next week](#)

School photos - Monday 11th November – individuals and siblings

Remembrance Day – 11th November – poppies and wristbands are now on sale in school (50p or £1) and we will be holding a special Remembrance themed assembly on Monday which will include observing the 2 minute silence at 11am.

Children in Need - 15th November

It's that time of year again and we are delighted to be supporting Children in Need. Children may come in non-school uniform and we are encouraging them to come in light-coloured clothes and/or yellow/spotty themed clothes. Any donations will be gratefully received on ParentPay – a link will be sent out for donations.

[Key upcoming dates](#)

Open afternoon for prospective Reception parents 2025, Wednesday 20th November – 1.30-2.30pm.

We look forward to welcoming you to our open afternoon for parents whose children start school in September 2025. Due to popular demand, we are offering a second tour of the school on January 7th at 9am.

Work celebration – Wednesday 27th November all classes 2.30pm – 3.15pm – you are warmly invited to drop in to your child's classroom and look at their books and celebrate their work with them. You are welcome any time from 2.30. Please come to the main office entrance.

Music concert 28th November – Y5/6 parents. We look forward to welcoming you to watch your children performing what they have been learning this term. If you cannot make it this time, there will be other opportunities to come along and watch your child play their instrument at the end of the Spring and Summer terms.

[Key dates – December](#)

Save the date!

Friday 13th December – Reception nativity play. This is one of our favourite times of the year. Please come along to watch the magic of your child performing in their first ever school play.

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas dinner and party day (details to follow). Christmas dinner slips will have gone out today. Please return if your child wants a Christmas dinner as then cook can organise the number of meals she needs to cook on the day. Thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Ettrick