

Castle Hill News: 13.12.24



Dear Parents/Carers,

This will be the final newsletter of the term. I would like to thank you for all your support in my first term as Headteacher. It has been a privilege to be in charge of this fabulous school community.

Reception Nativity

Today was a very special one with the performance of the Reception class's Nativity. I think it brought a tear to everyone's eye. The children were absolutely fantastic and performed their parts with confidence and that pure innocence that only 4 and 5 year olds have. We were incredibly proud of them all. A big well done to all the children and to Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Boulter for their hard work.



Multi skills trip Y2

On Thursday, Y2 went to Barnwood Park High School for a multi-skills festival. The children had a great time trying their hand at several different sporting activities such as: bowling, hurdling and ribbon gymnastics. They all behaved beautifully and we are very proud of their determination to have a go.

Y5/Y6 Cadbury World trip

Today, Y5 and Y6 set off to Cadbury World for their end of 'Trading Places' topic trip to learn all about the fair trade of chocolate and about the development of the ancient Mayan civilisation. This was a great way to round off their busy term of learning.

[Goodbye](#)

We are extremely sad to be saying goodbye to the lovely Miss Mahmoud and Mrs. Charlton.

Miss Mahmoud is getting married and moving to Aberdeen to live with her new husband. She has been a calm and reassuring presence in the office and a ray of sunshine in our school day.

Mrs. Charlton is off to pursue new avenues and has a job lined up in another educational setting as well as increasing her counselling hours. She is such a great people person and we know that she will thrive as she embarks on her latest adventures.

We will miss them both very much and thank them for their valuable contributions to Castle Hill.

[Welcome back](#)

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs. Richards from maternity leave. She will be teaching Y3 on a Monday as Mrs. Jones will be teaching 4 days a week from January.

[Big Write](#)

The children will be reflecting on their term's work and thinking about targets for next term. The first title back in the New Year will be 'My Holidays'.

[Key dates for next week](#)

The children have an exciting week ahead next week with Christmas dinner, Christmas parties and a sing-along.

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas dinner and party day (details to follow).

Thursday 19th December – Y5/Y6 ONLY – Christmas jumper day in lieu of Friday 13th December.

Thursday 19th December – term finishes at 2pm.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SOME CAROLS AND MINCE PIES ON THE KS2 PLAYGROUND FROM 2PM. THE FRIENDS WILL BE SELLING THE REMAINDER OF THEIR CHRISTMAS GOODIES.

[Key upcoming dates](#)

Monday 6th January – Term begins for all pupils

Clubs for Spring Term

Monday: 3.15-4.15pm Multi-sports club Y3 (starting 13th January) – external provider (Follow My Lead). Letters to go out week beginning 6th January.

3.15-4.15pm Gymnastics – external provider Severn Valley Gymnastics

3.15-4.15pm – Football club Y1 – Mr. Bowers

Tuesday: 3.15-4.00 pm – Dance club KS1 – Mrs. Hending

4.15 – 5.00pm – Dance club KS2 – Mrs. Hending

Wednesday: Young Voices Y5/Y6 - lunchtime in school – Mrs. Ward

Thursday: 3.15-4.15pm Art club – all year groups – Mrs. Ward

3.15-4.15pm Football club Y4/5/6 - external provider Sport Active

3.15-4.15pm Reception/Y1/Y2 (invitation only) – Miss Smith/Mrs. Warren

Amazon Wishlist links

English <https://amzn.eu/bnNwVET> Forest School <https://amzn.eu/fkxiP5O>

Have a wonderful Christmas and I will see you all in the New Year.

Mrs. Ettrick