

Castle Hill News: 24.01.25



Dear Parents,

This week, we had some of our governors undertake curriculum visits and pupil conferencing. The children impressed our visitors with their knowledge of the curriculum, their beautiful manners and their behavior. We are so proud of them all.

School communication

Good news – we are trying to make communication easier!

Parents have been asking for a text system if we are communicating same day issues for example, club cancellations. We are keen to be able to offer this but, at present, texting does cost the school. In order to be able to text at no cost to the school, we will need all parents to download the Schoolcomms Gateway app. If you have this downloaded to your phone, you will be notified when new emails and texts arrive which are related to school.

Please download The Schoolcomms Gateway app. This is a free app. The app is available for Android and iPhone devices.

How to download the app:

1. Download the app from the App Store or Google Play
2. Select Sign Up
3. Enter the email address and phone number that your school has on record
4. Select Send PIN
5. Enter the PIN that you receive in a text message
6. Log in and start using the app

Football

On Thursday, the girls' team participated in a tournament and played with their usual passion and commitment earning themselves some good draws. Mr. Enon said that the girls enjoyed themselves enormously.

The boys' team played a home match beating Barnwood 2-0. Well done to Oscar and Theo who scored the goals and to Fin for being voted player of the match. I watched some of the first half from the edge of the car park and was so impressed!

FRIENDS

Our wonderful FRIENDS of Castle Hill Primary School are recruiting. They are a fabulous group of parents who work hard for our children by putting on amazing events and raising money for the school.

Today, you will find a leaflet from the FRIENDS in your child's book bag, so please look out for that.

Club collection

We are very pleased to be able to offer more clubs this term. However, this does mean many more children are now being collected at roughly the same time, particularly on Mondays and Thursdays.

In order to ensure safe collection of your children, please wait for your children on the pedestrianised part of the car park/school entrance and not the car park itself. Thank you.

Big Write

Lunch Break.



What are these men doing?
Why are they having lunch on the girder?
Are they worried that they might fall?
How did they get the food up here?
Why is Superman sitting with them?
What do you think they're talking about?

[Look Who's Talking – Oracy Competition](#)

The winners from the class heats competed in the whole school heats this week. We are delighted to announce that the winner of the LKS2 heat was Albert from Year 4 and the winner of the UKS2 heat was Colby from Year 5. These two children go through to the GSP (Gloucester Schools' Partnership) heats. These heats will be held at Elmbridge Primary for Albert on Monday 3rd February and Tuesday 4th February at Dinglewell Junior School for Colby.

A huge congratulations to you both – well done!

[Key dates for next week](#)

Thursday 30th January – Y4/5/6- Young Voices. It's finally here!

[Key upcoming dates](#)

Tuesday 4th February – SEND coffee morning – 9am – 10am - all welcome (more details to follow)

Wednesday 12th February – Y3/4 Gymnastics competition (details tbc)

[Amazon Wishlist links](#)

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

[Polite reminders](#)

Please be considerate to our school community.

Parking: I have had reports from parents and governors about people continuing to park dangerously on the yellow safety lines including the entrance to the car park. They are there for a reason, so please observe them.

Vaping: Please do not vape when queuing to get in the playground in the mornings as this is upsetting some of our KS1 parents who are waiting with their children.

Many thanks.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Ettrick