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Words matter. Why?

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe that we have reached the end of the academic year. The children have worked so hard and grown so much and are definitely in need of a rest! Thank you all for your support over the year. It means such a lot that we can work together for the best for our children. I am very privileged to belong to such a wonderful school community.

[Summer Savings for families](#)

Please see the below message from the Department of Education:

‘From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.’

[Football tournament](#)

On Saturday 4th July, some of our younger Castle Hill pupils were invited to play in a mini tournament. This was the first time they had ever played a game as a team, and all we can say is, we were so impressed by how well they played together. They all had a great time, all getting fully involved, playing well together and supporting each other. They made it all the way to the final, where they won a thrilling 4-3 match, with Joe scoring 2 goals in his first ever tournament. We were all very proud of how they represented themselves and their school. Thank you to Mr Bowers for coaching the team and for organising the event for them. Well done boys!



House Team Day – Tuesday 14th July

The children enjoyed House Team Day on Tuesday and demonstrated great pride in their teams.

Congratulations to the Yellow team who are this year's overall winners.

FRIENDS

A HUGE thank you to our FRIENDS of Castle Hill who have worked tirelessly to raise an amazing amount of money – almost £25,000 pounds! Absolutely incredible.

Goodbyes

I just wanted to close by saying goodbye to our Year 6s and wish them the very best of luck for their secondary school journey and for the future. We hope that they will come back and visit us.

Also, we are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs. Dancey and Mrs. Howes who are leaving us today after many years of being at Castle Hill. We wish you both all the very best for the future.

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September. Take care.

Mrs. Ettrick