



Castle Hills Academy Newsletter

March 2024

Happy Easter To All!

It has been another busy term at Castle Hills Primary Academy full of lots of fun but also hard work and dedication by our pupils. Pupils and staff have worked hard in conjunction with the South Yorkshire SUDS team to install efficient drainage systems which feed into our wonderful new planters which children enjoyed populating with a wide variety of plants.

As always, our children have outdone themselves with their decorated Easter eggs and bonnets.

Year 1 and 2 enjoyed a fantastic day out learning about science at Magna whilst Year 6 visited Crucial Crew to learn about all things safety as they gain independence ready for secondary school. Mrs Sneath organised another successful Active Breakfast for families, with all drinks served in reusable containers in our push to become a more sustainable school.

We would like to wish everyone a restful, relaxing, and enjoyable Easter.

Mr Harris, Head of School



KEY DATES:

April

- Monday 15th – Year 5 swimming starts.
- Tuesday 16th - Boggledybooks book fair.
- Monday 22nd – Year 5 pedestrian training.

May

- Thursday 2nd – Polling station in the hall.
- Friday 3rd – Connect coffee morning.
- Monday 6th – Bank holiday.
- Monday 13th – Year 6 SATS week starts.
- Monday 13th – Sam's Safari- Nursery and F2T.
- Monday 20th – Year 1 Safe Touch talk.
- Friday 24th – Sunday 26th – Robinwood residential.
- Friday 24th – Break up for half term.



#TEAMCASTLEHILLS

On Wednesday 20th March, a troupe of dancers involving children from both Key Stage 1 and 2, attended the Campsmount Come Dancing competition along with 12 other teams. After rehearsing hard under the direction of Miss Atkinson, Miss Snaith, Miss Marshall and Mrs Price, both groups put on an outstanding performance which everyone involved should be proud of. The Key Stage 2 dancers finished a fantastic 2nd place and Declan Marshall in Key Stage 1 was given the judges choice award! Well done to all!



Uniform Expectations: We will continue to uphold expectations for school uniform, including: dark grey or black trousers or skirt, white shirt or polo shirt, royal blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan, white, grey or black ankle/knee length socks, grey or black tights and practical black shoes (not trainers). PE Kit should include: white T shirt & shorts or plain, dark tracksuit bottoms in the colder months. All pupils must come to school in their PE kit on their allocated day. Correct uniform must be worn at all times during the day. Uniform must also be worn for educational visits unless otherwise stated. All items of uniform must be clearly marked with the pupil's name.



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OTHER NEWS:

Attendance: Pupils with higher attendance at school achieve better qualifications. We will be working closely with families over the next term to improve attendance rates.

Attendance Ladder		
0 days	100%	Perfect
4 days	98%	Impressive
7 days	96%	Good
9 days	95%	Nearly There
11 days	94%	Needs to Improve
20 days	90%	Concerns
30 days	85%	Serious Concerns

Class	Attendance
F2T	94.6
F2/1C	94.6
1/2A	95.7
1/2S	94.5
3M	95.5
3/4Mc	96.0
4/5E	93.7
5N	96.2
6T	92.8



Governing Body: Our school is brilliantly supported by our team of Governors made up of parents, staff and members of the local community. Our parent roles are filled but we are seeking to fill a vacant community member with somebody who has expertise in finance. If you know of anybody that may be suitable, please ask them to contact the school for more details.

ASPIRE

In the Spring Term, CHPA are offering a wide variety of extra-curricular activities for all interests including outdoor adventures, art, football, coding, Lego, cheerleading, karaoke and multi-sports. The full timetable can be found at:

<https://www.castlehillsacademy.com/page/?title=Letters+Home&pid=22>

Places are sure to fill up fast with clubs often having a waiting list so sign up today!

TEACHING & LEARNING

During the first half of the summer term, our literary focus is Beyond Belief. Below are the class novels that we will be studying:

- F2/1C – Alice in Wonderland on **Lewis Carroll**
- Y1/2 - The BFG **by Roald Dahl**
- 3M, 3/4Mc and 4/5E – Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone **by J. K. Rowling**
- Y5/6 – The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe **by C.S. Lewis**

