



Castle Hills Academy Newsletter

October 2024

As the first half term of the school calendar draws to a close, we can look back at what has been a fantastic start to the year. The children of Castle Hills Primary Academy have settled back into their learning with the same motivation, resilience and smiles on their face that we would expect from our wonderful pupils. It has been a busy eight weeks with pupils taking part in Pedestrian Training, Harvest Festivals and a variety of sporting events. As always, our pupils made us proud when they represented the academy at each event.

We look forward to the second half of the term being just as busy with our Christmas productions and visits taking place.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderfully spooky half term!

Mr Harris, Head of School



KEY DATES:



November

- 4th – Return to school
- 5th – Y3 and Y4 visit Eureka
- 8th – Connect Coffee Morning @9am
- 12th – F2-Y6 Flu Programme Catch Up
- 26th – Y5 and Y6 Ancient Greece Workshop
- 27th – Big Talk Education

December

- 4th – Y1 and Y2 visit Tropical Butterfly House
- 6th – Nursery visit Boston Park Farm
- 6th – Connect Coffee morning @9am
- 10th – Nursery Christmas Production @9.30am
- 10th – 1/2A and 2S Christmas Production @2pm
- 11th – Whole school craft day with Father David
- 11th – F2 visit Boston Park Farm
- 12th – F2 and 1P Christmas Production @2.15pm
- 13th – KS2 Carol Concert at St Leonards @1.45pm
- 16th – Lower School Christmas Disco
- 17th – Whole school pantomime
- 18th – Upper School Christmas Disco
- 20th – Christmas Jumper Day and end of term

#TEAMCASTLEHILLS

We are very proud of our year 4 pupil Seth. He wrote to King Charles to inform him of the break in and vandalism at Castle Hills' Forest School. In a well-worded letter, the King was informed how we could use the service of the Royal Guard to stand outside and protect it. Below is Seth with the letter he received in return from the King himself. Well done Seth!



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.



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	92.6
1P	93.8
1/2A	95.7
2S	95
3Mc	97.2
3/4E	97.0
4/5M	96.0
5/6N	93.9
6T	96.6



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

On a very blustery Wednesday 23rd October, the Year 5 and 6 boy's and girl's football teams attended Campsmount Academy to take part in an inter-school tournament. The competition was fierce between schools and both teams did us proud and represented Castle Hills brilliantly. Moment of the day went to both keepers, William and Imogen, who delivered some fantastic saves. Players of the tournament for CHPA were Luca Marshall for his effort and determination and Elise Donaldson for her 2 fantastic goals. Congratulations to Barnburgh boys and Spa Academy girls who were the eventual winners!

TEACHING & LEARNING

During the second half of the autumn term, our class literacy focus is related to our history and geography topics. Below are the class books that we will be studying:

- 1P – **Vlad and the Great Fire of London** by Kate Cunningham
- 1/2A and 1/2S – **Charlie and the Great Fire of London** by Daniele Bourdais
- 3Mc and Y3/4E – **To The Edge Of The World** by Julia Green
- 4/5M – **Sky Chasers** by Emma Carroll
- 5/6N and 6T – **The Explorer** by Katherine Rundell

