



Castle Hills Academy Newsletter

December 2024

As another year nears its end, we can look back on what has been another fantastic 12 months at Castle Hills and a very busy Christmas period. At the start of the term, we welcomed Ofsted and the children at CHPA made us all very proud!

For four weeks, two brilliant medical students from Sheffield University delivered an engaging program of lessons across the school. Our children enjoyed a range of visits to Eureka Science Museum, Boston Park farm and the Tropical Butterfly House, as well as visitors to provide workshops on the Ancient Greeks.

A total of four different Christmas productions have been performed, all showcasing the many talents of the children at CHPA.

All the staff at Castle Hills would like to thank you for your unwavering support and we wish you a relaxing and merry Christmas.

Mr Harris, Head of School



KEY DATES:



January

- Monday 6th – School reopens
- Friday 10th - Young Voices Concert
- Friday 10th - Connect coffee morning
- Tuesday 14th - Boggledybook Book Fair
- Wednesday 15th - Riot Act presentation of 'Muffin, don't get squashed' for Year 1 and 2
- Thursday 16th - Class 3C parent progress meetings

February

- Monday 3rd - School nurse speaking to Year 5 - Puberty
- Thursday 6th - Years 5 and 6 Police Safety Talk
- Friday 7th - Connect coffee morning
- Friday 14th - Pre loved uniform and food support

#TEAMCASTLEHILLS

On Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th November, Castle Hills welcomed Ofsted into the school. The outstanding teamwork and dedication by staff was clear to see and every pupil in the school showcased both their learning and wonderful, polite attitudes to the lead inspector who stated, 'The behaviour of pupils is exemplary!'

We are extremely proud of the children who are in our care each day and the full report describes just how wonderful they all are.



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.



Trust Values Award - Ambition

Each half term, a pupil and staff member are nominated to receive an award based on one of the 4 Leger Trust Values – Pride, Ambition, Integrity and Responsibility. This half term, the staff award goes to our wonderful reception teacher Miss Trigger, whose caring nature enables all of her pupils to reach their full potential.

The pupil award goes to Imogen Harmer. Imogen is a model pupil who always gives 100% to everything she does. Imogen always strives for the best and participates in many activities outside of school including playing football for Scawthorpe Scorpions, singing, dancing and acting. She performed a beautiful solo in front of over 200 parents at the KS2 carol concert and we are extremely proud of all that she achieves. Well done Imogen!



Governing Body: Our school is brilliantly supported by our team of Governors made up of parents, staff and members of the local community. We are seeking to fill a vacant community member with somebody who has expertise in finance and a parent vacancy. 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 multi-sports (2 sessions), computing, indoor cricket, art, languages and homework support.

The full timetable can be found at:

<https://www.castlehillacademy.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 spring term, our literary focus is Science. Below are the class novels that we will be studying:

- 1P – Listen, How Evelyn Glennie A Deaf Girl Changed Percussion by Shannon Stocker
- Y1/2 – Iggy Peck, Architect by Andre Beaty
- 3C and 3/4E – Lightning Mary by Anthea Simmons
- 4/5M – Armstrong: The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon by Torben Kuhlmann
- 5/6N – Survival in Space by Stefano Tambellini
- 6T – Darwin’s dragons by Lindsay Galvin

