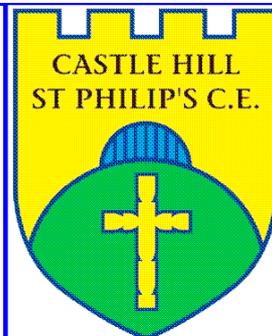


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September 2018 Newsletter



We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all pupils in Years 1 to 6 and a special welcome to all children new to our school, particularly those in our reception class. As always, we aim to build open, positive and strong relationships between home and school. If parents/carers have any questions please do not hesitate at any time to approach either the class teachers, the office staff or senior leaders.

We would also like to welcome two new teachers to school Mr Ahmed in Year 1 and Mr Durham in Year 5. We hope they soon feel part of our Castle Hill St. Philip's family.

REFURBISHMENT UPDATE

Over the summer holidays our school hall had a makeover—we had a new floor, new windows, new LED lighting, new benches as well as a coat of paint and we will soon have a new projector and screen. We also had new floors in Year 2 and Year 4 and school looks bright and clean ready for the term ahead. We are also excited about our new running track which we will soon be using to run a mile a day!

ACCELERATED READING PROGRAMME

Following the highly successful use of this system last year with our Year 5 and Year 6 children we will be rolling out the programme to our children in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 in addition to Year 5 and Year 6. More information to follow soon.

THE READING BUS

As part of our drive to improve reading throughout school and to motivate children to read at home, we have booked a special visit from 'The Reading Bus'. This initiative promoted by The Book People, involves a bus visiting school on Wednesday 26th September where children can browse all the latest children's books at discount prices. Should you wish your child to purchase a book average prices are £5.00.

E-VOUCHERS

Children entitled to Pupil Premium Funding (those eligible for free school meals) have been issued with their annual £50 e-voucher which can be spent on school educational visits or experiences. Please be aware that any arrears or outstanding money will be taken out by school prior to issuing of the e-vouchers. If you think your child should be eligible and you don't receive a voucher or if your circumstances have changed please speak to Mrs McHugh in the office.

PLANNERS

Your child will be issued with their new 2018/19 school planner this week. Please ensure you complete the Home-School Agreement, Consent Form and Parent/Guardian Guide to the Internet at the front of the planner as soon as possible.

CHRISTIAN VALUES

As a Church of England primary school we aim to develop and promote a range of Christian values in our children. Our Christian value this half term is 'perseverance'. Your child will be learning about what perseverance is and how to develop their own perseverance during assemblies and in Personal, Social and Emotional lessons this half term. Please encourage your child to discuss perseverance—or not giving up—at home and listen as they explain their learning.

DIARY DATES

Monday 10th September	3.30 pm	Y6 Anderton Centre Y4 Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 11th July	3.30 pm	Y1 Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 12th July	3.30 pm	Y2 Meet the Teacher
Thursday 13th July	3.30 pm	Y2 Meet the Teacher
Monday 17th September	3.30 pm	Year 2 Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 19th September	3.30 pm	Y6 Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 26th September	2.45 pm	Y6 Class Assembly
Sunday 30th September	10.00 am	Confirmation Service at St John's Church, Hindley Green
Thursday 4th and Friday 5th October		Y5 London Residential Visit
Friday 5th October	9.30 am	Y4 Class Assembly—Harvest Service at All Saints Church
Tuesday 16th October		Individual Photos
Wednesday 17th October	2.45 pm	Y5 Class Assembly
Friday 19th October	3.20 pm	Break up for half term
Monday 29th October	8.55 am	School re-opens

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance target is 96%. We expect children to be in school, on time every day unless they are too poorly to attend. Please support your child in their learning by ensuring they attend school as frequently as possible. When a child's attendance drops below 95% parents/carers will be issued with a letter of concern or invited into school to discuss attendance.

Children with 100% attendance each term are rewarded to acknowledge their excellent attendance across the term. Our next reward will be just before Christmas.

ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE

Each month we will share a safety tip from Greater Manchester Police regarding keeping your children safe online.

SAFETY TIP 1 - ask your child to show you their favourite things to do online and show an interest in what they do. Talk to your child about the sites they visit, the friends they have, how they communicate with these friends and the information they share.

