



## Newsletter

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### Living Streets Travel Tracker

I am sure you will have noticed the new banner on display at the front of school. Following a special whole school assembly at the beginning of this week, the children will have brought home a letter about the Living Streets 'Walk Once a Week' (or WOW) initiative. They have also been given the first badge in the series to hopefully inspire them to consider taking up the challenge!

The project is funded by the Department for Transport and aims to teach children about the benefits of leading a more active lifestyle and to encourage families to walk to school. And as October is international walk to school month, what better time to launch the project!

**If children are able to walk (or park and stride, hop off or cycle) to school at least once per week, they will receive a new badge every month!**

There is a theme of 'Walk the Americas' this year, complete with games and resources on both the website and an associated app for tablets and phones. See the following website for more details:

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/>

As part of the project launch, we undertook a travel survey across school. Here are the results:

Mode of transport most commonly used	Percentage of children
Walk	36%
Cycle	2%
Scooter	1%
Park and stride	6%
Hop off	0.5%
Bus	10%
Rail	0%
Car	44%
other	0.5%

### House Captains

We have four houses at Castle Hill: Langfield, Stoodley, Erringden and Ewood. Children are awarded house points throughout the year for hard work, excellent standards of behaviour and achievement across the curriculum. House captains are responsible for motivating and inspiring others, collecting house points on a weekly basis and of course, captaining their team on sports day in the summer term. The elections for house captains are almost finished. We will let you know who has been elected for 2017/2018 as soon as possible.

### Contact Forms

Further copies of outstanding contact forms have been sent out to individual children this week. Please complete and return these to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

### SPOT-tober

On Wednesday 25th October we are asking children to come to school dressed in spots. This is a new fundraiser to raise awareness and money for the RNIB. We ask for a donation of £1 which will go to fund lots of talking books and other resources for children with blindness. There will be lots of activities, guest speakers and visitor from both the visual impaired team and Todmorden Blind Society.

### Charity Appeal

Carol (one of our cleaners) is raising money for treatment for a 22-year-old relative with a rare form of cancer. Any donations will be received with thanks and can be handed in to staff in the school office. Carol will also be shaving her head in aid of this cause and we all wish her good luck! Many thanks.

### Bank Details

Yorkshire Bank  
Name: Castle Hill Current Account  
Sort Code: 05-09-59  
Account Number: 39338997

### Year 6 Residential Deposit

Last week a letter went out regarding the Year 6 residential trip to the Anderton Centre on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018. In order to secure a place for your child, we require a **deposit of £50 by the 10<sup>th</sup> November**. Many thanks.

### Diary Dates this half term

Date:	Event:
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	IEP Day (1)
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents' Evening
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	IEP Day (2)
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent's' Evening
Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 5/6 sports hall athletics
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Break for Half Term

### Key Stage 1 Christmas

#### Performance

Key Stage 1 will be putting on a performance at the Hippodrome in December as part of their Christmas celebrations. The date is yet to be confirmed but we will of course be selling tickets and hope that you will be able to attend.

### Class Assemblies - Autumn

**Please note:** 1/2S will not be doing a class assembly this term as previously advertised. This is because they are involved in a Christmas production.

Date:	Class:
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> October	5/6G
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	3/4H

### Attendance

The best attending classes this week were:

In KS1: 1/2S with 99%.

In KS2: 3/4H with 100%.

### Twitter - please sign up!

You can find us @Castlehill100

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