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Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is the last newsletter of 2017!

End of term

Please note that we break up for the Christmas holidays at 3:30pm on Friday 22nd December.

Children and staff return to school on Monday 8th January for the start of the Spring term

Adverse weather

conditions: arrangements

Winter has very much arrived in the past couple of weeks! Last week I sent a letter out detailing what to do if we experience a particularly heavy snowfall or hazardous conditions on with snow and ice on the roads. Below is a reminder:

* If school is to be closed, a message will be posted on the school's and Calderdale's websites, we will also send a text.

* If school is open but the playground is deemed unsafe, we may ask parents and children not to arrive at school until 8:50am

* If school is open but the paths onto the playground are not safe to use, staff will be on hand to direct you and we will you the front main entrance.

* If you live somewhere where access can be difficult in adverse weather conditions and are unable to get to school safely, please contact the school office.

Our Woodland Area

At Castle Hill we are very lucky to have our woodland area where the children can learn and play in the outdoors whilst safely supervised. Our Forest Schools coordinator, Kerry Gough, regularly takes Nursery and Reception children into the area to learn bush crafts, climb trees and work with ropes and shelters. In the near future, Kerry will be taking groups from across the school for more Forest School sessions.

The safety and wellbeing of our children is always our priority and risk assessment is a big part of Forest Schools. Appropriate supervision when using our outdoor areas is essential. We understand that the children are keen and enjoy using the equipment and going in the woodland areas.

Celebration Assemblies

Next Term Celebration assemblies will be held on Tuesday mornings at 9:10am. Dates will be confirmed in the new year.

Internet in school

We currently still have limited access to the internet in school. If you need to make contact with us, please do so via telephone or in person to the office. We hope to resolve this problem in the near future. Thank you.

Car Park

Just a reminder that the car park is for school staff only. Please do not park your car as it is private property. Should there be an accident you may not be insured. Children walk across the car park to the buses and we have after school clubs until 4:30pm. With these very dark nights it is imperative that I keep the children and staff safe.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert (Tuesday 19th Dec)

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

Doors for the performance will open at 1:15pm for the performance to begin at 1:30pm. We anticipate the performance will last 45 minutes.

Please make sure you have informed your child's class teacher either on the form or in person prior to the performance if you are intending to take them home with you following the performance. If not, the children will walk back to school with staff and may be collected at normal hometime.

If you have not yet bought tickets or returned the permission slips, please note that the deadline for doing so is Monday morning.

We will not be selling any further tickets after Monday morning.

Swimming - Spring Term

Year 5 children will be swimming starting on Tuesday 9th January. A letter has already gone out. Please return your permission slips as soon as possible.

Important dates this term

Date	Event
Mon 18 th Dec	Nursery Christmas Performance
Tue 19 th Dec	KS1 and Reception Nativity - Hippodrome
Wed 20 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 22 nd Dec	School Closes for Christmas

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Christmas Fair

A huge 'thankyou' to all of the parents, pupils and staff who helped out with this year's Christmas Fair.

The children all worked very hard in classes to produce food and crafts to sell as part of an enterprise project - I look forward to announcing the results and profits gained from this project sometime next week!

Thank you also to Santa who made a special visit to the school in the afternoon and visited all classes. Many thanks to Hoyles for providing this year's presents. Santa was accompanied by some very fine elves who did their duties very well indeed!

Get Your Glitter on

On Wednesday 20th December it's 'Get Your Glitter on Day'. Come to school dressed in your Christmas jumpers, hats, glases or something that sparkles or glitters. We are asking for donations of £1 to support a charity which is very close to my heart, Meningitis Now.

Attendance

The best attending classes this week were:

In KS1: 1/2S with 98.6%.

In KS2: 4/5C with 96.8%.

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You can find us @Castlehill100

*We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year,
From all the staff at Castle Hill School.*

Mrs. Janet Leggett, Headteacher