



Coming up at Castle Hill

Week 14 - w/b 10.12.18

Swimming Sessions

Year 3 will be going swimming on Tuesday 18th December as normal so please ensure they have their kit. It will be FUN SWIM this week where they take over the whole pool!

Year 4's first swimming session will be **Tuesday 8th January**. A letter was sent out this week and is also available on our website.

Tax Free Childcare

Castle Hill Primary has now signed up for Tax Free Childcare. For every £8.00 a parent pays into their childcare account, the Government add an extra £2.00 to their account for parents to use to pay for childcare. To find out more go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Clubs next week

There is no Chess club on Monday, but Choir is running on Thursday as usual 3.30pm - 4.30pm.



Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner is on Wednesday 19th December and the cost is £2 for Nursery children and years 3,4,5 and 6 (Reception and KS1 lunches are free because of universal infant school meals). Please wear your Christmas jumpers or something festive to this event. We are asking for a donation of £1 which will be given to the charity Independent Living based in Todmorden. Our past pupil Lucy Atherton, who sadly passed away this Summer, supported this charity and we would like to do this in her name.



Admission to Reception 2019

ATTENTION ALL NURSERY PARENTS

Applications for Reception are all completed online and the portal opened on **Friday 19th November** at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions. It is important that you complete the online application as soon as possible, the deadline is **15th JANUARY 2019**. If you don't complete this application on time your child may not be allocated your first choice primary school.

School Comms

From 7th January 2019, we are very excited to be introducing School Gateway to Castle Hill Primary School, a parent engagement app that will allow you to pay and communicate with the school. It is important that we hold accurate contact details for our parents in order for you to access the system.

School Gateway is an App that parents will be able to use to: Pay for Dinner Money, Wrap Around Care Fees, Nursery Sessions and Trips.

It is hoped, in time to be able to book Wrap Around Care Sessions on the App too.

From 7th January 2019 we cannot accept any more direct payments into the bank and all payments must be made via the School Gateway App, or website.

You will need to download 'School Gateway' from the App Store, which is a free app. Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information we hold in school. Please ensure that we have the most up to date email and telephone numbers.

If you have any questions or would like some more information, please visit the School Gateway site here: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>. If you prefer to use an online version then you can also manage your payments online.

School Milk

From January we will be changing the way we deliver school milk to our children. Free milk will still be provided in Nursery and Reception for the under 5's. For any over 5's where parents have opted to pay for the school milk via Cool Milk for Schools a refund will be issued by them for any overpayment from January 2019. All children will be able to choose milk as a free option at lunchtime.



Have a brilliant Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you all on Monday 7th January at 8.50am.

