



# CASTLE HILL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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## News from Reception Class!

Reception class have been enjoying dancing with Mr Boylan. The children have been using their imagination to dress up in pirate clothes, pulling on their trousers, putting on their t-shirts, pulling on their hat, throwing their treasure sack over their shoulders and finally digging for treasure.

They have been learning a series of movements using curved and pointy shapes to represent both a jellyfish and a starfish and used different shapes and movements to create their jellyfish and starfish dance. The children then talked about how both a parrot and ship travel either in a curved or straight line and then used their bodies to represent these shapes.



Following on from our class story 'Bedtime for Monsters', Reception went on a journey around Todmorden. We looked at recognising familiar places and logos. We particularly liked looking at all the stalls in the Market.

When we returned to school we drew and labelled pictures of what we saw. We then made maps of our own journeys to school and labelled landmarks we pass on the way.



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## 5/6 M visit Jodrell Bank

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, Class 5/6 M had a fantastic trip to Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre as part of their Space topic. They had guided tours of the exhibition spaces and then two hands-on workshops. In the first, they completed a series of exciting experiments, including one that had them identifying a real meteorite! In the second, they learnt more about the current Curiosity mission on Mars. The children worked as teams to construct a device to land a fragile cargo (an egg)! They were even lucky enough to see the Lovell telescope move on its huge base - a pretty eerie sight!



## Road Safety

This week the Active transport team came to visit Year 1 and 2 to talk to us about Road safety. Year 1 tested out car seats, learnt about where they should sit in the car and uncovered the importance of them. Year 2 learnt about the green cross code. They know to STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK! They made hi-vis items to wear whilst out as it gets dark.



## Year 1 Multi-Skills



Our Year 1 children have had a very active start to the new year, competing against the other children in Todmorden. The children attended a Multi skills competition last week at Todmorden Sports Centre. The children were brilliantly behaved and showed real sportsmanship throughout.

Thanks to the year 6 Scientists, who also attended. They carried out 'before and after' recordings for pulse and breathing rates as part of their health topic.





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## Visit to Todmorden High School!



Some of our older children have been out and about this week. Four year 5 children visited Parkinson Lane school in Halifax to work with author Jon Mayhew. They had a fabulous time and were treated to a lovely buffet lunch too! Other UKS2 children visited Todmorden High school to carry out some science experiments in the laboratory. They had great fun using a Bunsen burner and they carried out all the necessary safety checks! As ever they were a credit to Castle Hill in terms of behaviour and attitude.

## Cross Country



I am very proud to say that a number of our children got through to the Cross country county finals. It was a chilly day when the children set off to Halifax, to run around Crossley Heath's moor. Sameeha, Seth, Ruby, Jasmine and Jessica all took part in this running event. Year 3 and 4 ran 952m whereas year 5 and 6 ran 1252m around the moor. The top five qualified to the next round and top three got a medal and also qualified. The children placed: Ruby: 7th Sameeha: 12th Seth: 41st Jasmine: 23rd Jessica: 24th. They all did exceptionally well!



Valentine's Disco.  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February (More  
details to Follow)

Just a reminder of the Calderdale School Closure website in the event of Castle Hill being closed:  
<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/emergency-closures>



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## Dates for your Diary

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	1.30pm Reception Mini Olympics: Todmorden Sports Centre
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	4/5C to Liverpool World Museum
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentine's Disco
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	KS1 Mexican Fiesta
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30pm Break for Half term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to school
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Opera lessons start for 4/5C
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	1.30pm Open Afternoon for Parents
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	PM KS2 Swimming Gala
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Fire Safety Talk
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> March - Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 - Trip to Halifax Proms, Victoria Theatre
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Class Photographs
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	High 5 Netball Tournament: Todmorden High School
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 & 3 Transition project - Norse Myths by Arty Physical
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30pm Break for Easter
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	INSET DAY 3 Polling Day: School Closed
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	INSET DAY 4: School Closed
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Trip to Manchester Airport
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Art Exhibition at Platform One
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Kwik Cricket Competition - TCC
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Residential
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	3.30pm Break for Half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Back to school
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	U11s Football - Walsden playing field
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm Open Afternoon for parents
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00am -1.00pm PFA Summer Fair
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 4 visiting Todmorden High School
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for Summer Holidays