

Caythorpe Chronicle

The weekly news from Caythorpe Primary School

Friday 8th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a wonderful break and are ready for the busy and exciting year ahead! We are delighted to say that the children have come back to school extremely calmly, refreshed and ready to learn. They have settled back into routine very quickly and they all look extremely smart in their school uniform. Please ensure that all items of clothing and personal belongings are clearly labelled so that they can be returned easily, should they get lost.

It was great to see a range of people from the community at our Academy Consultation Meetings this week. If you have any further questions or you were unable to attend and have some queries then please don't hesitate to contact the governors via email caythorpegovernor@gmail.com or the school office.

We continue to have an open door policy and believe that communication is key to success, so please come and see myself or any other staff members if you have any questions or concerns about your child's welfare or education.

I am really looking forward to sharing lots of exciting adventures with you all over the coming year.

Kind regards

Katie Brockington

StarLincs Planetarium

We are all looking forward to our visit from StarLincs Planetarium on Monday. It will be great to experience the night sky and find out about the solar system in the comfort of our own school hall! Please remember that there will be no hot school meals on Monday. All children will be having a packed lunch in their classroom. Those children who are entitled to free school meals or who have ordered a meal will be provided with a packed lunch.



The School Day

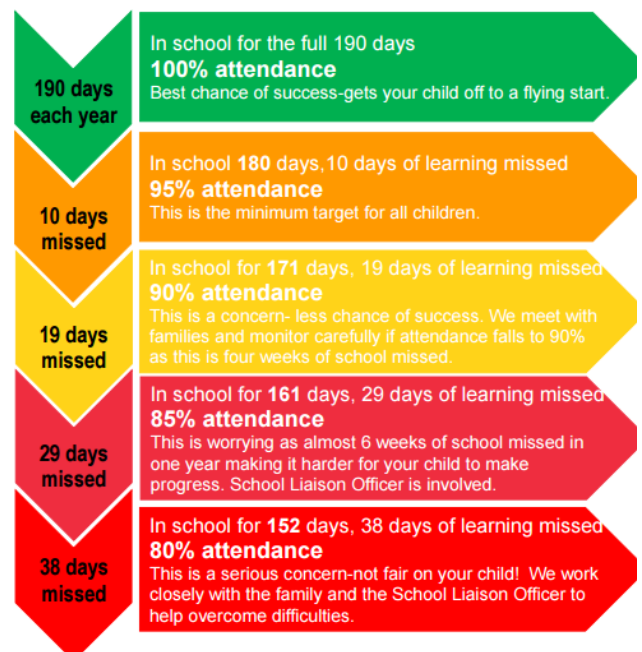
8:45am	School gates open
8:50am	Children line up & go in
8:55am	Registration
9:00am	Morning lessons begin.
9:00am	Gates are locked
10:20am - 10:35am	Morning Break
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch Break
1pm	Registration
1:05pm	Afternoon lessons begin.
2:00pm - 2:10pm	Afternoon Break
3:00pm	Assembly
3:30pm	R/Y1/Y2 home time.
3:35pm	Y3 - Y6 home time.

Attendance

Good attendance in school is vital for your child's learning and development. Following statutory guidelines, absences cannot be authorised during term time and may only be granted in the most exceptional circumstances.

95% attendance is the minimum target for all children. Every day counts!

The chart below shows the impact of missed days on children's learning.



Classes 2017 - 2018

Class Name & Year Group	Enchanted Forest Reception & Y1	Narnia Y1 & Y2	Emerald City Y3 & Y4	Narnia Y4 & Y5	Hogwarts Y6
Staff Members	Miss Turner Mrs Dewey	Mrs Hiley Miss O'Rourke Mrs Locke	Mrs Hunt Miss Binns	Mrs Cooke Mrs Laing	Mr O'Mahoney Mrs Palmer
School Council Representatives	Jessica Mountain Alex Weaver	Daisy Dixon Charlie Woodward	Molly Fitzgerald Isaac Carson	Felicity Pearce Alfie Locke	Chloe Palmer Thomas Buckley
Y1 & Y3 Maths - Miss Riches & Mrs McCauley					

Gardening Club

We were delighted to find out that we won last years 'Farm Kitchen Growing Competition'. We grew the most green beans and have been presented with some new gardening tools. Well done to all of our 'green fingered' staff and children at gardening club!



Homework

We would like all children to particularly focus on reading regularly at home and practising spellings and times tables. Year 1 to Year 6 children should receive a homework grid. KS2 homework grids are now based on a points system and each class teacher will set an amount of points that should be achieved each term. KS1 children have the same grid as before but there is an expectation that they will complete a set amount of pieces each term. The idea behind the homework grids is to provide the children with greater choice and to increase the quality of work produced. Children don't have to complete a piece of homework every week but we would love it if they could all meet their teachers set challenge.



Mark's Magic Kingdom

The FSA have arranged for **Mark's Magic Kingdom** to come into school on **Friday 6th October** to perform a family magic show at **6:15pm**. More details to follow.



Home School Agreement

Every child will receive a Home School Agreement next week. Please ensure that you read it carefully and then sign and return the slip to say that both you and your child agree to follow the schools policies and procedures. All Home School Agreement Return Slips should be sent back to school by Friday 15th September.

Parking Outside School

Our number one priority is ensuring that **children are safe at all times**. Please ensure that you **park considerately** around the school premises. It is crucial that motorists do **not park on the 'Keep Clear' markings or the 'Zigzag' lines** outside of school.

Diary Dates

Monday 11 th September	StarLincs Planetarium Visit in School
Friday 15 th September	Secondary School Packs go out to Y6 pupils
Monday 18 th September	11+ Test - Verbal Reasoning
Tuesday 19 th September	SWRA Open Morning
Friday 22 nd September	SWRA Open Morning
Friday 29 th September	Y3, Y4 & Y5 Visit to The Collection
Tuesday 3 rd October	11+ Test - Non-Verbal Reasoning
Friday 6 th October	Y6 Visit to national Centre for Craft & Design
Mon 16 th & Wed 18 th October	Individual & Family Photos
Wednesday 18 th October	Mark's Magic Kingdom - 6:15pm
	Parents Evenings
	Carres Grammar & KSHS Open Days

11+ Tests

This year's 11+ Tests will be taken in school on the following dates:
Friday 15th September - Verbal
Friday 22nd September - Non-Verbal
 The Year 6 children who have elected to sit the 11+ Tests have been extremely focused throughout the support sessions offered in school and I'd like to wish them the best of luck!
 Results letters will be posted out to parents (first class), by the Grammar Schools, on Friday 13th October.