

# Caythorpe Chronicle

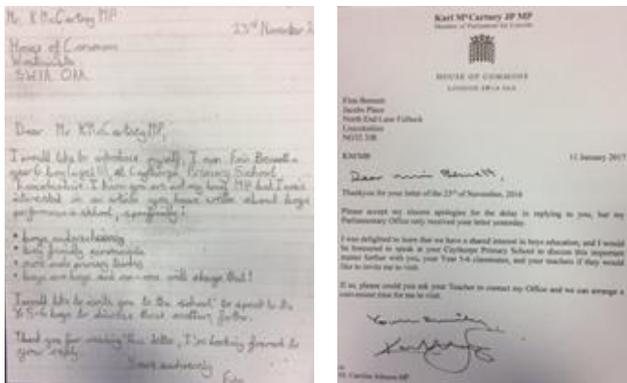
The weekly news from Caythorpe Primary School

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017



An article about boys' performance at school and what will help to improve their standards recently caught Finn Bennett's eye, so he decided to write to Karl McCartney JP MP to find out more.

To Finn's absolute delight, he received a reply letter from the House of Commons. When asked how he felt about his special delivery, he said, "I felt surprised, excited and very pleased to have a response. The first thing I did was take a photo of the envelope and then carefully open it!"

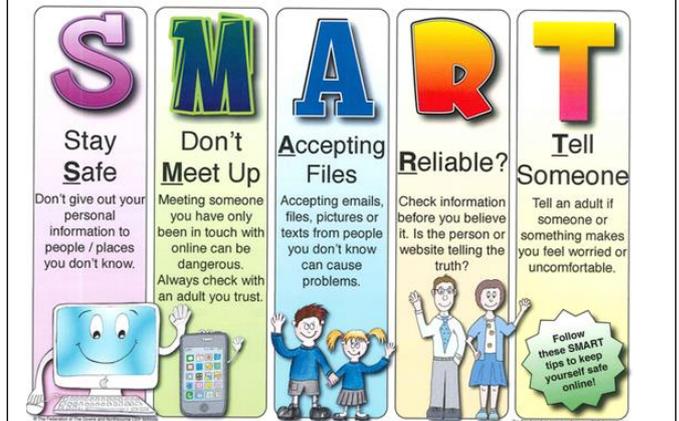


Mr O'Mahoney is arranging for the MP to come into school to speak to Y5 and Y6 children about boys' performance at school. Children will prepare questions to ask him to improve their knowledge around the subject. They are also hoping to show the MP around the school and take some photos of him enjoying his visit to Caythorpe Primary School. Prior to the MP's visit, Finn's Mum is going to assist Mr O'Mahoney to deliver a lesson in school about the structure of the different tiers of Government, elections and funding of services.

Finn's fantastic achievement has provided an amazing opportunity for Caythorpe Primary School pupils. Well done and thank you Finn!

## E-safety Workshops

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February we have arranged for Dan Hawbrook to come into school to run some e-safety workshops. He will be talking to the KS2 children during the school day and he is offering a parents workshop after school from 3:30-4:30pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to discuss the ways to keep children safe online.



## ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

The Government states that you must make sure your child gets a full-time education that meets their needs. You can only allow your child to miss school if either:

- they're too ill to go in
- you've got advance permission from the school

If your child is unable to attend school, please ensure that you inform the school at your earliest convenience.

## Festival Singers Concert



Loveden Festival Singers held a concert in Caythorpe Church before Christmas and they very kindly split all donations between the school and the church. We have decided to use our £75 to pay for this year's National Trust Membership. This provides the whole school with the opportunity to visit a range of fantastic attractions including Belton House, Tattershall Castle and Clumber Park.

## Change for Life Festival

As well as eating healthily, did you know that children need to be active for at least 60 minutes a day. Change4Life sports clubs aim to increase physical activity levels through a mixture of fun sessions and games. On Wednesday, 10 KS2 children were invited to a Change4Life Festival where they took part in 8 exciting activities using balloons, frisbees, balls and lots of shuffling on their bottoms! Our Change4Life club (currently for y3/4) runs every Monday straight after school - new members would be very welcome.



### Reading

Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

Parents are the most important educators in a child's life and it's never too early to start reading together. Learning to read is about listening and understanding as well as working out what's printed on the page. Through hearing stories, children are exposed to a wide range of words. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they listen, which is vital as they start to read.

As children start to learn to read at school, you can play an important role in helping to keep them interested in books. Find out what interests them, help them to find books that will be engaging and fun, and spend time reading the books they bring home from school together.

## Help your child with **reading**

### **I spy**

Play 'I Spy' games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a ...? How many ... can you see?

### **Ask questions**

Ask questions about the story as you read it. e.g. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

### **Make it fun**

Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

### **Be seen**

Make sure you are seen reading. Keep books and magazines at easy reach.

### **Get out**

Go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together.

### **Create**

Use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.

### **Go online**

Look online & in app stores for appropriate word & spelling games.

### **Make space**

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together.

### **Read everything out loud.**

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels...  
anything that is close to hand!

### Diary Dates

<p><b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b></p> <p><b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b></p> <p><b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b></p> <p><b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b></p> <p><b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b></p> <p><b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b></p>	<p>Discos - R, Y1 &amp; Y2 3:45-4:45pm &amp; Y3 - Y6 5:00-6:00pm</p> <p>End of Term 3 - Enjoy a week off!</p> <p>Term 4 Begins - Back to school!</p> <p>Mad Science Assembly</p> <p>Y3, Y4 &amp; Y5 Trip to Perlethorpe</p> <p>R, Y1 &amp; Y2 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park</p> <p>World Book Day Activities</p> <p>Parent's Evening 3:50pm - 5:30pm</p> <p>Parent's Evening 4:00pm - 6:00pm</p> <p>Class Photographs</p> <p>Comic Relief</p>
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