



Caythorpe Chronicle

The weekly news from Caythorpe Primary School

Friday 2nd October 2020

Bike to school week

Mrs Hunt has spotted lots of children biking, scooting and skating to school this week! Any form of active travel to school is a great way to start the day so well done to everyone who has an active journey to school!



Waggon & Horses

Pumpkin Carving Competition

The Waggon & Horses have kindly offered to provide every child with a pumpkin again this year. Pumpkins will be delivered to school sometime during the week before we break up for half term so that you can enjoy carving a pumpkin at home! If you would like to enter your pumpkin into the Waggon & Horses Pumpkin Carving Competition then please send a photo of your entry directly to the Waggon & Horses by email on info@waggonandhorsescaythorpe.co.uk by **Friday 30th October**. There will be a prize for the best pumpkin in each year group.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and to protect them from harm. This involves protecting children from abuse and maltreatment, preventing harm to children's health or development and ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care.

We have been talking about safeguarding in assembly and all the children know that if they have a worry or a concern, they can talk to the School's Designated Safeguarding Leads, who are Ms Riches and Mrs Brockington.



The Condition Improvement Fund

The Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) is an annual bidding round for eligible academies to apply for capital funding. The priority for the fund is to address significant condition need, keeping education provider buildings safe and in good working order. This includes funding projects to address health and safety issues, building compliance and poor building condition. During the last round of bids, we were successful in gaining funding for a new Fire Alarm System, a new Emergency Lighting System and roof repairs which is fantastic. We had a new Fire Alarm System and a new Emergency Lighting System installed during the summer holiday and after the October half term holiday we are having the school roof repaired. During the October break the contractors will be on the school site putting up the scaffolding ready to start the roof repairs in Term 2. The roofers will base themselves in the area outside Pre-School and the Children's Centre and as all of their work is up on the roof there will be minimal disruption to the school day. However, please take care when moving around school whilst this work is being undertaken as walkways may be narrower in places due to the scaffolding.

Photographer

Wrates Photography will be in school on **Tuesday 6th October** to take **individual photographs**. Due to the current situation we are **unable to invite younger siblings into school** this year for a family photo but **we will do sibling photos in school**. Thank you for your continued support.



Handwriting

The primary purpose of writing is communication and therefore as a school we want all of our pupils to leave primary school being competent writers. Even in this technological, computer-literate age, good handwriting remains fundamental to our children's educational achievement.

As a school we have decided to invest in Penpals for Handwriting which is a complete handwriting scheme for 3-11-year olds. It offers clear progression through five developmental stages including physical preparation for handwriting; securing correct letter formation; beginning to join and securing the joins; practicing speed and fluency and developing personal style. Penpals is focused on whole-class teaching using digital resources to enable modelling and interactive learning. The Foundation content is in line with the EYFS Framework and the Y1-6 content supports frequent, discrete and direct teaching of handwriting for 5-11 year olds, as required by National Curriculum 2014.

Penpals teaches children a fast and fluent handwriting style to help them achieve their full potential in writing. We will continue to teach the children to join their writing at the appropriate stages but Penpals is not fully cursive and therefore there will be a change in the way we teach handwriting moving forward. However, if your child has mastered cursive handwriting we will not be unteaching them or stopping them from writing in this style.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding handwriting please do not hesitate to contact me.



Annual Flu Vaccination

You should have received a letter via email regarding how to consent for your child to receive this year's flu vaccination. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

The vaccination date allocated to our school is 21 October 2020. Please click on the following link to complete the online consent form for your child(ren):

<https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/>

You will need to enter the following code to ensure the completed form can be correctly allocated to your child's school: **EE144594**

The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. This vaccine is a yearly vaccine. All vaccinated children will be given a sticker or an ink stamp on their hand.

If you have any queries please contact the School Aged Immunisation Service on 01522 572950

The NHS team do not send out reminders to parents so you do need to register your children now if you want them immunised this term.



Wellbeing Team

Good staff and pupil wellbeing are essential for cultivating a mentally healthy school, for retaining and motivating staff and for promoting pupil wellbeing and attainment.

All members of staff at Caythorpe primary School are always happy to help each other, pupils and families if they have a problem or concern. However, we now have a Wellbeing Team who have a wealth of knowledge and experience in supporting others in times of need. Up to now we only have members of staff on our Wellbeing Team but it would be great to have parents and pupils on board too.

Roles and responsibilities of the Wellbeing team include:

- To promote positive staff wellbeing.
- To support parents and children using strategies to develop links with therapeutic multi-agencies and working in partnership with parents and children on a day to day basis.
- To identify children with additional needs and to promote the child's health and educational needs.
- To ensure that intervention and referrals are complete.
- To work in partnership with parents promoting individual attendance and tracking consistent absences.

Caythorpe Primary School Wellbeing Team

Mrs Laing (Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Locke (Teaching Assistant & SENDCo Assistant)

Miss Riches (Teacher & Safeguarding Lead)

Mrs Brockington (Headteacher & Deputy Safeguarding Lead)

If you or your child are interested in joining the Caythorpe Primary School Wellbeing Team, please talk to Mrs Brockington.

What to do if your Child has Symptoms of Coronavirus

If your child shows any of the symptoms of Coronavirus

- A new persistent dry cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A high temperature of 37.8C or above
- A loss or change to your sense of taste or smell

You should keep them off school and get them tested as soon as possible. We kindly ask that you inform the school of the absence and the outcome of the test. The school staff are on hand to advise and support parents if this happens.

What should you do?

- Keep your child off school.
- Contact the school and advise of absence.
- Contact 119 as it is important to get the test done within the first five days of having symptoms.
- All family members are advised to stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result.
- If the test result is negative, as soon as they are well enough, children may return to school.
- If your child shows symptoms of Coronavirus whilst at school, we will telephone you to come and collect them.
- You must then get them tested as soon as possible.

We appreciate that not every child with a cough or high temperature will have the virus, but I am sure you will understand that we have to act on the side of caution, therefore we will ask you to collect your child and get them tested if they present any of the Covid-19 symptoms. It is vital that we all follow the guidelines in order to keep our school and community safe. Thank you for your continued support.